

(c) (1) The [Forvm] COUNCIL shall receive annual funding through an appropriation [in the State] INCLUDED AS PART OF THE budget OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(2) The Secretary of [Business and Economic Development] AGRICULTURE shall include without revision the budget request of the [Forvm] COUNCIL THAT IS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TOGETHER with the budget request of the MARYLAND Department of [Business and Economic Development] AGRICULTURE.

(d) The MARYLAND Department of [Business and Economic Development] AGRICULTURE shall provide the [Forvm] COUNCIL with necessary staff and resources, including office space [if desired by the Forvm].

(e) Each unit in the Executive Branch of State government shall participate in the deliberations of the [Forvm] COUNCIL and work with the [Forvm] COUNCIL on matters relating to the unit.

(f) The Attorney General shall serve as legal advisor to the [Forvm] COUNCIL.

15-108.

The [Forvm] COUNCIL may:

(1) Maintain [an] A PRINCIPAL office at a location [that the Forvm designates in accordance with the Forvm budget] IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF THE STATE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO RURAL CITIZENS;

(2) Employ, as regular employees or as independent contractors, staff that the [Forvm] COUNCIL considers necessary in accordance with the [Forvm] COUNCIL budget;

(3) Enter into contracts;

(4) Accept grants;

(5) Accept assistance of any kind from the federal government, other units of State government, or local governments, or from any private sources; and

(6) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its purpose.

15-109.

(a) The [Forvm] COUNCIL shall publish an annual report of the activities of the [Forvm] COUNCIL.

(b) The report shall be submitted to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

15-110.

(a) (1) This section only applies if the [Forvm] COUNCIL is dissolved.