

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Quarterly Meeting
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
Glen Allen, Virginia
August 3, 2017
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Karen Wagner, Chairman		Amanda Davis	Ed Brazle
Donna Hurst		Linwood Pulling	Chris Vernovai
Dan Norville			Matt Lawler
Curtis Sheets			Robert Trimmer
Bruce Stratton			
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I. Approval of 05/04/2017 Meeting Minutes	Karen Wagner, made a motion to approve the minutes from May 4, 2017.	Minutes approved
II. RSAF A. EMSTF - Training Funds (Phase III)	<p>OEMS has initiated Phase III of the special initiative grant for funding to all accredited non-profit licensed EMS agencies for initial EMS certification classes. This opportunity for funding was developed due to changes in procurement and was first initiated in September 2016 to replace the EMS training funds. This special initiative has provided funding for initial EMS certification classes from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 along with EKG monitor simulators and jump bags to accredited paramedic programs for the required integrated Out-Of-Hospital scenario. Phase III of this initiative were awarded on May 1, 2017 for programs that start on or after July 1, 2017 and before December 31, 2017. OEMS awarded 28 agencies funding in the amount of \$502,896.00 for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Emergency Medical Responder courses in the amount of \$4,896.00 26 - Emergency Medical Technician courses in the amount of \$195,717.00 1 - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician course in the amount of \$2,856.00 3 - Intermediate courses in the amount of \$28,107.00 9 - Paramedic courses in the amount of \$271,320.00 <p>The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) announced a No Match grant funding opportunity on June 23, 2017 to licensed EMS agencies for nasal naloxone to be administered by EMS personnel. The EMS agency applying for this grant opportunity must</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>

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<p>B. Nasal Naloxone for EMS Agencies</p> <p>C. Regional EMS Councils State Contract</p>	<p>either have a controlled substance registration (CSR) or the operational medical director (OMD) must provide authorization for shipment of naloxone, their drug enforcement agency (DEA) number and an address for the medication to be shipped to on behalf of the awarded agency. Applications can be found on the OEMS website and must be received through the EMS-Grant Information Funding Tool (E-GIFT). The application deadline is September 29, 2017.</p> <p>OEMS conducted a regional EMS council workshop on May 25-26, 2017 to review FY2018 changes to the state contracts. The new contract language states that the regional councils will continue grading each grant but will be offering developmental training and review of grants to the grantees prior to the grant deadline. They will no longer be required to prioritize the grants in their region. The grants will be graded/scored upon their merits.</p>	<p>OEMS is in the process of distributing the FY18 state contracts to each council.</p>
<p>III. Grant Unit</p> <p>A. Payments Processed May - July</p>	<p>The grants unit processed 110 payments totaling \$2,503,341.00 between May - July 2017.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV. Grant Manager Report</p> <p>A. FARC Committee Rotation - Kevin Dillard (REMS)</p> <p>B. Quarterly Grant Report - Funding</p> <p>1. Region Amounts</p>	<p>FARC members Robert Trimmer and Barbara rotated off the committee on June 30, 2017. Donna Hurst, representing Central Shenandoah EMS Council and Bruce Stratton, representing Blue Ridge EMS Council were approved by the Governor's Advisory Board (GAB) as the two newest members. Mark Nugent, representing the Peninsulas EMS Council on FARC resigned his position on FARC after serving 3 years, Kevin Dillard, representing Rappahannock EMS Council has been nominated to replace Mr. Nugent. Mr. Dillard is the owner and CEO of Life Care Medical Transport, a life member of Fredericksburg Rescue Squad and active in the Rappahannock EMS Council. The GAB will vote on his approval at the August 4, 2017 meeting.</p> <p>This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, August 4, 2017. The Spring 2017 RSAF grant deadline was March 15, 2017. OEMS received 134 grant applications requesting \$10,800,277.00 in funding. Funding was awarded in the following agency categories: 64 Non-Governmental Agencies were awarded \$2,113,348.00 and 22 Governmental Agencies were awarded \$1,973,106.00.</p> <p>The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council - awarded funding of \$86,632.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council - awarded funding of \$568,769.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council - awarded funding of \$352,878.00; Northern Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of \$101,317.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance - awarded funding of \$453,941.00; Peninsulas EMS Council - awarded funding of \$747,525.00; Rappahannock EMS Council - awarded funding of \$91,729.00; Southwestern Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of \$452,408.00; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council - awarded funding of \$69,250.00; Tidewater EMS Council - awarded funding of \$510,555.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of</p>	<p>The Governor's Advisory Board will appoint the nomination from Rappahannock EMS Council at the August 4, 2017 meeting.</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>

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<p>2. Categories Awarded</p> <p>C. RSAF Required Grant Criteria - Review</p> <p>D. CN10</p>	<p>\$651,448.00.</p> <p>RSAF Grants Awarded by the following item categories: Audio Visual and Computers - \$75,249.00; Communications - \$47,477.00; Emergency Operations - \$600.00; BLS & ALS Equipment - \$1,252,559.00; Cot Retention Systems - \$129,843.00; Special Projects - \$198,421.00; Training - \$62,483.00 and Vehicles - \$2,319,821.00.</p> <p>Note: The BLS/ALS Equipment had a requested amount of \$2,544,338.00 with an award amount of \$1,252,559.00. The Vehicles had a requested amount of \$7,272,504.00 with an award amount of \$2,319,821.00.</p> <p>The VDH scoring criteria was implemented during the Spring 2017 grant cycle (June 2017), making up the 7th (VDH) grade that is factored in to help calculate the final grade. This is based on the following VDH criteria: 1) Health Professional Shortage Area - Scored on a scale of 1-5 depending on the HRSA score which can be from 0-25; 2) Medically Underserved Area/Population - Scored on a scale of 1-5 depending on the HRSA score which can be 0-100; 3) Fiscal Stress Index - Scored 1-34 by the Commission of Local Government which is ranked from the Highest Stress Index (1) to the Lowest Stress Index (134); Return to Localities - Scored on a scale of 1-5 depending on their balances: \$0.00 balance would be a 1; \$100,000.00 would be a 5.</p> <p>Change notice 10 has been issue from the GSA regarding changes in storage, equipment mounting devices and cabinet design. Agencies must meet this requirement to be funded by the state (RSAF), If the new ambulance has the blue star of life, it has met this requirement.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
<p>V. Open Discussion</p>	<p>The 12-17 RSAF grant cycle will close on September 15, 2017, EGIFT will be available to Regional EMS Councils, OEMS Program Reps and the technical graders by October 1, 2017 with a deadline of October 25, 2017. EGIFT will be available to FARC by November 3, 2017 with a deadline of November 27, 2017. FARC discussed the Pre-Awards Meeting and the Awards Meeting and possible changes that may be implemented. FARC discussed keeping the same format of the grant awards meeting, but starting the meetings on Thursday at 1pm instead of 9am. This change would still give the councils the opportunity to address their agencies needs and give input if there are any questions from FARC. It also gives FARC the opportunity to discuss any grade discrepancy that may occur. FARC discussed keeping the Friday public meeting in the same format starting at 9am.</p> <p>FARC discussed the recall and end of the manufacturing of Philips MRx 12-Lead monitor. Several were awarded during the 06-17 grant cycle with a special condition that they can request modifications for other devices.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis is teaching 2 grant workshops at 2017 EMS Symposium. The first class will be on</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>

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	<p>Thursday, November 9, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am. This class is called “See How Easy It Is To Submit An EMS Grant”. This class is basically an RSAF orientation to grants. The other class is a 4 hour class that will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 beginning at 1:30 pm. This class is called “Now It’s Your Turn To Write An EMS Grant”. In this class, there will be a break-out group where they will actually write a grant and review a grant. Mrs. Davis has invited the FARC members to attend the 4 hour class and help assist with this class.</p>	
VI. Adjournment	<p>Karen Wagner, FARC Chair, made a motion to adjourn.</p>	<p>The fall RSAF grant cycle opened on August 1, 2017 and closes September 15, 2017. The next quarterly meeting will take place on November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the 2017 EMS Symposium in Norfolk, Virginia.</p>