

Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Virginia Association of First Responders
2535 Turkey Creek Rd. Oilville, VA 23129
June 04, 2026
1000

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Robert Trimmer – President	Melissa Meador	Michael Berg	Kelly Barill - Caroline County
Byron Andrews –Vice President		Debra Bennett	
Mark Barenklau – Secretary			
Jeff Grimm		OEMS Staff Attending Virtually:	Others Attending Virtually:
Greg DeYoung		Mohamed “Moe” Abbamin	Blair Cooper - FESCO
Marlon “Matt” Rickman			
Members Attending Virtually:			
None			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 1000 by President Trimmer Motion to approve Barenklau, 2 nd , DeYoung Approved Motion to approve Virtual Meeting DeYoung, 2 nd Andrews Approved Award for Mark Barenklau for service to the committee	No further action is required
II. Introductions:	Introductions of all in attendance	No further action is required
III. Approval of Minutes:	Approval of Agenda and march’s minutes. Motion to approve Andrews, 2 nd DeYoung, Approved	No further action is required
IV. Committee Business:	Robert Trimmer: Started a discussion on funding requests for the sole reason that funding is available regardless of scoring. The discussion centered on a maximum FARC score that would be eligible for funding. Mohamed Abbamin added that the mechanism of the current scoring criteria can be utilized for establishing a minimum score for funding. Motion: Jeff Grimm to restrict funding to 4.2 or lower, 2 nd Byron Andrews, motion amended to 3.99. Discussion continued, and motion passed unanimously.	No further action is required

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1. OEMS Staff Report	Michael Berg: Introduction of Debra Bennett, new grant specialist at OEMS and will also be assisting with the EMS for Children program as well. Committee members need to sign and return the annual policy/disclosure documents today. Encumbered grants report distributed. Several agencies have put in for grant extensions. Some agencies are expecting delivery this month. The next RSAF cycle opens on August 1 and closes on September 15th. Grant invoices need to be processed by June 11th to be included in the current fiscal year Michael Berg: General committee discussion on grant submissions and grading by all committee members	No further action is required No further action is required
V. Unfinished Business: VI. New Business	Workgroup reports: Nothing to report and final documents will be presented at the next meeting. Application Workgroup: No update Review Process Workgroup: No update Funding Workgroup: No update Robert Trimmer: Motion, workgroups are to have final proposals submitted to the committee by July 15th to allow action to be taken at the next meeting, 2nd by Byron Andrews. Passed Elections: Robert Trimmer for president: Motion, Byron Andrews, 2nd Mark Barenklau Byron Andrews for Vice president: Motion, Jeff Grimm, 2nd Mark Barenklau Greg DeYoung for recording secretary: Motion, Jeff Grimm, 2nd Robert Trimmer All passed Unanimously Mike Berg: Grant recipients requesting modification of an awarded grant. Some requests are requesting a change to the scope of a grant request and not merely a vendor change. Guidance is needed from FARC and Mike is requesting a work group to establish new guidelines. Committee members to be Greg DeYoung, Matt Rickman and Mike will reach out to 3 non-committee members for a total of 5 on the committee. Break from 11:00 to 1150 for lunch.	No further action is required No further action is required No further action is required No further action is required

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	Grant Reviews: 1150-1510 During the grant review, another workgroup was formed, (Robert Trimmer, Byron Andrews) to work on a policy relating to those items not allowable as part of the RSAF grant program (i.e., extended warranties, subscriptions, travel, etc.). The intent to have a draft for the next scheduled meeting.	No further action is required
VII. Public Comment:	No public comments	No further action is required
VIII. Date of Next Meeting:	August 6 th , 2026, at 1000 Location TBD	No further action is required
VIII. Adjournment	Meeting Adjournment Motion: Robert Trimmer, 2 nd Mark Barenklau	No further action is required