

- (3) The proceeds of the Fund shall be invested and reinvested.
- (4) Any investment earnings shall be paid into the Fund.

(d) Money in the Fund shall be expended by the Council in the following order of priority:

- (1) To pay the costs of the Council; and
- (2) To carry out the purposes and objectives of this subtitle.

(e) The Council shall consider and prioritize the following entities and programs when making awards from the Fund:

(1) State and local law enforcement agencies, to enhance or augment vehicle theft enforcement and prevention teams or efforts;

(2) State and local law enforcement agencies, for programs designed to reduce the incidence of vehicle theft;

(3) Local prosecutors and judicial agencies, for enhanced prosecution and adjudication of vehicle theft crimes;

(4) Neighborhood or community organizations or business organizations, for programs designed to reduce the incidence of vehicle theft;

(5) Educational programs designed to inform motor vehicle owners of methods of preventing motor vehicle theft and to provide equipment, for experimental purposes, to enable motor vehicle owners to prevent motor vehicle theft;

(6) Programs designed to reduce the incidence of juvenile vehicle theft and juvenile recidivism; and

(7) Programs designed to reduce or deter damage or vandalism to a vehicle in connection with a vehicle theft or theft of property from a vehicle.

(f) The grants and awards made under this section shall, to the extent practicable, be allocated among the subdivisions of the State on a pro rata basis determined by the percentage of the total number of vehicles registered in the State that are registered in each subdivision.

(g) The Fund is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(h) (1) Expenditures from the Fund may only be made:

(i) Pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget; or

(ii) By the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, provided that:

1. The budget amendment and supporting information have been submitted to the budget committees for their review and comment; and