

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

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

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I. Approval of 05/05/2016 Meeting Minutes	Robert Trimmer, Chair, made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2016 meeting.	No further action is required
II. RSAF A) Return to Locality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Harrell B) EMS State Plan	<p>Adam Harrell, OEMS Business Manager, presented information on the Return to Locality (26%) funding as compared to RSAF funding. The localities get 26% funding from \$4-for-Life and is based on vehicles that were registered in their locality. The localities cannot use the Return to Localities money to match funding for RSAF because you can't match state funds with other state funds. The local governing bodies are required to report back to OEMS on how they used their previous year's funds. They report how much money was spent in the 3 categories these funds can be used for - 1) Equipment, 2) Supplies and 3) Training. They are also required to report back to OEMS the funds that were left over. There were several examples given to illustrate how much money is still not used or spent and therefore carried over. One County has a carry-over of \$1.3 million dollars. When you compare that to what RSAF awarded them (\$14,000.00) it can be questioned why RSAF is funding an agency in a locality that has \$1.3 million in funds that can be spent on these items. The presentation made FARC aware of how the system works (Return to Locality funding as compared to RSAF funding), how much money is being carried over by localities that could be spent on equipment, supplies and training.</p> <p>Over the past several months, the Virginia Office of EMS, in collaboration with the subcommittees of the Governor's Advisory Board, have been working to revise and update</p>	<p>Amanda Davis, Grants Manager, will provide FARC with the Return to Localities listing of jurisdictions.</p> <p>The FARC portion of the State EMS Plan was reviewed, FARC had no edits</p>

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<p>C) Council Review Standardization</p> <p>D) Special Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NREMT Testing Site 	<p>the State EMS Plan. The draft of the Plan, as well as specific information about revising the state EMS Plan is currently posted on the OEMS Web site at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/EMSPlan/EMSPlan2016.htm</p> <p>In an effort to solicit the broadest review and comment on the proposed state EMS Plan, a public comment form has been posted on the OEMS Web site to allow EMS agency officials, personnel, and key stakeholder groups an opportunity to share their thoughts on key strategic initiatives and objectives that they feel are important to pursue in the next three (3) years of EMS system development in VA.</p> <p>The OEMS would greatly appreciate your assistance in passing this information along to the members of your respective organizations and other interested parties, in order for us to receive as much feedback as possible. Thanks for your help.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis is working on standardizing the councils reviewing of the grant process. Some of the councils have sub-councils for each of the planning districts they represent. The ultimate goal is to provide a consistency in council review by providing a review document with a weighted scale. .</p> <p>There is a requirement for all of the National Registry EMT testing sites to have certain equipment available by January 1, 2017. There are 35 accredited sites for all NREMT testing where OEMS will provide a special initiative grant to provide 2 jump bags per site along with an i-Simulate. This special initiative should be announced sometime this fall.</p>	<p>to the current initiatives for FARC or RSAF. No further action is required.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis will provide a draft during the November 10th quarterly meeting.</p> <p>No further action is required.</p>
<p>III. Grants Unit</p> <p>A) Payments processed May - July 2016</p>	<p>The grants unit processed 38 payments totaling \$1,800,000.00 between May and July 2016.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>
<p>IV. Grant Manager Report</p> <p>A) Quarterly Report</p>	<p>This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, August 5, 2016. The RSAF deadline for the Spring 2016 grant cycle was March 15, 2016. OEMS received 158 grant applications requesting \$10,839,908.00. Grants were awarded on July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$4,139,351.00 to 99 agencies. 39% of the RSAF requests were awarded. The following agency categories were awarded finding for this grant cycle; 48 Non-Governmental Agencies were awarded \$1,726,324.00 and 51 Governmental Agencies were awarded \$2,413,027.00. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – awarded funding of \$331,113.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – awarded funding of \$326,459.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – awarded funding of \$53,226.00; Northern Virginia EMS Council – awarded funding of \$83,663.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – awarded funding of \$611,877.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – awarded funding of \$556,961.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – awarded funding of \$418,478.00; Southwestern Virginia EMS Council – awarded funding of \$576,768.00; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council – awarded funding of</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>

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<p>B) RSAF Grant Report Format – 12 Lead/Loading System</p> <p>C) Emergency Grant</p>	<p>\$48,605.00; Tidewater EMS Council – awarded funding of \$626,255.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – awarded funding of \$505,947.00. RSAF Grants awarded by the following item categories: 12-Lead Defibrillators - \$1,113,541.00; Audio Visual and Computer Hardware - \$39,646.00; Communications - \$23,000.00; Emergency Operations - \$66,204.00; BLS & ALS Equipment - \$596,699.00; Power Loading Systems - \$268,398.00; Special Projects - \$65,313.00; Training - \$37,764.00 and Vehicles - \$1,928,787.00.</p> <p>NOTE: The 12-Lead category had a requested amount of \$2,003,354.00 with an award amount of \$1,113,541.00. The Equipment - BLS/ALS category had a requested amount of \$1,172,959.00 with an award amount of \$596,699.00. The Vehicles category had a requested amount of \$6,027,549.00 with an award amount of \$1,928,787.00.</p> <p>The Fall 2016 grant cycle opened August 1, 2016 with a submission deadline of September 15, 2016. The grants will be awarded on January 1, 2017.</p> <p>Regarding Budget Amendment Item 290 #1c “Out of this appropriation, up to \$400,000.00 the second year from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be used for grants to emergency medical services organizations to purchase 12-lead electrocardiograph monitors”. What this budget amendment was saying is that we (RSAF) must reserve \$400,000.00 per year for 12-lead funding for 2 years. This has been met and surpassed and is now over.</p> <p>Budget Amendment Item 289#1h requires distribution from the special emergency medical services fund for the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for power-loading systems. \$840,000 the first year and \$840,000 the second year must be used for the purchase of new ambulance stretcher retention systems as required by the federal General Services Administration</p> <p>Goodson-Kinderhook Volunteer Fire Department was awarded 1 Dodge Ram 4500 Ambulance (including the power load system) at an 80/20 (state/agency) funding level for \$177,499.20 on June 7, 2016. This agency had only one vehicle in service due to the replaced vehicle being out of service due to constant mechanical problems and eventually a blown engine. The agency, having only one vehicle, was a detriment to patient care.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p> <p>The power-loading systems will be tracked each grant cycle and results provided to FARC.</p> <p>No further action is required.</p>
<p>V. Open Discussion</p>	<p>FARC discussed they would like the following reports for the next meeting: how many agencies are within each council and sub-council and what percentages of grants within a council were funded as compared to grants submitted by these agencies within the councils?</p> <p>An update to E-GIFT has been put in production so non-licensed EMS agencies can list the permitted vehicles located at their agency. These agencies running under someone else’s license can now enter the vehicles they own. E-GIFT now allows us to validate each item and enter the serial number(s) and VIN’s when a payment is processed and will automatically</p>	<p>These will be provided during the November 10, 2016 quarterly FARC meeting.</p> <p>No further action is required.</p>

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	<p>assign this item(s) to the appropriate EMS Rep.</p> <p>The next quarterly meeting will take place at the 2016 OEMS Symposium in Norfolk, Virginia. We will be meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10:00 am. Mrs. Davis will be presenting “Now It’s Your Turn to Write an EMS Grant” and “See How Easy It Is to Submit an EMS Grant” at this years EMS Symposium.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>
VI. Adjournment	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chair, moved to have the meeting adjourned	No further action is required.