

(2) EACH REQUEST FOR MONEY SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2 FISCAL YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE; AND

(II) ANY AVAILABLE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

(3) FOR EACH REQUEST FOR MONEY FROM THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT, THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY APPLIED FOR MONEY FROM ITS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WAS DENIED, EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTLY.

(B) APPEAL TO PANEL.

(1) IF THE ASSOCIATION DISAPPROVES A REQUEST OR DOES NOT TAKE ACTION WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST, THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY REQUESTING MONEY MAY APPEAL TO A PANEL COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION.

(2) THE DECISION OF THE PANEL IS FINAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW.

(C) APPROVAL OF REQUEST.

ON APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR MONEY, THE ASSOCIATION OR THE PANEL SHALL TRANSMIT ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE REQUEST FOR MONEY AND ANY OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD EACH REQUEST FOR MONEY FROM THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES FOR REVIEW.

(2) ON REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MAY ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT IF THE REQUEST FOR MONEY APPEARS JUSTIFIED.

(E) AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF MONEY.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MONEY FROM THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT ON A RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(F) DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY.

AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE TREASURER SHALL DISBURSE MONEY FROM THE FUND TO A VOLUNTEER COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ON WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 38A, § 46B(b) through (f).