

I. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Volunteer Council, shall be charged with, but shall not be limited to, the following functions and responsibilities:

- (1) Assess current volunteer efforts in the State of Maryland to determine present contribution of individuals, non-profit organizations and the business community;
- (2) Assess current use of volunteers in state government, including the effectiveness of use in terms of the quality of service as well as the monetary saving to the State;
- (3) Recommend policies governing utilization of volunteers in State agencies and programs;
- (4) Identify major areas of concern in government agencies wherein volunteer projects can be developed and where private sector involvement can be of assistance;
- (5) Recommend to State Government the needs or services which can be provided by encouraging private sector participation with State Government, identify impediments to this private sector involvement and make appropriate recommendations for the elimination of these impediments to the Governor;
- (6) Develop guidelines for private sector initiatives and make recommendations to State Government on ways to encourage participation by both the business sector and private, non-profit organizations;
- (7) Assist subdivisions and regions of the State to identify, encourage and develop appropriate collaborative projects and programs between private and public sectors;
- (8) Serve as a catalyst throughout the State to encourage these programs and projects and provide technical assistance and guidance when appropriate;
- (9) Promote volunteering throughout the State;
- (10) Assess training opportunities for volunteers and make recommendations, as appropriate;
- (11) Encourage volunteering among our youth through special programs and projects;