

(II) THE SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

(III) THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THREE YEAR TERMS. EACH TERM SHALL BE STAGGERED, AND AT THE END OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER'S TERM, THE MEMBER SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

(IV) MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

(3) THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED TO ADMINISTER A STATE GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE FIREARMS VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVES.

(4) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(I) AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) ESTABLISH OR ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF FIREARMS VIOLENCE RELATED CRIME, AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN EXISTING PROGRAMS WITH THESE OBJECTIVES;

(III) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND METHODOLOGIES TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION;

(IV) IDENTIFY PRIORITIES FOR FIREARMS VIOLENCE RELATED CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN THE STATE; AND

(V) DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS.

(5) (I) STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

(II) THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SERVE AS THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL.

(B) (1) THERE IS A CEASE FIRE COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM.

(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(3) GRANTS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL SHALL BE USED TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.

(4) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER AND GIVE PRIORITY TO THE FOLLOWING WHEN MAKING PROGRAM AWARDS: