

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)  
Quarterly Meeting  
Richmond Marriott Short Pump  
Glen Allen, Virginia  
February 2, 2017  
1:00 PM**

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

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<b>I. Approval of 11/10/2016 Meeting Minutes</b>	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman, made a motion to approve the minutes from November 10, 2016.	Minutes approved
<b>II. RSAF</b>		
<b>A) EMSTF Training Funds (Phase II)</b>	In the Fall of 2016, OEMS announced a grant opportunity for all non-profit licensed EMS agencies funding for initial EMS certification classes due to changes in procurement. The Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) implemented Phase 1 of this initiative to provide money for certification as part of the EMS Training Funds. Phase 2 of our ongoing EMS Training Fund initiative will provide jump bags and EKG monitor simulators to accredited paramedic programs in Virginia for the required integrated Out-Of-Hospital scenario. The grant deadline is February 10, 2017.	No further action is required
<b>B) EMS Council Standardization</b>	There were several RSAF Grant Program changes made to the 2017 Regional Councils contract, to include: 1) each application is reviewed consistently by using the OEMS provided RSAF Council Grant Review Standardization Guide 2) must provide a narrative of comments using the OEMS approved Grant Review Guide (GRG) 3) use the RSAF GRG to input comments for each item for each grant application 4) comments must answer the questions provided in the GRG assessment 5) must rank at least the top 3 priorities for each Regional Council area, not by planning district and 6) Regional Councils shall not notify the grantees of the FARC recommendations prior to the award date.	No further action is required

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<p>C) UAS Training Conf. (PVCC Drone Conf.)</p> <p>D) Emergency Operations – Active Shooter</p>	<p>Mrs. Davis will be attending the UAS Training Conference featuring drones. This is being sponsored by the Piedmont Virginia Community College along with the Virginia Department of Emergency Response.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis presented the Active Shooter conditions that was developed by Karen Owens, Emergency Operations Manager. When these scenarios occur, most of the time EMS responds along with law enforcement. One of the questions is whether the equipment being used is adequate. When applying for this through RSAF grants, there are several special conditions that need to be applied and met. You need a letter of support from your local law enforcement. You need a copy of your local protocols along with meeting the conditions implemented by OEMS.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>The Active Shooter conditions will be placed on the OEMS grants page website.</p>
<p>III. Grant Manager Report</p> <p>A) Grants Unit</p> <p>B) FARC Committee Rotation</p> <p>C) Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Between November 2016 and January 2017, the Grants Unit processed 101 payments for a total of \$2,015,395.00. The higher increase for this quarter was due to the January 2016 special initiative grant.</p> <p>There are 2 members that will be rotating off of FARC on June 30, 2017. Robert Trimmer and Barbara Brown came onto the FARC on July 1, 2011 and have both served 6 years. The next 2 Regional Councils in the rotation to have a member represented on FARC are Blue Ridge EMS Council and Central Shenandoah EMS Council. They are supposed to give OEMS their nominations by April 3, 2017. We will present their nominations to the Governor’s Advisory Board on May 5, 2017 for their approval. Once the nominations are approved, Mrs. Davis will invite them to attend the June 1-2, 2017 RSAF Pre-Awards/Awards Meeting.</p> <p>This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, February 3, 2017. The Fall 2016 RSAF grant deadline was September 15, 2016. OEMS received 119 grant applications requesting \$10,463,957.00. Grants were awarded on January 1, 2017 in the amount of \$4,479,201.00 to 83 agencies. The following agency categories were awarded funding for this grant cycle; 48 Non-Governmental Agencies were awarded \$2,876,612.00 and 35 Governmental Agencies were awarded \$1,602,589.00. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – awarded \$136,085.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – awarded \$348,141.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – awarded \$358,088.00; Northern VA EMS Council – awarded \$76,063.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – awarded \$1,258,341.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – awarded \$171,443.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – awarded \$273,295.00; Southwest Virginia EMS Council – awarded \$424,980.00; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council – awarded \$337,549.00; Tidewater EMS Council – awarded \$691,216.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – awarded \$374,000.00. Note: Two non-affiliated agencies were awarded funding in the amount of \$30,000.00. RSAF Grants Awarded by item categories: Audio Visual/Computer Hardware - \$53,719.00 - Includes projectors, computer hardware/software,</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>

