

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2079

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Van Landingham and Plum

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Creation of the Virginia Historic Preservation and Museum Assistance Grant Program and Fund.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Creates the Virginia Historic Preservation and Museum Assistance Grant Program and Fund within the Department of Historic Resources. The source of funding for the Fund will be from gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be appropriated. The Program will administer the Fund in order to provide grants to nonprofit organizations, localities, business entities, and individuals for the purpose of: (i) acquiring, rehabilitating, restoring, or interpreting historic properties; (ii) financing costs directly related to a rehabilitation or restoration project, which may include the costs of studies, surveys, plans and specifications, and architectural, engineering or other special services; or (iii) funding historic preservation education and promotion, including the research, survey, and evaluation of historic properties and the preparation of historic preservation planning documents and educational materials. The bill also includes a second enactment clause stating that should no funds from any source be received in the fund by July 1, 2007, the provisions of the act shall expire.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary:

According to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), the creation of the Virginia Historic Preservation and Museum Assistance Grant Program and Fund will result in the need for additional staffing. DHR estimates that the additional workload created through the grant program will warrant a full-time procurement officer and a full-time grants manager.

As calculated by DHR, if warranted, the procurement officer position could result in an expenditure impact of \$60,159 GF in FY 2006 and \$57,749 GF in FY 2007 and beyond. If warranted, the grants manager position could result in an expenditure impact of \$71,403 GF in FY 2006 and \$68,993 in FY 2007 and beyond. Total expenditure impact, excluding any possible appropriation as a source of funding for the grants, could total \$131,562 GF in FY2006 and \$126,742 in FY 2007 and beyond.

While DHR believes the grant program created by this legislation will likely need both positions mentioned above, the General Assembly only included the full-time procurement officer position in the enrolled budget (HB1500). Despite not receiving funding for a full-time grants manager, DHR will implement the grant program through FY 2006 without this

position. Should the implementation of the grant program during FY 2006 show that the full-time grants manager is needed, DHR will submit a budget request for this position during the 2006 General Assembly session.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. See Item 6.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Historic Resources; any localities, museums, etc. receiving grants from the newly created fund.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources