

Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)

**Quarterly Meeting
Courtyard Marriott
Glen Allen, Virginia
May 7, 2015
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Robert Trimmer, Chairman		Amanda Davis	Damien Coy
Barbara Brown		Linwood Pulling	George Lindbeck
Dan Norville			
Mark Nugent			
Curtis Sheets			
Karen Wagner			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Approval of 02/12/2015 Meeting Minutes	Robert Trimmer, made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2015.	Minutes approved
II. Grants Unit: A) Payments Processed February – April 2015	The grants unit processed payments totaling \$2,031,125.00 between February – April 2015. This amount included payments for the VPHIB special initiative grant , there were 200 grants awarded and one is remaining to be reimbursed. This agency does have an extension on their grant, once this grant is processed OEMS will have had 100% compliance with the special initiative reimbursement grant.	No further action is required
III. Grant Manager Report: A) Quarterly Grant Report	This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, May 8, 2015. The Spring 2015 RSAF grant deadline was March 16, 2015. OEMS received 152 grant applications requesting \$10,724,108.00 in funding. Funding amounts are being requested in the following agency categories: 131 Licensed EMS Agencies requesting \$9,894,198.00 and 21 Non EMS Agencies requesting \$829,910.00. Funding amounts are being requested in the following regional areas: Blue Ridge EMS Council – requesting funding of \$939,747.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – requesting funding of \$548,227.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – requesting funding of \$825,485.00; Northern Virginia EMS Council – requesting funding of \$105,658.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – requesting funding of \$2,314,647.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – requesting funding of \$1,067,143.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – requesting funding of \$585,433.00; Southwestern Virginia EMS Council – requesting funding of \$2,030,912.00; Thomas Jefferson	No further action is required No further action is required

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B) E-Gift Updates	<p>EMS Council – requesting funding of \$139,690.00; Tidewater EMS Council – requesting funding of \$582,659.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – requesting funding of \$1,584,507.00.</p> <p>Funding amounts are being requested for the following item categories: 12-Leads - \$974,036.00, Audio Visual and Computers - \$222,861.00; Communications - \$295,274.00; Emergency Operations - \$90,563.00; BLS & ALS Equipment - \$2,445,848.00; Special Projects - \$448,400.00; Training - \$162,409.00 and Vehicles - \$6,084,717.00.</p> <p>The implementation of the EMS – Grant Information Funding Tool (E-GIFT) is almost complete as Phase IV, Payments and Reports, is being finalized. Developing the web based grant program has been highly successful and has been a major improvement to the RSAF grant program.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV RASF</p> <p>A) Emergency Grant</p> <p>B) Top 3 Priority Grants from EMS Councils</p> <p>C) Change Order 8 – July 1, 2015 (Cot Retention System)</p>	<p>Appalachia Fire Department was awarded 1 ambulance re-chassis at the 100% funding level in the amount of \$89,945.00 on April 1, 2015. The grant was awarded based on the current ambulance being taken out of service due to engine failure and metal shavings found in the oil. The agency was borrowing a loaner ambulance from another EMS agency but that unit needed to be returned to that agency. This ambulance re-chassis was awarded on an emergency basis so patient care would not be impacted and the agency could continue to respond to calls for service.</p> <p>The Regional EMS Councils pick the top 3 priorities for their regions. Mrs. Davis asked FARC if this helps when grading the grants or should we discontinue this. FARC felt that this does in fact help to know what the regional priorities are. The Regional Councils will be asked to include their top three priorities in the comments section of E-GIFT during grant review.</p> <p>Change Notice 8 will likely go into effect July 1, 2015. There is a Public Open Comment period that opened 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. Due to this new standard requirement, we can expect to see the costs of the new ambulances to increase. Mr. Trimmer gave a breakdown of the cot-retention systems that are currently available. The 2 manufacturers of the cot-retention system are Stryker and Ferno. The cot and retention system will cost anywhere from \$25,000-\$40,000 depending on which system they choose and the options that are available with the system they choose.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>Mrs. Davis will send out an email to EMS Regional Councils before the next grant cycle informing them of this change.</p> <p>FARC may need to have a brief discussion after the June awards meeting to decide if money needs to be designated to cover these cot-retention systems if they weren't included in the ambulance quote that was submitted with their grants.</p>

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V. Open Discussion	None	No further action is required
VI. Adjournment	Robert Trimmer, FARC Chairman, made a motion to adjourn.	The June 2015 Pre-Awards/Awards meeting will be on June 4-5, 2015. The next quarterly meeting will take place on August 6, 2015. The fall RSAF grant cycle opens August 1, 2015 and closes September 15, 2015.

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