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<p>D) RSAF Required Grant Criteria</p>	<p>toughbooks, and other audio visual equipment. Communications - \$75,412.00 - Includes items for mobile/portable radios, pagers and other communications system technology. Emergency Operations - \$740.00 - 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 - \$1,346,592.00 - Includes any medical care equipment for sustaining life, airway management, and supplies including 12-Lead Defibrillators. Power Loading Systems - \$187,470.00 – Includes all power load systems and/or installation fees, not including power cots. Special Projects - \$268,217.00 - Includes projects such as Special Project material , Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) projects, non-affiliated agency programs and other innovative programs. Training - \$23,688.00 - 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 - \$2,523,363.00 - Includes ambulances, rechassis, Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) and specialty vehicles.</p> <p>Note: The Equipment - BLS/ALS category had a requested amount of \$2,246,964.00 with an award amount of \$1,346,592.00. The Vehicles category had a requested amount of \$7,100,393.00 with an award amount of \$2,523,363.00.</p> <p>The Spring 2017 grant cycle will begin on February 1, 2017 with a deadline of March 15, 2017. Grants will be awarded July 1, 2017.</p> <p>Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Emergency Grants: OEMS awarded two emergency grants during November 2016. Both grants were for ambulances that were damaged in the Tidewater region due to Hurricane Matthew. Kempsville Volunteer Rescue Squad was awarded 1 Wheeled Coach Ambulance at the 80/20 funding level in the amount of \$134,866.40 due to damage by flood waters. Davis Corner Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue was awarded 1 Wheeled Coach Ambulance at the 100/0 funding level in the amount of \$157,684.79 due to damage by flood waters. Both agencies were awarded replacement ambulances that were due to be replaced within 60 days of the award date.</p> <p>There is a new scoring criteria that will be implemented during the Spring 2017 grant cycle (June 2017). The FARC recommended grade will be combined with the following VDH criteria based on the applicants physical location to calculate the final score to be recommended to the Commissioner of Health. Theoretically, there will be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade that will be factored in to help calculate the final grade. There will be the 6 members of FARC grades and the VDH grade.</p>	<p>The required OEMS scoring is being developed in VDH OIM and will be available by May 2017.</p>

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<p>1) HPSA – Health Professional Shortage Area</p> <p>2) MUA/P – Medically Underserved Area/Population</p> <p>3) FSI – Fiscal Stress</p>	<p>The federal Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) develops shortage designation criteria to determine whether a geographic area, population group or facility is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). HPSAs may be designated as having a shortage of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers, for RSAF we will only be using the primary medical care designation. HPSA’s may be urban or rural areas, population groups, or medical or other public facilities. Health professional shortages for primary medical acknowledges the physician shortage in a service area. The physician shortage is calculated from pediatrics, ob/gyn, general internal medicine, and family practice physicians only. HRSA designates the shortage areas based on the following information, based on a score from 0-25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the population to provider ratio (10 points)</li> <li>• the percentage of the population below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (5 points)</li> <li>• infant health index (based on Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) or low birth rate (LBW) rate) (5 points)</li> <li>• the travel time to the nearest source of care (NSC) outside the HPSA designation (5)</li> </ul> <p>MUA/MUP’s are government-recognized designations that serve as proof that a given community or population has a shortage or under-service of medical professionals. Eligibility for MUA/P designation depends on the Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) calculated for the area or population proposed for designation. Under the established criteria, an area or population with an IMU of 62.0 or below qualifies for designation as an MUA/P. The IMU scale is from 0 to 100, where 0 represents completely underserved and 100 represents best served or least underserved. HRSA designates the IMU by assigning a weighted value to an area or population’s performance on four demographic and health indicators, then adding the weighted values together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider per 1,000 population ratio (28.7 points)</li> <li>• % Population at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (25.1 points)</li> <li>• % Population age 65 and over (20.2 points)</li> <li>• Infant Mortality Rate (26 points)</li> </ul> <p>MUAs may be a whole county or a group of contiguous counties, a group of counties or civil divisions, or a group of urban census tracts in which residents have a shortage of health services. MUPs may include groups of persons who face economic, cultural or linguistic barriers to health care.</p> <p>The fiscal stress index illustrates a locality’s ability to generate additional local revenues from</p>	

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<p>Index</p> <p>4) RTL – Return to Localities</p>	<p>its current tax base relative to the rest of the commonwealth. The three components are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue capacity per capita (the theoretical ability of a locality to raise revenue)</li> <li>• Revenue effort (the amount of the theoretical revenue capacity that the locality actually collects through taxes and fees)</li> <li>• Median household income</li> </ul> <p>Primary users of this index are local governments in Virginia and various state agencies, who use the index to assist in the allocation of state aid. Fiscal Stress Index - illustrates a locality's ability to generate additional local revenues from its current tax base relative to the rest of the Commonwealth. A stress score of 100 would equate to average stress relative to the rest of the Commonwealth. The fiscal stress of a locality is based upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revenue capacity per capita <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ computation of how much revenue a jurisdiction could generate if it taxed its population at statewide average rates</li> </ul> </li> <li>• revenue effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ratio of actual tax collections by a locality to its computed revenue capacity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• median household income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ represents the level at which exactly half of the households in a jurisdiction earn more and the other half earns less</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Return to Locality fund , as required by the Code of Virginia, are funds returned to the locality in which the passenger vehicle is registered. There are 134 recognized localities throughout Virginia (95 counties and 39 cities). Annually, as required by Code, each locality must submit a report to OEMS on the use/distribution of those funds prior to receiving additional funds under this program. Funding is withheld pending receipt of the annual report.</p>	
<p>IV Open Discussion</p> <p>Lotus Notes</p> <p>OEMS New Website</p> <p>New Phone System</p> <p>FOIA Comments</p>	<p>The Lotus Notes system that OEMS utilized will be phased out and this information will be merged with EGIFT. This will allow the county representatives to log into EGIFT and access their return to locality information to print reports and access all needed data.</p> <p>OEMS has a new website that is easier to read and more user-friendly.</p> <p>OEMS will be upgrading our phone system in the near future.</p> <p>We have been getting requests for comments and grades regarding the RSAF grants for applicants that were denied funding. FARC was reminded that their grades and comments are of public record and to be careful of what is said and how it is said.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<p>Robert Trimmer made a motion to adjourn. All are in favor.</p>	<p>The next quarterly meeting will take place on May 4, 2017.</p>

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