



## Legislation Text

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Resolution to Accept and Appropriate 2017 Fire Programs Aid to Localities Funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia-Department of Fire Programs

### **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Section 38.1-44 of the Code of Virginia establishes a Fire Programs Fund administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. The code states that cities, counties and towns providing fire service operations receive allocations annually from the Aid to Localities funds. The amount of funding is calculated on the locality's population. These funds are used to support training for out-of-state schooling and conferences; maintenance of the fire training center; support fire prevention education; purchase of fire equipment and funds salaries for WAE training instructors and for fire investigators. These funds are not considered to be a "grant" but aid to locality.

### **Discussion:**

The Fire Programs Aid to Localities funds is not a grant and require no locality match. In addition, there is no grant overview required. The funds are assigned a grant number by the Finance Department for tracking and reporting purposes. Annual reports are generated by the Department of Finance with guidance from the Fire and Rescue Division. The funds are not required to be used within an allotted time period and may be rolled over from year to year if necessary. Linda Hunt, Grant Accountant in the Department of Finance is currently processing the annual report.

### **Impact:**

The Fire Programs Aid to Localities funds help the Fire and Rescue Division serve all citizens of and visitors to the City. The funds also benefit other jurisdictions that participate in the mutual aid contracts.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve.

**WHEREAS**, Section 38.1-44.0 of the Code of Virginia establishes a Fire Programs Fund;

**WHEREAS**, cities, counties, and towns, providing fire service operations receive allocations annually from the aid to localities funds; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are used to support training for out-of-state schooling and conferences, maintenance and programs of the fire training center, support for fire prevention education, support of fire inspectors and investigators, purchases of fire equipment and salaries for WAE training instructors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the 2017 Aid to Localities Fire Program Funds in the amount of \$445,997, and any supplemental funding, be accepted and appropriated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this funding award.

