

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Fire Programs for State Fiscal Year 2026

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Description of Agency or Boards

The Department of Fire Programs is a nationally accredited entity in Virginia that provides training programs for both career and volunteer emergency responders throughout the commonwealth. The agency, in collaboration with the Virginia Fire Services Board, provides financial assistance to Virginia's fire services through the distribution of the Aid-to-Localities grant program as well as through various other grant programs (i.e. Live Fire Training Structure grant). The State Fire Marshal's Office has the responsibility of protecting life and property for the citizens of the commonwealth through the utilization of inspectors to complete fire safety inspections; by conducting building plans reviews for fire safety measures; and by conducting construction inspections for fire safety systems in all state buildings.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) VFSB-1	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Aid-To-Localities Policy	
Brief Overview This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on Aid-To-Locality Grants provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board, as required in <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 9.1-204. Revisions are required to comply with new legislation that directs the Virginia Fire Services Board to develop a policy to require emergency incidents be reported to the National Emergency Response Information System to remain eligible to receive grants.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	June 2026