

TECHNOLOGY, PHOTO IMAGING EQUIPMENT, SURVEILLANCE DEVICES, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES.

(B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND IS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ACQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ADDRESS VIOLENT CRIME.

(C) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

(2) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(3) PAYMENTS OUT OF THE FUND SHALL BE MADE TO A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BY THE STATE TREASURER AS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(4) (I) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(III) THE TREASURER MAY INVEST MONEYS IN THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(D) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR AID FROM THE FUND, WITH FUNDING PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE JURISDICTIONS WITH THE HIGHEST INCIDENCE OF VIOLENT CRIME.

(2) A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY APPLYING FOR AID FROM THE FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

(I) THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS COMMITTED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS; AND

(II) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEEMS NECESSARY IN MAKING AWARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT.

(E) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR REPLACEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BASED UPON THE COMPARATIVE NEEDS OF EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS DETERMINED FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(F) THE AID DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING.