

(1) APPARATUS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ELEVATED EQUIPMENT, PUMPERS, TANKERS, LADDER TRUCKS, AMBULANCES, RESCUE VEHICLES, OR OTHER LARGE EQUIPMENT USED FOR FIRE FIGHTING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES;

(2) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT;

(3) PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING HELMETS, TURNOUT COATS AND PANTS, BOOTS, EYESHIELDS, GLOVES, AND SELF-CONTAINED RESPIRATORY PROTECTION UNITS;

(4) ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ORDINARY FUNCTIONS OF SUPPORTING FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES; OR

(5) FACILITIES USED TO HOUSE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AMBULANCES, AND RESCUE VEHICLES.

(E) (1) (I) A VOLUNTEER COMPANY RECEIVING FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST A 30% MATCHING DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR GRANTS OR LOANS.

(II) IF A VOLUNTEER COMPANY CANNOT REASONABLY PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOLLAR MATCH PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THAT REQUIREMENT OR PROVIDE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE MATCHING DOLLAR AMOUNT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED 18 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES.

(2) (I) FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MATCHING DOLLAR AMOUNT MAY INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(II) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACCOUNT.

(F) THE BOARD MAY AWARD EITHER A GRANT OR A LOAN OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH FROM THE ACCOUNT, AFTER A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT, IF:

(1) (I) AN ACT OF GOD OR OTHER UNFORESEEN EVENT HAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED THE ABILITY OF A VOLUNTEER COMPANY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND SAFE SERVICE; OR

(II) THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY IS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE FOR ADEQUATE AND SAFE SERVICE ESTABLISHED BY STANDARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION BECAUSE OF A DEMONSTRATED LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES; AND

(2) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY RECEIVING ASSISTANCE HAVE EXECUTED AN AGREEMENT THAT:

(I) PROVIDES THAT FUNDS WILL BE USED AS REPRESENTED IN THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD; AND