

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2009

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

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation; project proposals.

5. Summary: This substitute bill directs the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to conduct a grant round each year to identify and rank projects for the subsequent fiscal year. The bill requires that the list be submitted to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance on or before December 15 of each year. The bill specifies that any ranked project that does not receive a proposed grant as a result of an insufficiency in appropriated funds shall be eligible to participate in a subsequent grant round.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2021	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2022	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2023	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2024	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2025	\$57,401	n/a	NGF
2020	\$57,401	n/a	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to conduct a grant round each year to identify and rank projects for the subsequent fiscal year. The bill requires that the list be submitted to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance on or before December 15 of each year. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) staffs the Board. According to DCR, a 1500 hour wage position will be required to accomplish this effort, as existing staff cannot absorb the additional workload. It is anticipated that the cost of the wage position would total approximately \$57,401 including operating expenses. Section 10.1-1020, Code of Virginia, which establishes the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, specifies that up to \$250,000 per year in interest generated by the Fund may be used for the Foundation's administrative expenses. It is anticipated that the hourly wage position would be supported through this interest. If additional spending authority is required to support this wage position

in the current biennium, appropriation can be provided administratively as authorized in Section 4-1.04 of the Appropriation Act.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Virginia Land Conservation Foundation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.