

## **Minutes**

### **WVEMS Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Review Meeting**

**Location: WVEMS Office – Roanoke and Virtual via the VAEMS Teleconferencing System**

**Date: October 15, 2020**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

**Committee Members (Reviewers) Present:**

Mike Jefferson, WVEMS President

Jason Ferguson, WVEMS Vice President

Matt Rickman, WVEMS Secretary

Joe Coyle, WVEMS Treasurer

Val Tweedie, WVEMS At-Large Exec. Comm. Member, 4<sup>th</sup> PD

Kris Shrader, WVEMS At-Large Exec. Comm. Member, 12<sup>th</sup> PD

Carey Harveycutter, WVEMS At-Large Exec. Comm. Member, 5<sup>th</sup> PD

Jim Cady, Sr., At-Large Reviewer

Matt Tatum, At-Large Reviewer

**Staff Present:**

Rob Logan, WVEMS Executive Director

Chris Christensen, WVEMS Field Coordinator

Mike Garnett, WVEMS Field Coordinator

Gene Dalton, WVEMS Field Coordinator

**Others Present:**

Joe Trigg, Member of FARC

At this meetings, 13 applications for 25 individual requests were reviewed.

Each items was discussed. Comments and grades were determined and entered into the OEMS E-Gift Grader Portal.

Priorities were established as follows:

Our top three priorities are:

1. WV-C01/12-20 Roanoke City Fire-EMS for 9 monitor-defibrillators. Phase 2 of a two-part project. Phase one was funded. The phase-in approach was taken upon recommendation of WVEMS.
2. NR-C02/12-20 Regional EMS, Inc. for replacement truck, cot and loading system. No RSAF awards for a truck since June 2018 cycle.

3. PI-C04/12/20 Henry County DPS for three i-Simulate trainers. This agency operates a robust training center, teaching ACLS and PALS in conjunction with the local hospital in Martinsville. Well-demonstrated need. This is the FIFTH request for these devices. They are available for use in WVEMS training programs as well.

A report of these grades and comments is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

