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August 30, 2017

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House Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
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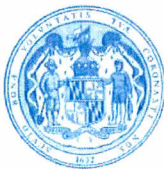
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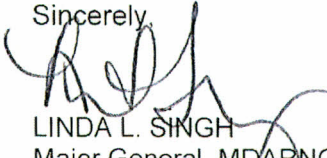
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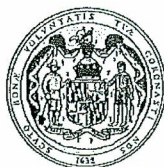
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SUMMARY OF THE MSFA 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD
VCAF LOANS & GRAMTS SETTLED FROM 7/01/2016 THROUGH 6/30/2017

Department	County	Type	Origination Date	Amount	Loan Term (Years)	Rate	Pmt Frequency	Pmt Amt	# of Pmts Made	Balance	Loan Status	Purpose	Proof of Expenditure?	Financial Information Provided?
HANCOCK RS	Washington	GRANT	7/1/2016	\$118,300.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
ORCHARD BEACH VFD	Anne Arundel	LOAN	7/13/2016	\$25,000.00	5	1%	2	\$2,545.00	2	\$19,690.63	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
THURMONT COMMUNITY AS	Frederick	LOAN	7/13/2016	\$170,000.00	7	1%	4	\$6,294.00	3	\$152,348.95	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
MT VERNON VFC	Dorchester	LOAN	9/8/2016	\$90,000.00	7	1%	1	\$13,377.00	0	\$90,000.00	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
VIENNA VFD	Dorchester	GRANT	11/18/2016	\$83,480.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
VIENNA VFC	Dorchester	LOAN	11/18/2016	\$80,000.00	7	1%	1	\$11,891.00	0	\$80,000.00	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
ABINGDON FC	Harford	LOAN	3/8/2017	\$872,000.00	20	1%	12	\$4,011.00	3	\$862,138.79	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
JEFFERSON VFC	St. Mary's	LOAN	3/8/2017	\$100,000.00	10	1%	2	\$10,277.00	0	\$100,000.00	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
EASTERN GARRETT VF&R DEPT	Garrett	LOAN	4/21/2017	\$78,730.00	5	1%	1	\$16,222.00	0	\$78,730.00	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FC	Carroll	LOAN	5/23/2017	\$282,568.00	10	1%	1	\$29,834.00	0	\$282,568.00	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
MECHANICSVILLE VFD	St. Mary's	LOAN	5/24/2017	\$2,500,000.00	30	1%	12	\$8,043.00	0	\$2,500,000.00	Open	Facility	Yes	Yes
HANCOCK RS	Washington	GRANT	6/6/2017	\$150,000.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Equipment	Yes	Yes
HANCOCK RS	Washington	LOAN	6/6/2017	\$49,900.00	20	1%	12	\$230.00	1	\$49,711.58	Open	Equipment	Yes	Yes
Totals		13		\$4,599,978.80										

Loans	10
Grants	3
Total	13

Legend
VFD - Volunteer Fire Department
VFC - Volunteer Fire Company
FC - Fire Company
RS - Rescue Squad
AS - Ambulance Service



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In FY 2016, MMD settled twenty loans and two grants, totaling \$8,799,962 from the VCAF fund. The attached schedule reports the status of the required documentation that MMD received.

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§8-206.

(a) On or before August 30 of each fiscal year, the Association shall submit to the Department, the Legislative Auditor, and to the Board of Public Works an annual report that includes:

(1) the number and total amount of grants and the number and total amount of loans made in the previous fiscal year;

(2) for each grant or loan made:

(i) the volunteer company that received the grant or loan;

(ii) the amount of the grant or loan; and

(iii) the specific purpose of making the grant or loan;

(3) for each volunteer company that received a grant or loan:

(i) the financial statement of the volunteer company for the previous fiscal year or the year in which the grant or loan was received, whichever is available; and

(ii) documentation of the volunteer company's actual expenditures from the grant or loan;

(4) for each loan made, the terms of the loan, including origination date, loan term, payment terms, payment amount, payments made to date, outstanding balance, and loan status; and

(5) summary listings of grants and loans made during the previous fiscal year and outstanding loans, by county.

(b) The Department shall:

(1) review the documentation submitted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section on an annual basis to determine if each grant or loan was spent in accordance with this subtitle and the request approved by the Board of Public Works; and

(2) report the findings to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

(c) The Legislative Auditor may: