

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)**

**Virginia Association of First Responders**

**2535 Turkey Creek Rd. Oilville, VA 23129**

**March 20, 2026**

**1000**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Robert Trimmer – Chair</b>		<b>Michael Berg</b>	<b>Ed Rhodes - Virtual</b>
<b>Byron Andrews –Vice Chair</b>			
<b>Mark Barenklau – Secretary</b>			
<b>Jeff Grimm</b>			
<b>Members Attending Virtually:</b>			
<b>Greg DeYoung</b>			
<b>Noah Hillstrom</b>			

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>I. Call to order/Welcome:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 1016 by Chairman Trimmer. Motion to approve DeYoung and Hillstrom attend virtually, Grimm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Barenklau, Approved	No further action is required
<b>II. Introductions:</b>	Introductions of all in attendance	No further action is required
<b>III. Approval of Minutes:</b>	Approval of Agenda and December’s minutes. Motion to approve Andrews, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Barenklau, Approved	No further action is required
<b>IV. Committee Business:</b>	<p><b>Robert Trimmer:</b> Asked Ed Rhodes to update the committee on progress of several bills because we may need to have discussions in the future about a possible increase in funding.</p> <p><b>Ed Rhodes:</b> SB675 and HB57 will not be moving any further until next year. Discussion of SB30 and how it affects RSAF and VAOEMS, it has no matching house bill as of today. This bill would increase the amount of RSAF funding for one year or possibly every other year.</p> <p><b>Michael Berg:</b> We will need new grading rules for the cycles that have increased funding. We could use the extra funding to rebuild the reserve fund for emergency grant requests. Also, funds have been found that were taken from RSAF and are to be returned. Funding the reserve fund for emergency grants was agreed to be a priority by all committee members.</p> <p><b>Robert Trimmer:</b> We will need to make sure that requests that are not graded favorable will not be funded due to extra money available. Especially if a request is graded at 5-Not Needed.</p> <p>Discussion on grading tiers 1-5 and funding level of the RSAF program by all committee members.</p>	No further action is required



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<b>VII. Public Comment:</b>	No public comments	No further action is required
<b>VIII. Date of Next Meeting:</b>	June 4, 2026, at VAFR 1000	No further action is required
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned by Robert Trimmer	No further action is required