
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2023 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 1)

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Item 99	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Economic Development Services (53400)	\$2,838,820	\$1,588,820 \$2,538,820
Financial Assistance for Economic Development (53410)	\$2,838,820	\$1,588,820 \$2,538,820
Fund Sources:		
General	\$2,838,820	\$1,588,820 \$2,538,820

Authority: Title 3.2, Chapter 3.1, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund for the payment of grants or loans in accordance § 3.2-303 et seq., Code of Virginia. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the discretion of the Governor, the cap on the amount of funding that may be awarded to an individual project as provided in § 3.2-305, Code of Virginia, may be waived for qualifying projects of regional or statewide interest.

B. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$330,905 the first year and \$330,905 the second year may be used by the department to pay administrative costs.

C. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$1,000,000 the first year *and \$700,000 the second year* from the general fund is provided for the Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program, consistent with § 3.2-3305, Code of Virginia. *In the second year, the amount provided shall be deposited in the Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-3305.1, Code of Virginia.*

D. *Out of the amounts in this Item, \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program established pursuant to § 3.2-312, Code of Virginia.*