

Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Quarterly Meeting
Hampton Inn and Suites
1101 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059
May 31, 2022
10:00 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Kevin Dillard, Chairman		Adam Harrell	Gary Brown
JC Bolling		Linwood Pulling	Jackie Hunter
Tracy Hanger			
Donna Hurst			
Bruce Stratton			
Joe Trigg			

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I. Call to order - Kevin Dillard, Chair	Kevin called the FARC meeting to order.	No further action is required
II. Approval of March 2022 Meeting Minutes	The March 10, 2022 minutes were approved as submitted. Kevin thanked everyone for attending today and for their continued work with the program. Kevin asked everyone to sign the expense vouchers and give all of the paperwork to Linwood and he would take care of everything. Luke accepted another job opportunity. He was a huge asset to the grant program and will be missed. Adam will be filling in today for Luke.	No further action is required
III. Grants Unit Report	Adam said that he had hoped to have the Grants Manager's position posted before Luke left but that didn't happen. Hopefully, it should be posted in a week or two. He said that he and Gary have picked up on some of Luke's legacy already. They had a very productive meeting with the DMV for the kickoff with some Federal Grants they are coming into with Highway Safety funds. It should be good for training, equipment and safety apparel for first responders. JC brought to the attention of everyone that we should look at the salaries for folks (like Luke) to see if we can match their offer. He was trying to figure out how we could better retain our employees without losing them to a higher bidder. If they were better compensated, perhaps we wouldn't lose our employees. Adam said that we try to be proactive and do inside analysis of each employee's pay scale which will allow us to pay them the	No further action is required

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	<p>maximum that is allowed by the State Government. We elevate people as much as allowed. Luke did some amazing things with the grants program in the short time he was with us. Gary commended FARC on the job they do and their dedication to the grant program. Kevin thanked Gary for attending our meetings and for the support FARC receives from him.</p>	
<p>IV. Spring 2022 RSAF Review Session</p>	<p>We have about \$3 million in funding to go around for the Spring 2022 grant cycle. Kevin will read the grants. The level of funding has already been averaged out. Kevin told the grant committee that as he reads through the grants, if there are any grants they want to discuss, let him know. Kevin will read the agency name, what we're funding and the level of funding for each grantee. We were able to award grants through the 2.17 grade. We awarded 56 grant requests and \$2.9 million was awarded.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>V. Application Design Follow Up Discussion</p>	<p>At our last meeting in March, Luke had put together questions for the grant application. 1) What is the fiscal solvency of the applicant organization? 2) What is the budget plan for the grant application? 3) To what extent does the proposed project require financial assistance? This is still a work in progress with Luke's departure.</p>	<p>No further action is required at this time.</p>
<p>VI. Special Initiative Grant Follow Up Discussion</p>	<p>Donna has been bringing up the IV Pumps and was wanting to do a special initiative grant to fund these. It's the general consensus of FARC that we want to move forward with these special initiatives. Kevin told Adam that it was his understanding that OEMS was going to see what could be done about having a special initiative for IV Pumps. Adam said the biggest issue is figuring out where the funding for this special initiative is coming from. Do we set aside a certain amount of money from RSAF to fund this or do we find carryover money that wasn't drawn down or spent during previous grant cycles? Adam said he would work with Jackie and they would figure out how many IV Pumps are needed and how much it would cost to make this initiative a reality. They will let us know at our next meeting in August.</p>	<p>Adam and Jackie will report back to FARC on their findings.</p>
<p>VII. Regional Tour Planning Session</p>	<p>OEMS is in support of the Regional Tour Plan. Kevin suggested that we may want to begin with the Tidewater area which includes the Eastern Shore. Adam said there are other opportunities that we can look at. The main thing is to get it started again. If we do the Eastern Shore, it can't be during the tourist season. Adam suggested we may want to start with the Fredericksburg area. What we're going to do is not call it a FARC Tour but do it as a state outreach. It will include FARC, members of the Governor's Advisory Board, OEMS staff members and Regional Council members. This will probably be for three days. We would also have meetings with all involved. We will have to set up the details, lodging and agenda for the three days. We would also advertise in that region to let them know what is going on. We will try to set this up in September.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>VIII. Rotation Schedule</p>	<p>FARC members are appointed to serve for a term of three years and can be appointed for an additional three year term for a maximum of six consecutive years. After that, they must go off the committee for at least three years before they can again be appointed to serve on FARC. Kevin is in his second term and will go off the committee on June 30, 2023. JC is in his second term and will go off the committee on June 30, 2024. Tracy is in her first term and it ends on</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>

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	<p>June 30, 2023. She is eligible to be re-appointed to a second term at that time. Donna is in her second term and will go off the committee on June 30, 2023. Bruce is in his second term and will go off the committee on June 30, 2023. Joe is in his second term and will go off the committee on June 30, 2024. The next FARC members to come off the committee are Kevin, Donna and Bruce. All of their second terms expire on June 30, 2023.</p>	
IX. Unfinished Business	None	No further action is required
X. New Business	<p>We are having a major backlog in the production of ambulances. It is now taking up to two years and sometimes longer to produce an ambulance. The RSAF grants are good for one year. An agency can request up to a year's extension to complete the grant which will give them up to two years to complete the paperwork and get the ambulance up and running. Adam said that right now we are working through every possible avenue to help resolve this problem. Even with the State, some of the vehicles we need to purchase won't be available until 2024 or 2025 if we're lucky. It's not just for ambulances. It's for everything across the board. It's taking longer to get what you need/want. If an agency is asking for a modification or an extension and they show us a letter requesting this, we are automatically extending it to the end of the year, not just six months. Adam went to the Firehouse Expo in Indianapolis and met with a lot of vendors that we don't usually do business with. Everyone is having a hard time meeting the deadlines to supply agencies with vehicles and equipment. JC brought up the topic of electric ambulances and at what point will these come into play? What are we going to do to help build the infrastructure for those ambulances including having to recharge them. At what point will the shortage of chassis affect these? Adam said he has been researching those as well. Virginia has electric vehicles right now. The electric ambulances are already being used here. Adam looked at an ambulance and a fire truck when he was in Indianapolis. You can take any fire truck, add a million dollars to it, and make it electric. That doesn't include the infrastructure that is involved and the charging stations that are required to recharge them. We can't get the things that we need to keep our own fleet current. We're classified as essential services and we still can't get what we need. We may not be able to get a vehicle for four years. It's scary.</p> <p>Adam received a couple of requests from a couple of EMS Councils. The LifePak 15 cardiac monitors by Physio-Control that the agencies bought will not serve as an AED for pediatric patients. We have been approached about this by a couple of councils wondering if we were going to do anything to help these agencies. Our first response back to the councils was we need to know what the final impact is before we go any further with this. What they were asking for is emergency grant funding for these agencies. Physio-Control said that it was in all of their manuals stating these monitors do not function as an AED for pediatric patients. They aren't doing anything about it because it was on full disclosure when the agencies bought the monitors. Adam said he was going to bring this up with Regulation and Compliance and see how</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>We need a better picture of what the situation is. Adam will report back to FARC on his findings.</p>

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	the program reps are going to handle this with their inspections. We need a better picture of what the situation is statewide.	
XI. Next Meeting	The next FARC quarterly meeting will be held on August 5, 2022 when the Advisory Board meets.	No further action is required
XII. Adjournment	Kevin adjourned the meeting	No further action is required