

~~(e) (1) The Corporation may receive annual funding through an appropriation in the State budget.~~

~~(2) The Corporation may also receive funds for projects included in the budgets of State units.~~

~~(3) All unexpended and unencumbered funds appropriated to the Corporation shall remain with the Corporation for future uses.~~

~~(4) The Corporation shall conduct its financial affairs in such a manner that, by the year [2020] 2022, it shall be self-sufficient and in no further need of general operating support by the State.~~

~~(5) (i) In order to assist the Corporation in meeting the requirement specified in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Governor shall include each year in the budget bill an appropriation to the Corporation for rural business development and assistance as follows:~~

~~1. For fiscal [year] YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2011, \$3,000,000;~~

~~2. For fiscal year [2009] 2012, \$2,500,000; and~~

~~3. For each of fiscal years [2010] 2013 through [2020] 2022, \$4,000,000.~~

~~(ii) In addition to any funds provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Governor may include each year in the budget bill an appropriation to the Corporation in an amount up to \$5,000,000 for rural land acquisition and easement programs, including programs to assist young and beginning farmers.~~

~~Article Agriculture~~

~~§ 405.~~

~~(a) The General Assembly finds that, from fiscal year 1991 through fiscal year 1998, inadequate resources have been provided for the soil conservation districts to employ adequate field personnel to assist farmers in the preparation of soil conservation and water quality plans.~~

~~(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide sufficient technical assistance and resources through the soil conservation districts to assist farmers in pursuit of soil conservation and water quality plans and other activities authorized under this title.~~