

In subsection (d) of this section, the phrase "to the Fund" is added for clarity and consistency with similar provisions throughout this article that relate to the composition of a fund.

In subsection (f)(2)(x) of this section, the reference to the "9-1-1 emergency telephone system" is substituted for the former reference to the "911' emergency number system" to conform to terminology used in Title 1, Subtitle 3 of this article.

Defined terms: "Fund" § 8-101

"Secretary" § 8-101

8-103. ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY.

(A) ALLOCATION TO COUNTIES.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EACH COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF MONEY BASED ON A PERCENTAGE TO BE DETERMINED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(1) THE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY EACH COUNTY'S TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF LAND USE PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING VACANT UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES, RELATIVE TO THE STATEWIDE TOTAL OF ALL LAND USE PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS FOR THE FIRST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH MONEY IS TO BE ALLOCATED;

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERCENTAGE DETERMINED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL THEN BE APPLIED FOR EACH COUNTY TO ANY AMOUNT INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) EACH COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION OF AT LEAST 2% OF THE TOTAL FUND AS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES, DEPARTMENTS, OR STATIONS LOCATED IN QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) DISTRIBUTION TO FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES, DEPARTMENTS, OR STATIONS.

(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH COUNTY SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ON THE BASIS OF NEED TO FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES, DEPARTMENTS, OR STATIONS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING COMPANIES, DEPARTMENTS, OR STATIONS LOCATED IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

(2) EACH COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE NEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES THAT THE COUNTY USES TO ADOPT ITS BUDGET.

(3) IN DETERMINING NEED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIDER: