

Technology

The approved budget for Technology agencies contains a net decrease of \$2.60 million GF, and an increase of \$6.2 million NGF, over the adjusted appropriation for current operations

The major change affecting the general fund involves the elimination of the Year 2000 project Office. Initiatives include increased technology and telecommunications support services for state agencies, a modest expansion of geographic information systems coordination, a pilot grant program to provide internet access through community organizations such as libraries, and improvements to educational websites which support the Standards of Learning (SOL).

- **Secretary of Technology**
 - **Added Position.** Adds \$35,648 GF and 1.0 FTE position each year, based on current and projected workload growth.
- **Department of Information Technology**
 - **Expand State Agency Support.** Includes an increase of 10.0 FTE positions to expand services for state agencies and institutions. The source of funds (NGF) to support these positions is internal service fund charges to agencies based on specific projects and system utilization.
 - **Expand Telecommunications Services.** Adds \$114,553 NGF the first year, \$229,109 NGF the second year, and 3.0 FTE positions to expand the agency's expertise and consulting services in telecommunication.
 - **Information System Procurement.** Transfers the responsibility for oversight of information systems procurement from the Department of General Services to DIT by adding \$633,344 NGF each year, and 6.0 FTE positions.
- **Department of Technology Planning**
 - **Expand Geographic Information System Program.** Adds \$500,438 GF the second year and 1.0 FTE position to expand geographic information system support on a pilot basis to promote regional

crime analysis, land use planning, economic development, disaster response and related activities.

- **Increase Staffing.** Adds \$896,162 NGF the first year, \$765,787 NGF the second year, and 10.0 FTE positions to expand technology planning, analysis and oversight activities.
- **Community Grants.** Includes \$300,000 GF the second year for a pilot program, in conjunction with the Library of Virginia, to expand community access programs involving technology equipment and the internet.
- **Expand K-12 Website.** Adds \$200,000 the first year to support the Department of Education's website(s), and to provide increased access and information for parents and teachers related to the Standards of Learning (SOL).
- **Innovative Technology Authority**
 - **Reduce Advance Communications Fund.** Reduces funding by \$500,000 GF each year for the Advanced Communications Assistance Fund which was established by legislation adopted in the 1999 session. The Fund makes direct grants or loans to communities to aid the development of telecommunications infrastructure.
 - **Technology Conference.** Includes \$300,000 GF the first year to support a technology conference for business and industry officials.
 - **Adjust Technology Center Funding.** Adjusts funding for Technology Center support, reducing support by \$73,735 GF the first year, and increasing support by \$0.9 million GF the second year, to reflect projections for grants to existing technology centers.
- **Virginia Information Providers Authority**
 - **Expand State Agency Services.** Includes \$1.3 million NGF the first year and \$1.5 million NGF the second year, which reflects increased utilization, and therefore user charges, to state and local agencies and institutions for web site design and maintenance services from VIPNet.