
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2025 Session

Budget Bill - HB1600 (Enrolled)

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Department of Fire Programs

Item 406	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Financial Assistance for Fire Services Programs (76400)	\$50,433,415 \$55,433,415	\$53,707,527 \$53,907,527
Fire Programs Fund Distribution (76401)	\$47,108,415	\$50,382,527
Live Fire Training Structure Grant (76402)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Categorical Grants (76403)	\$825,000 \$5,825,000	\$825,000 \$1,025,000
Fund Sources:		
General	\$5,000,000	\$200,000
Special	\$50,183,415	\$53,457,527
Federal Trust	\$250,000	\$250,000

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

A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is authorized for the Department of Fire Programs, in conjunction with the Virginia Fire Services Board, to provide grants to localities with qualifying fire departments or fire companies, as defined in §§ [27-6.01](#) and [27-6.02](#), Code of Virginia, to purchase protective equipment for firefighters. Funds allocated to localities pursuant to this subsection shall not be used directly or indirectly to supplant or replace funding provided to localities through the Fire Programs Fund (§ [38.2-401](#), Code of Virginia). Such funds shall solely be used for the purpose of purchasing breathing apparatus equipment and other non-vehicular equipment necessary for the protection of firefighters responding to a fire. Any remaining unexpended balance at year-end shall be reappropriated in the subsequent fiscal year.

2. The Department of Fire Programs and the Virginia Fire Services Board shall develop policies and procedures for the distribution of funds from this grant. The allocation shall prioritize localities that (i) score both above average or high on the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) fiscal stress index and double-distressed according to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership's (VEDP) Commonwealth Opportunity Funds Distressed Localities Assessment, and (ii) demonstrate the need for such protective non-vehicular equipment. Each receiving locality shall report to the Department on the use of the funds allocated to it.

B. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 from the general fund in the second year shall be provided to the city of Virginia Beach to support costs related to the provision of fire support services.