2006 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5002 (Chapter 3)

Secretary of Administration

Item 57	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Financial Assistance for Educational, Cultural, Community, and Artistic Affairs (14300)	**$3,619,669**	**$3,619,669**
Community Access to Educational, Economic, and Cultural Programming Through Public Television (14303)	$2,990,820	$2,990,820
Community Access to Educational, Economic, and Cultural Programming Through Public Radio (14306)	$628,849	$628,849
Fund Sources:		
General	$3,619,669	$3,619,669

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 24, 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 from the general fund 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 prescribed, 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) the Secretary of Administration shall carry out purposes and functions and engage in 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. Not withstanding the provisions of paragraph C, of this item, out of the amounts for community service grants to public radio shall be paid $20,000 the first year and $20,000 the second year from the general fund to Allegheny Mountain Radio.

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