

46D.

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION, THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE THE AMOUNT IN THE STATE BUDGET EACH YEAR TO BE APPROPRIATED TO AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO:

(1) FORMULATE, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND;

(2) FORMULATE, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND MONTHLY OR OTHER TIMELY BULLETINS AND REPORTS;

(3) PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE FIRE PREVENTION MATERIAL;

(4) KEEP RECORDS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF FIRE AND RESCUE APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES; AND

(5) 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.

46E.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ACCOUNT" MEANS THE LOW INTEREST REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT.

(B) THERE IS A LOW INTEREST REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT.

(C) THE ACCOUNT SHALL CONSIST OF ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE BOARD MAY AWARD A LOAN FROM THE ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A LOAN TO A VOLUNTEER COMPANY TO ASSIST WITH UP TO 75% OF THE COST OF:

(1) PURCHASING OR REFURBISHING APPARATUS; AND

(2) UPGRADING OR REPLACING FACILITIES NEEDED TO STORE EQUIPMENT.

(E) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACCOUNT.

46F.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING LOANS UNDER § 46E OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP LOAN CRITERIA;

(2) DEVELOP TERMS OF A LOAN, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATES;