

GENERAL FUND AND SHALL BE CARRIED OVER FOR USE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AMOUNTS RECEIVED AS REPAYMENTS ON LOANS FROM THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND SHALL BE PLACED IN THE TRUST FUND AND MADE AVAILABLE TO FUND REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

(b) The Board of Public Works may award either a grant or a loan or a combination of both from the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund after a favorable recommendation from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning if:

(1) An act of God or other unforeseen event has substantially impaired the ability of a volunteer fire company or rescue squad to provide adequate and safe service; or

(2) The volunteer fire company or rescue squad is unable to maintain the minimum level of performance for adequate and safe service established by standards of the Maryland State Firemen's Association ~~OR-ANY-STATE-OR-FEDERAL--REGULATORY--AGENCY~~ because of a demonstrated lack of financial resources; and

(3) The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the volunteer fire company or rescue squad receiving assistance have executed an agreement which provides that trust funds will be used as represented in the request for approval to the Board of Public Works and which grants to the State such security in the equipment or facilities acquired with trust funds and in the proceeds of that equipment or those facilities as is determined by the Board to be appropriate and adequate.

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After consultation with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Governor is authorized to include the amount in the State budget each year to be appropriated to and administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the following purposes:

(a) To formulate, publish, and distribute the fire laws of Maryland;

(b) To formulate, publish, and distribute an annual report and monthly or other timely bulletins and reports;

(c) To publish and distribute fire prevention literature;

(d) To keep records relating to the annual inspections of fire and rescue apparatus, equipment, and facilities; and

(e) To establish and maintain a data base on manpower availability and training, operational cost, apparatus availability, response time, STATE AND LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT, and other relevant factors in providing fire and rescue services.

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