

Financial Assistance Review Committee
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
[Old Dominion EMS Alliance / 7818 E Parham Road]
[August 6, 2026]
[10:00 a.m.]

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Roert Trimmer - Chair	None	Michael Berg	Ed Rhodes
Byron Andrews – Vice Chair		Debra Bennett	Ryan Scarborough
Gregory DeYoung – Secretary (Virtual)			Bryon Kimberlin
Matt Rickman			Heidi Hooker
Jeffrey Grimm			Lara Traylor (Virtual)
Melissa Meador			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 1005. Quorum was verified.	
II. Introductions:	Members provided introductions.	
III. Approval of Virtual Attendance:	Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow Greg DeYoung to attend the meeting virtually.	
IV. Approval of Agenda:	Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda without modification.	
V. Approval of Minutes:	Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved the minutes from the June 2026 meeting.	
VI. Chairman's Comments:	Chairman Trimmer recognized Ed Rhodes who provided an update on the 2026 General Assembly actions as they relate to RSAF funding. While initial budget discussions had an increase of \$10 million for RSAF, the fund saw no increase at the end of the 2026 session. Discussions to resume in the 2027 session.	
VII. OEMS Report	Mike Berg confirmed all members had access to the OEMS Staff report. Mike thanked Debra Bennett for her continued hard work, with several programs, since her onboarding in April. Mike provided an overview of encumbered grants and comments on the recent increase in grant modification requests. Mike provided dates of upcoming grant workshops in region 3 and the VAFR annual meeting. Chairman Trimmer encouraged FARC members to attend the sessions that are being held in their region.	
VIII. Unfinished Business	Application Workgroup – Greg reported that all recommended changes were submitted prior to the July 15 deadline and no further changes had been made. Mike had forwarded that document to all committee members. Regarding the budget information, Byron recommended adding line items that show the sum of all investment accounts, restricted and unrestricted fund balances. Motion made to accept the	Lara Traylor to make the requested additions to the budget worksheet.

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	application workgroup change recommendations, with amendments. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Review Process Workgroup – Byron provided an overview of the recommended changes, including input from the regional councils. While regional councils can recommend a single, regional, priority, the workgroup recommends the removal of the “top three” priority listing. Jeff discussed some disparity in scoring, specifically the VDH financial stress index. The recommendation is to replace that element with the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparity’s Virginia Poverty Table. Motion made to accept the recommended changes, with amendments. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Funding Tiers Workgroup – Robert provided an overview of recommended funding tiers, to include mission critical, mission support and system enhancement. He emphasized that this equipment list should be reviewed and updated annually. Mike discussed the ongoing conversation with the medical direction committee and recommended review of funding tiers every RSAF cycle (6 months). Motion to accept the funding tiers document as presented. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Policy development for grant modifications and/or extensions. – Non-allowable items are still a work in progress. While no deliverables are available, the group did meet to discuss the definition of a modification, allowable “categorical changes”, needing OMD approval for any modification request that impacted medical practices. The grants manager would be allowed to approve a single modification to an RSAF award. Any additional modification requests would require a variance request through Rules and Regulations. Regarding extension requests, Matt explained the current grant cycle is for 1-year. A single, 1-year extension may be approved by the grants manager. Subsequent extension requests would require approval from OEMS senior management. Mike and “Mo” are currently working on a draft document that is legally sound for presentation to the committee. Group discussion held on items that should not be allowed, specifically subscription and/or ongoing costs for programs.	Robert and Byron to work on non-allowable items list. Mike and “Mo” to work on a draft document regarding extension requests.
IX.	New Business - None.	
X.	Public Comments – None.	
XI.	Next Meeting Date – TBD. Grant grading meeting will be December 3 rd at the ODEMSA office.	
XII.	Adjournment at 1110.	