

[(d)](E) (1) "Qualified municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation in the State whose expenditures for fire protection from municipal sources exceed \$25,000.

(2) "Qualified municipal corporation" does not include Baltimore City.

[(e) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State Police.]

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(a) There is a Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.

(b) The purposes of the Fund are to promote:

(1) the delivery of effective and high quality fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services in the State;

(2) increased financial support for fire, rescue, and ambulance companies by counties; and

(3) the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies given the greatly increased costs of equipment.

(c) (1) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall administer the Fund.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR may adopt procedures to carry out this subtitle, including additional auditing and reporting requirements.

(3) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR may not:

(i) impose training or operational requirements as a precondition to receipt of money, except as otherwise expressly provided in this subtitle; or

(ii) require that capital equipment purchased with State money have a useful life expectancy of greater than 1 year.

(d) The Fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund.

(e) (1) As authorized by the [Secretary] DIRECTOR, the Treasurer shall make payments out of the Fund to each county on warrant of the Comptroller.

(2) The Treasurer shall make the payments required under this subsection to the appropriate county in approximately equal amounts on or about August 15, November 15, February 15, and May 15.

(f) (1) State money provided under this section may only be used to:

(i) acquire or rehabilitate fire or rescue equipment, including ambulances;

(ii) acquire or rehabilitate capital equipment used in connection with fire or rescue equipment; and