

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
 Quarterly Meeting
 Courtyard Marriott
 Glen Allen, Virginia
 February 4, 2016
 1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Robert Trimmer, Chairman	Barbara Brown	Amanda Davis	Damien Coy
Dan Norville	Mark Nugent	Linwood Pulling	Jason Ferguson
Curtis Sheets			
Karen Wagner			

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I. Approval of 11/12/2015 Meeting Minutes	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman, made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2015.	Minutes approved
II. Grants Unit: A) Payments processed November 2015 – January 2016	The Grants Unit processed \$2.3 million between November 2015 and January 2016.	No further action is required
III. Grant Manager Report A) Quarterly Report	This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, February 5, 2016. The Fall 2015 RSAF grant deadline was September 15, 2015. OEMS received 116 grant applications requesting \$9,723,262.00. Grants were awarded on January 1, 2016 in the amount of \$4,558,021.81 to 86 agencies. The following agency categories were awarded funding for this grant cycle; 52 Volunteer/Non-Profit Agencies were awarded \$2,239,809.00 and 34 Governmental Agencies were awarded \$2,318,213.00. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – 7 agencies awarded \$486,182.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – 8 agencies awarded \$373,985.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – 4 agencies awarded \$358,854.00; Northern VA EMS Council – 2 agencies awarded \$150,912.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – 16 agencies awarded \$851,582.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – 5 agencies awarded \$177,763.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – 10 agencies awarded \$325,439.00; Southwest Virginia EMS Council – 9 agencies awarded \$502,904.00; Thomas	No further action is required

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<p>B) P25 Compatibility – Communications Committee</p>	<p>Jefferson EMS Council – 2 agencies awarded \$50,805.00; Tidewater EMS Council – 9 agencies awarded \$604,761.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – 12 agencies awarded \$587,959.00. Note: Two non-affiliated agencies were awarded funding in the amount of \$92,775.00. This information is not represented in Figure 2 map. RSAF Grants Awarded by item categories: • 12 –Lead – \$798,178.00 - Includes all 12-Lead Defibrillators. Audio Visual and Computers - \$ 99,464.00 - Includes projectors, computer hardware/software, toughbooks, and other audio visual equipment. Communications - \$ 231,823.00 - Includes items for mobile/portable radios, pagers, towers, repeaters and other communications system technology. Emergency Operations - \$ 97,410.00 - Includes items such as Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), extrication equipment, rescue boat and personal protection equipment (PPE). The Emergency Operations category also includes any other equipment or items needed in order to rapidly mobilize and dispatch help in emergency situations. Equipment - Basic and Advanced Life Support Equipment - \$ 938,933.00 - Includes any medical care equipment for sustaining life, airway management, and supplies, not including 12-Lead Defibrillators. Special Projects - \$ 234,801.00 - Includes projects such as Special Project material , Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) projects, Protocol Projects and other innovative programs. Training - \$43,324.00 - Includes all training courses and training equipment such as manikins, simulators, skill-trainers and any other equipment or courses needed to teach EMS practices. Vehicles – \$2,114,089.00 - Includes ambulances, rechassis/remount of ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles (QRV).</p> <p>Note: The Vehicles category had a requested amount of \$5,065,985.00 with an award amount of \$2,114,089.00.</p> <p>The Spring 2016 grant cycle will begin on February 1, 2016 with a deadline of March 15, 2016. Grants will be awarded July 1, 2016.</p> <p>Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Emergency Grants:</p> <p>Canva Volunteer Rescue Squad was awarded an emergency grant for 1 2016 Ford F-450 Ambulance in the amount of \$207,345.00 at a 100/0 (state/agency) funding level. This grant was awarded due to a mass vehicle collision from an on-coming vehicle causing damage to the unit that was unable to be repaired. An ambulance, power-load system and power stretcher were awarded.</p> <p>FARC discussed P25 compliant v/s P25 compatibility, especially in rural areas, at the quarterly meeting in November. Some localities/jurisdictions have multiple radio vendors and they aren't able to communicate with other jurisdictions outside their area. The localities are not bound to the P25 issue but do dictate to the agencies what they are going to use.</p>	<p>Mrs. Davis will talk with the Communications Committee when they meet tomorrow to discuss what direction we should go in. If an agency</p>

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	Should we hold the agencies accountable to something beyond their control?	has a radio that is operational and will work in their system, why should we deny them the grant? This will give us feedback on this issue.
<p>IV RSAF:</p> <p>A) Transportation Committee Discussion</p> <p>1) Defects Logged</p> <p>B) December 2015 Grant Cycle.</p> <p>1) Health Commissioner Approvals</p> <p>2) Awards Meeting</p>	<p>The Transportation Committee discussed at their last meeting the issue of non-EMS agencies not listing their vehicles in E-GIFT. Currently, if a non-EMS agency applies the vehicle data does not populate because technically the agency won't have licensed vehicles. Vehicles for non-EMS agencies are typically listed with a governmental licensed EMS agency whose license they are operating under. The committee asked that if a non-licensed EMS agency has permitted EMS vehicles, even under a licensed EMS agency, they should list those vehicles.</p> <p>There is now wording that states if you have vehicles permitted by the Office of EMS, please create a spreadsheet and download this under "Other" with your grant under the vehicle list.</p> <p>OEMS sent the December 2015 recommended awards packet to Dr. Marissa Levine, VDH Health Commissioner, for approval. The recommendations were approved with two exceptions. Central Shenandoah EMS Council (CSEMS) requested four desktop computers and monitors and the request was recommended by FARC and within funding range. However, the Health Commissioner recommended that this should be part of the cost of doing business and not be funded by RSAF grant funds. The second exception was the City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS. Under their request for Recruitment and Retention, the agency requested clothing (specifically shirts) in the amount of \$3,000.00. The Recruitment and Retention portion was funded with the exception of the clothing. This item was removed from the grant. There were also recommendations for future grants that included: Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (VACEP) enter into a contract with OEMS instead of requesting funding through OEMS, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association (VFCA) grant regarding their annual conference and the request for Fallen Firefighter and EMS Memorial.</p> <p>During the December 2015 awards meeting there was discussion about changing funding levels and quantities within the EMS Council grant review process. OEMS has received several calls from agencies stating they had originally asked for hardship funding (100/0 State/Local Match or 80/20State/Local Match) or they wouldn't be able to afford the grant. Several agencies were told by the Regional EMS Councils that they would stand a better chance of being funded if they applied for a 50/50 State/Local Match funding level. The applicants should not be discouraged from applying for hardship funding. Once again, we're reminded that a grant should stand on its own merits and each grant should be looked at on an individual basis with their mitigating circumstances taken into consideration.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>The OEMS Grants Unit will meet with OEMS executive management to determine the recommendations for future grant requests.</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
V. Open Discussion	An agency made a request to OEMS, copying their local senator, that they have been denied funding for two cycle regarding a replacement ambulance that their agency needs. They stated that FARC had strayed from their original intention which was to help the agencies	No further action is required.

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	<p>that were less fortunate and needed assistance and funding the bigger agencies. OEMS responded to the inquiry with the review comments and the information submitted by the Transportation Committee.</p> <p>A new policy has been implemented that all vendors need to be registered in eVA to receive a reimbursement from OEMS. Any individual, body or business that sells goods or services to the Commonwealth must be registered. This includes but not limited to payments made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional EMS Councils • EMS Training Fund Contracts • Consolidated Testing • RSAF Grants • Virginia Trauma Centers <p>The Virginia Department of Health is implementing the statewide Cardinal Software System on February 1, 2016.</p>	<p>To be reimbursed for goods or services, everyone must be registered in eVA.</p>
<p>VI. Adjournment</p>	<p>Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman makes a motion to adjourn.</p>	<p>The next quarterly meeting will take place on May 5, 2016.</p>

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