

Service Area Plan

Department of Fire Programs

Categorical Grants (76403)

Service Area Background Information

Service Area Description

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) and the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) offer several grant opportunities via the Fire Programs Fund. These categorical grants include:

The Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS) Technology Grants: These grants provide eligible jurisdictions with computer hardware to support VFIRS.

Training Mini-Grants: These grants are for projects and programs which positively impact and/or further fire service training within the Commonwealth.

Virginia Fire Marshal Academy Stakeholder Training Grants: These assist inspector and investigators to meet mandated recertification training requirements.

Smoke Alarm Grants: These grants provide fire departments with smoke alarms to distribute and install in their communities.

Specialized Training and Conference Grants: These provide needed financial support for conferences and seminars sponsored by Virginia-based non-profit organizations that further the education of fire and emergency services personnel throughout the Commonwealth.

Service Area Alignment to Mission

Providing financial assistance to communities and other organizations is specifically mentioned in our mission statement and categorical grants are a conduit to support this mission.

Service Area Statutory Authority

§ 38.2-401 details the Fire Programs Fund, which is the source of all categorical grants provided by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and/or the Virginia Fire Services Board.

Service Area Customer Base

Customer(s)	Served	Potential
	0	0
Citizens of the Commonwealth	7,459,827	7,459,827
Fire and Emergency Services	23,141	30,000

Service Area Partners

Virginia Fire Services Board

The Virginia Fire Services Board is an essential partner in providing and implementing our categorical grants.

Service Area Products and Services

- Financial assistance to the fire and emergency services community through grant funding.

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Service Area Financial Summary

Categorical grants are financed via the Fire Programs Fund, a special revenue fund.

	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	\$0	\$306,000	\$0	\$306,000
Changes To Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SERVICE AREA TOTAL	\$0	\$306,000	\$0	\$306,000

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Service Area Objectives, Measures, and Strategies

Objective 76403.G1

Provide funding opportunities for the fire and emergency services community.

Providing funding for specific/targeted needs identified by the fire and emergency services community is mission critical. VDFP in conjunction with the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) has identified specific areas where additional funding opportunities are needed and they continually work to foster new opportunities to provide this funding.

This Objective Supports the Following Agency Goals:

- Streamline Grant Processes
(Categorical grants directly enhances our ability to fulfill our goals relating to grants.)

This Objective Has The Following Measure(s):

- **Measure 76403.G1.01**
Amount of grant dollars awarded
Measure Type: Output **Measure Frequency:** Annually
Measure Baseline:
Measure Target:
Measure Source and Calculation:
By using CARS reports and internal tracking databases, we track the amount of funding awarded through each of these categorical grant programs.
- **Measure 76403.G1.02**
Number of grant awards
Measure Type: Outcome **Measure Frequency:** Annually
Measure Baseline:
Measure Target:
Measure Source and Calculation:
Through in-house databases we will track the number of actual awards made for each categorical grant.

Objective 76403.G1 Has the Following Strategies:

- We will continue to assess areas in need of additional funding and will work with the Virginia Fire Services Board and other partners to develop additional programs and funding opportunities.