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Secretary of Administration

Item 60	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Financial Assistance for Cultural and Artistic Affairs (14300)	**$3,599,669**	**$3,599,669**
Financial Assistance for Public Television (14303)	$2,990,820	$2,990,820
Financial Assistance for Public Radio (14306)	$608,849	$608,849
Fund Sources:		
General	$3,599,669	$3,599,669

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 24, Article 12, Code of Virginia.

A. Grants to public television stations shall be used to develop, acquire, produce and deliver programs and services which support preschool and adult education, disseminate information on governmental and public affairs issues, promote tourism and economic development within the Commonwealth, and inform, educate, and entertain families with program content which offers alternatives to commercialized television programming.

B. Out of this appropriation, $10,000 the first year and $10,000 the second year shall be set aside for the expenses of the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board, with 75 percent of this amount to be taken from community service grants for public television and 25 percent of this amount to be taken from community service grants for public radio.

C. The funds herein appropriated are to be administered by the Secretary of Administration in accordance with such rules and regulations as it may prescribe provided that: (1) the Secretary of Administration shall certify that recipients of the community service grants provided for in paragraph A of this Item are noncommercial radio and television stations that are owned and operated by entities which qualified to receive community service grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and whose offices and studios are located in the Commonwealth and (2) it shall carry out its purposes and functions and engage in its activities in ways that will most effectively assure the maximum freedom of the aforesaid noncommercial radio and television entities and systems from interference with, or control of, program content or other activities.

D. Community service grants to public television and public radio stations shall be paid in equal quarterly installments.