

BOARD--OF-REVIEW-AND-THE-EXECUTIVE-COMMITTEE-OF-THE-MARYLAND  
STATE-FIREMEN'S-ASSOCIATION-

(3)--UPON-THE-WARRANT--OF--THE--COMPTROLLER,--THE  
STATE--TREASURER--SHALL--DISBURSE--THE--APPROPRIATION--TO--THE  
MARYLAND-STATE-FIREMEN'S--ASSOCIATION--AND--THE--ASSOCIATION  
SHALL-MAINTAIN-THE-FUNDS-IN-A-SEPARATE-ACCOUNT-

(B)--UPON--APPLICATION--OF--A-VOLUNTEER-FIRE-COMPANY-OR  
RESCUE-SQUAD,--THE-MARYLAND-STATE-FIREMEN'S--ASSOCIATION--MAY  
AWARD--EITHER--A-GRANT-OR-LOAN-FROM-THE-EMERGENCY-ASSISTANCE  
TRUST-FUND-WHEN-

(1)--AN-ACT-OF-GOD-OR-OTHER-UNFORESEEN-EVENT--HAS  
SUBSTANTIALLY--IMPAIRED--THE--ABILITY--OF--THE--APPLICANT--TO  
PROVIDE-ADEQUATE-AND--SAFE--SERVICE,--OR--THE--APPLICANT--IS  
UNABLE--TO--MAINTAIN--THE--MINIMUM--LEVEL-OF-PERFORMANCE-FOR  
ADEQUATE-AND-SAFE-SERVICE-ESTABLISHED-BY--STANDARDS--OF--THE  
MARYLAND--STATE--FIREMEN'S--ASSOCIATION--BECAUSE--OF--A  
DEMONSTRATED-LACK-OF-FINANCIAL-RESOURCES,--AND

(2)--THE--APPLICANT--AND--THE--MARYLAND--STATE  
FIREMEN'S-ASSOCIATION-EXECUTE-A-WRITTEN-AGREEMENT-WHICH-

(i)--PROVIDES--THAT--THE-TRUST-FUNDS-LOANED  
OR-GRANTED-TO-THE-VOLUNTEER-FIRE-COMPANY--OR--RESCUE--SQUAD  
SHALL-BE-USED-AS-REPRESENTED-IN-THE-APPLICATION,--AND

(ii)--GRANTS--THE--MARYLAND-STATE-FIREMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION-SUCH-SECURITY-IN--THE--EQUIPMENT--OR--FACILITIES  
ACQUIRED--WITH--TRUST--FUNDS--AND--IN--THE--PROCEEDS-OF-THAT  
EQUIPMENT-OR-THOSE-FACILITIES-AS-THE-ASSOCIATION--DETERMINES  
TO-BE-APPROPRIATE-AND-ADEQUATE-

(2) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY AUTHORIZE USE  
OF THE TRUST FUNDS UPON RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(3) (I) A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD  
SHALL SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER  
THIS SECTION TO THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR  
APPROVAL BY A BOARD OF REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS.

(II) ALL REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
SHALL INCLUDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2 FISCAL YEARS  
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE  
APPLICATION IS MADE. EACH REQUEST SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE  
AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF AN AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED.

(III) IF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION DISAPPROVES A REQUEST OR DOES NOT TAKE ACTION  
WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE REQUEST, THEN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD REQUESTING ASSISTANCE MAY APPEAL TO  
A PANEL COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE