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April 7, 2020

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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

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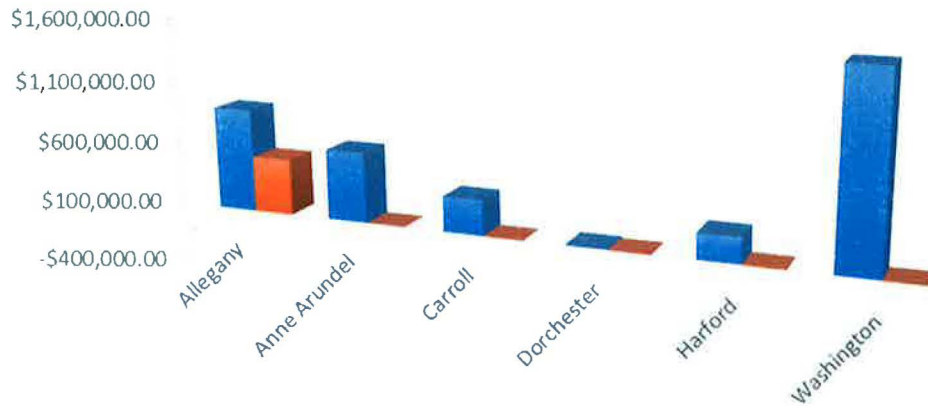
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The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) has provided thirteen (13) loan and grant awards in FY 2019. Funds totaling \$3,904,562.00 enabled ten (10) Maryland volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue companies to purchase, replace, and improve equipment and facilities. The following chart provides a summary of what Maryland counties were made safer through the award of VCAF loans and grants:

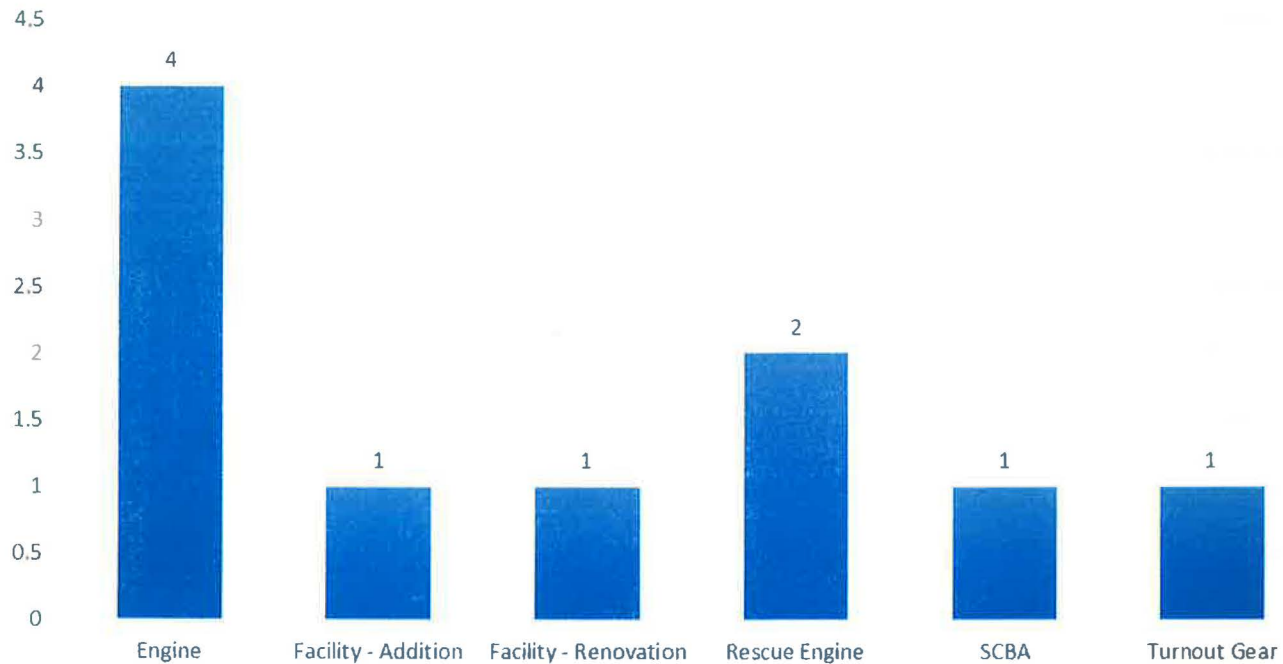
FY 2019 VCAF Distribution: Total \$3,904,562.00



	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Carroll	Dorchester	Harford	Washington
Loans	\$840,129.00	\$573,678.00	\$287,800.00	\$8,815.00	\$209,304.00	\$1,527,150.00
Grants	\$457,686.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The following chart provides what the ten (10) Maryland volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue companies purchased, replaced, or improved using VCAF loan and grant monies:

FY 2019 VCAF Benefits Provided Equipment/Facilities



The following table provides a summary of all applications settled in FY 2019:

Purpose	Company	County	Loan/Grant	Date Settled	Amount	Term	Rate	Payments		Total Purchase	Outstanding
								per Annum	Payment	Price	Balance
Engine	Midland VFC	Allegany	Grant	10/26/2018	\$257,686.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$515,371.00	\$0.00
Engine	Midland VFC	Allegany	Loan	10/26/2018	\$193,264.00	20	1%	1	\$10,713.00	\$515,371.00	\$257,686.00
Rescue Engine	Baltimore Pike VFC	Allegany	Grant	4/4/2019	\$150,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$510,302.00	\$0.00
Rescue Engine	Baltimore Pike VFC	Allegany	Loan	4/4/2019	\$270,226.00	20	1%	1	\$14,986.00	\$510,302.00	\$270,226.00
Engine	Borden Shaft VFC	Allegany	Grant	4/24/2019	\$50,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$552,186.00	\$0.00
Engine	Borden Shaft VFC	Allegany	Loan	4/24/2019	\$376,639.00	20	1%	1	\$20,876.00	\$552,186.00	\$376,639.00
Rescue Engine	Lake Shore VFC	Anne Arundel	Loan	3/12/2019	\$308,408.00	15	1%	1	\$22,270.00	\$568,408.00	\$308,408.00
Engine	Orchard Beach VFD	Anne Arundel	Loan	5/2/2019	\$265,270.00	15	1%	1	\$19,133.00	\$530,541.87	\$265,270.00
Engine	Westminster FHC	Carroll	Loan	1/10/2019	\$287,800.00	10	1%	2	\$15,167.00	\$571,983.00	\$287,800.00
Turnout Gear	Eldorado Brookview VFC	Dorchester	Loan	3/8/2019	\$8,815.00	5	1%	1	\$1,817.00	\$11,752.90	\$8,815.00
SCBA	Darlington VFC	Harford	Loan	9/13/2018	\$209,304.00	5	1%	1	\$43,147.00	\$279,072.00	\$209,304.00
Facility	Sharpsburg Area EMS	Washington	Loan	8/23/2018	\$638,400.00	30	1%	1	\$24,796.00	\$913,400.00	\$638,400.00
Facility	Longmeadow VFC	Washington	Loan	5/20/2019	\$888,750.00	30	1%	1	\$34,450.00	\$1,185,000.00	\$888,750.00