

**Department of Planning and Budget
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DFP		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTAL		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Fiscal Analysis: According to DFP, two additional full-time grants administrators are required to carry out the two proposed grants within the Virginia Fire Personnel and Equipment Grant Program. Each position would have a base salary of \$75,000 plus fringe benefits and equipment costs for a total of \$118,025 per position. The positions would have the responsibilities of administering the two new grants, to include receiving and reviewing grant applications, managing grant distribution, and ensuring grantees remain in compliance with reporting requirements. According to DFP, the agency currently employs two grants administrators that are responsible for managing five annual grants and one one-time grant. DFP anticipates that the two existing grants administrators would not be able to manage the additional workload of the two proposed grants in this bill. It is unclear the amount of grant funding needed to sufficiently meet the provisions of the proposed grant program at this time.

Included in the Introduced Budget (HB1600/SB800) is a one-time appropriation of \$5,000,000 general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing grants to localities with qualifying fire departments or fire companies to purchase protective equipment for firefighters. Such funds are intended to be used solely for the purpose of purchasing breathing apparatus equipment and other non-vehicular equipment necessary for the protection of firefighters responding to a fire. The intent of this appropriation is similar to the provisions of section C. of the bill, with the difference being the proposed bill allows grant funds to be used to purchase firefighting and emergency medical services vehicles.

Other: None.