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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2006 Special Session I

## Budget Bill - HB5003 (Introduced)

Bill Order » Office of Public Safety » Item 436

Department of Fire Programs

Item 436 (Not set out)	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
<b>Financial Assistance to Localities-General (72800)</b>	<b>\$19,373,574</b>	<b>\$20,224,914</b>
Distribution of Fire Programs Fund (72807)	\$18,821,677	\$20,023,017
Payments on Behalf of Localities (72809)	\$551,897	\$201,897
Fund Sources:		
General	\$250,000	\$0
Special	\$18,998,574	\$20,099,914
Federal Trust	\$125,000	\$125,000

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Authority: § [38.2-401](#), Code of Virginia.

A.1. There is hereby created on the books of the Comptroller a special fund that shall be known as the Staffing for Adequate Firefighters and Emergency Response (SAFER) Matching Grant Fund. Included within this appropriation is \$250,000 the first year from the general fund, which shall be deposited into this fund.

2. The Department of Fire Programs shall develop a plan to allocate these funds to localities in the form of a reimbursement for the first year local matching requirement for federal grants, which may be made available to fire departments in Virginia under the SAFER program.

3. The state reimbursement to localities shall be limited to the first year matching requirement of 10 percent, after which the participating localities shall assume the matching costs as specified by the federal grant requirements.

4. The Department shall provide a report on expected expenditures from this Fund to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees prior to the 2006 Session of the General Assembly.

B. Notwithstanding any other references in the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Fire Services Board is hereby authorized to increase the minimum levels of funding for counties, cities, and towns as revenues increase.