

# Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)

Quarterly Meeting  
Courtyard Marriott  
Glen Allen, Virginia  
February 12, 2015  
1:00 PM

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

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Approval of 11/06/2014 Meeting Minutes	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman, made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2014.	Minutes approved
II. Grants Unit: A) Payments processed November 2014 – January 2015	The Grants Unit processed 60 payments for \$2.1 million between November 2014 and January 2015.	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 13, 2015. The Fall 2014 RSAF grant deadline was September 15, 2014. OEMS received 125 grant applications requesting \$8,914,211.00. Grants were awarded on January 1, 2015 in the amount of \$5,241,511.77 to 106 agencies. The following agency categories were awarded finding for this grant cycle; 64 Volunteer/Non-Profit Agencies were awarded \$2,902,351.00 and 42 Governmental Agencies were awarded \$2,339,160.00. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – 8 agencies awarded \$338,379.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – 5 agencies awarded \$238,322.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – 9 agencies awarded \$578,585.00; Northern VA EMS Council – 4 agencies awarded \$123,266.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – 18 agencies awarded \$957,880.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – 6 agencies awarded \$308,472.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – 7 agencies awarded \$319,211.00; Southwest Virginia EMS Council – 16 agencies awarded \$922,253.00; Thomas	No further action is required

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	<p>Jefferson EMS Council – 2 agencies awarded \$14,822.00; Tidewater EMS Council – 12 agencies awarded \$836,100.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – 16 agencies awarded \$480,995.00. Note: Three non-affiliated agencies were awarded funding in the amount of \$123,227.00. This information is not represented in Figure 2. RSAF Grants Awarded by item categories: • 12 –Lead – \$1,249,873.00 - Includes all 12-Lead Defibrillators. Audio Visual and Computers - \$ 119,612.00 - Includes projectors, computer hardware/software, toughbooks, and other audio visual equipment. Communications - \$ 107,120.00 - Includes items for mobile/portable radios, pagers, towers, repeaters and other communications system technology. Emergency Operations - \$ 117,057.00 - Includes items such as Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), extrication equipment 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 - \$ 742,756.00 - Includes any medical care equipment for sustaining life, airway management, and supplies, not including 12-Lead Defibrillators. Special Projects - \$ 249,168.00 - Includes projects such as Recruitment and Retention, Special Events Material, Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) projects and other innovative programs. Training - \$ 123,931.00 - 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 – \$2,531,994.00 - Includes ambulances, 1st Response/Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) and rechassis/remount of ambulances.</p> <p>Note: The Vehicles category had a requested amount of \$4,811,208.00 with an award amount of \$2,531,994.00.</p> <p>The Spring 2015 grant cycle will begin on February 1, 2015 with a deadline of March 16, 2015; grants will be awarded July 1, 2015.</p> <p>Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Emergency Grants:</p> <p>Duffield Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue was awarded 1 Type I Dodge Ambulance at 80/20 (state/agency) funding level for \$144,101.60 on December 17, 2014. The agency was awarded an ambulance due to major mechanical issues, including transmission and motor failure. The agency is replacing two ambulances for the new ambulance that was awarded. This agency did not have the funding to repair the unit and the lack of use was detrimental to patient care.</p> <p>New Garden Rescue Squad was awarded 1 Type III Chevrolet Ambulance at 100/0 (state/agency) funding level for \$135,000.00 on December 18, 2014. This was awarded to replace an ambulance that had total mechanical failure. The agency was unable to fund a replacement ambulance and the lack of use was detrimental to patient care.</p>	

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B) E-Gifts Updates	<p>The new E-GIFT web-based grant program is being implemented in 4 phases. Phase 1 – Grant Application, has been completed. Phase 2 – Grant Review, has been completed. Phase 3 – Meeting Program, has been completed. Phase 4 – Reports, will be completed sometime this month.</p> <p>The grants unit is doing E-Gift Webinars each Wednesday for the month of February 2015.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis did a presentation of the E-Gift Webinars for FARC.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV RSAF:</p> <p>A) Fallen Firefighter EMS Memorial – VA Fire Chiefs Association</p> <p>B) Change Order 7//8 – July 1, 2015.</p>	<p>OEMS sent the December 2014 recommended awards packet to Dr. Marissa Levine, VDH Health Commissioner, for approval. The recommendations were approved, however VDH executive staff wanted clarification on whether the RSAF approval criteria included the request from Virginia Fire Chiefs Association for the Fallen Firefighter and EMS Memorial. Questions included: 1) Does this meet the evaluation criteria? 2) Is this use consistent with the Code, Regulations and/or the Statewide EMS Plan? 3) Is it a Special Initiative approved by the EMS Advisory Board? Mr. Brown stated that the Advisory Board had gone on record as supporting this combined Fire and EMS Memorial Service, which has also been recognized by Governor McDonnell and Governor McAuliffe's Executive Order. The evaluation criteria/regulations/or plan may not contain language that supports this request financially, but there is no language which identifies it as an ineligible request. This award was approved but Mr. Brown was asked to work with the EMS Advisory Board, the FARC and if needed, the OAG to clearly establish that this is a supportable request prior to the next grant cycle. FARC agreed that this was an eligible request and did meet the evaluation criteria established by the committee.</p> <p>Michael Berg, Regulation and Compliance Manager, spoke about a possible Change Notice that will be issued by the GSA regarding new Ambulance Standards (Change Notice 8) that go into effect July 1, 2015. There will be a Public Open Comment period beginning in April – 2015. The intent is that this will become effective July 1, 2015. All ambulances manufactured after July 1, 2015, will be required to have a Cot-Retention System installed. Mr. Berg met with Stryker and the cot and retention system will cost anywhere from \$25,000-\$40,000. Due to this new standard requirement, we can expect to see the costs of the new ambulances to increase.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>This information will be placed on the OEMS website. All ambulance requests for the current RSAF grant cycle should include the cot-retention system.</p>
V. Open Discussion	None	No further action is required.
VI. Adjournment	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman makes a motion to adjourn.	The next quarterly meeting will take place on May 7, 2015.