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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Item 93	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018
Plant Pest and Disease Control (53500)	**$3,252,110**	~~**$3,252,110**~~ ***$3,127,110***
Plant Pest and Disease Prevention and Control Services (53504)	$3,252,110	~~$3,252,110~~ *$3,127,110*
Fund Sources:		
General	$2,096,839	~~$2,096,839~~ *$1,971,839*
Special	$309,528	$309,528
Federal Trust	$845,743	$845,743

Authority: Title 3.2, Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10, 28, 38, 41.4 and 44; Title 15.2, Chapter 18, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of the amounts in this Item, $125,000 the first year ~~and $125,000 the second year~~ from the general fund shall be deposited to the Beehive Grant Fund for the payment of grants in accordance with § 3.2-4415 et seq., Code of Virginia. The department may disburse from the Fund its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the administration and management of the Fund up to $25,000 in ~~each~~ *the first* year. *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 3.2-4416, Code of Virginia, the department shall not accept applications for grants from the Beehive Grant Program if funds are not appropriated for such purposes. The department shall, by November 1, 2017, report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the amount and number of grants distributed each fiscal year, the impacts to the bee populations in the Commonwealth, and efficiency recommendations regarding the Beehive Grant Program.*

B. The Commissioner shall enter into agreements with local and state agencies, or other persons, for the control of black vultures, coyotes, and other wildlife that pose danger to agricultural animals. The Commissioner shall enter into an agreement with the federal government to establish and maintain the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Damage Management Program. Pursuant to this requirement, the memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) shall be updated on or before December 31, 2016 to ensure continuation of the partnership.