No other business was conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Grant #	Agency Name	Item Name	Funding Le	Qty.	Price	State Funds	Grade	
NR-C01/12-20	RINER VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD INC.	Zoll X Series	100 / 0	1	\$32,234.20	\$32,234.20	2 - Definite	Should be funded at 80-20. The committee does not support 100% funding for any awards unless there are dire circumstances. Scoring is based on 80% funding. The agency states that it is considering revenue recovery, but this is currently roadblocked by Montgomery County. WVEMS has repeatedly encouraged Montgomery County to allow its agencies to implement fee-for-service, which we strongly support.
NR-C02/12-20	REGIONAL EMS, INC.	Ambulance Purchase	50 / 50	1	\$233,946.00	\$116,973.00	1 - Immediate	Good request. Fair funding level. Last RSAF-funded truck was 5 cycles ago. The previous award for an ambulance for this agency was in 2013. This is a well-run career/volunteer agency. The need is justified. This request is the WVEMS region's SECOND priority for funding.
NR-C02/12-20	REGIONAL EMS, INC.	Power Cot	50 / 50	1	\$20,902.00	\$10,451.00	1 - Immediate	Contingent on funding for the new truck. See comments for NR-C02/12-20. Would be considered part of the WVEMS region's SECOND priority for funding.
NR-C02/12-20	REGIONAL EMS, INC.	Power Load System	50 / 50	1	\$24,932.00	\$12,466.00	1 - Immediate	Contingent on funding for the new truck. See comments for NR-C02/12-20. Would be considered part of the WVEMS region's SECOND priority for funding.
PI-C01/12-20	SCRUGGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Extrication Hydraulic Pump	80 / 20	1	\$7,625.40	\$6,100.32	4 - Can Be Delayed	Used wrong financial form. We did not have accurate information to assess their fiscal position. Call time information shown on the application is incorrect. The agency did not seek WVEMS assistance with this application. This committee generally views extrication as a fire function. This agency is a fire/rescue department.
PI-C01/12-20	SCRUGGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Lifepack 15 Cardiac Monitor	80 / 20	1	\$34,660.00	\$27,728.00	4 - Can Be Delayed	Used wrong financial form. We did not have accurate information to assess their fiscal position. Apparently this agency does not assess a fee-for-service. No assistance in preparing this application was requested. It is unknown as to the agency's ability to make this purchase without RSAF assistance. The agency did not seek WVEMS assistance with this application.
PI-C01/12-20	SCRUGGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Motorolla APX4000	80 / 20	5	\$16,000.00	\$12,800.00	5 - Not Needed	Used wrong financial form. We did not have accurate information to assess their fiscal position. A few years ago, Franklin County completed a major communications system upgrade. This agency has elected to add to its communications equipment on its own. It should be noted that the agency is actually located in Bedford County but operates under WVEMS by agreement. There was no quote provided from Motorola or a Motorola vendor. The agency did not seek WVEMS assistance with this application.
PI-C01/12-20	SCRUGGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Unication G% Pager	80 / 20	15	\$10,050.00	\$8,040.00	5 - Not Needed	Used wrong financial form. We did not have accurate information to assess their fiscal position. A few years ago, Franklin County completed a major communications system upgrade. This agency has elected to add to its communications equipment on its own. It should be noted that the agency is actually located in Bedford County but operates under WVEMS by agreement. There was no quote provided from Motorola or a Motorola vendor.
PI-C01/12-20	SCRUGGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Oxygen Tank Lift	80 / 20	1	\$3,918.00	\$3,134.40	4 - Can Be Delayed	Used wrong financial form. We did not have accurate information to assess their fiscal position. Membership is low. The committee views this asset as desirable, but not essential.
PI-C02/12-20	TUNSTALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	Ford F550 Type I ambulance	50 / 50	1	\$284,627.00	\$142,313.50	3 - Needed Eventually	High debt level. This agency just picked up a significant new service area (picked up from falling Mt. Cross volunteer agency). BLS agency. While the truck being replaced does seem to need significant repairs, due to low call volume it is felt that investing \$25,000 to repair the truck and make it last 2-3 more years is appropriate.
PI-C03/12-20	MOUNT HERMON VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE INC.	lifepak 1000	50 / 50	1	\$2,340.65	\$1,170.33	1 - Immediate	Needs AED for a BLS unit. This is a reasonable request and is supported for funding.
PI-C03/12-20	MOUNT HERMON VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE INC.	vetter air bag complete system	50 / 50	1	\$9,051.00	\$4,525.50	5 - Not Needed	Will use current set for training. Not considered essential. No info on condition of current set of airbags. They did not ask for Council assistance. Poor documentation.
PI-C03/12-20	MOUNT HERMON VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE INC.	lucas	50 / 50	1	\$15,986.20	\$7,993.10	5 - Not Needed	Call volume does not support need for two Lucas devices. Poorly documented. Justification says that the second device is needed to avoid the need to move the current device to the first-run truck when the monthly rotation is made. Did not ask for Council assistance in preparing this application.
PI-C04/12-20	HENRY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	Titan EKG Transmit Device	50 / 50	5	\$3,881.25	\$1,940.63	1 - Immediate	Modem to connect LP15 to transmit ECG. Will complete one per truck for the county's EMS system. These devices are widely used and effective. Well-supported. ECG transmission is supported by regional protocol and by receiving hospitals within the region.

PI-C04/12-20	HENRY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	iSimulate Devices	50 / 50	3	\$45,000.00	\$22,500.00	1 - Immediate	For breakout sessions at PALS and ACLS training. This was VERY close to being funded last cycle, and is for an active training center. Local hospital offers free seats in these classes to offset cost of materials and training equipment via in-kind contribution and also provides funds to compensate the instructors. These trainers are available to WVEMS and other agencies for outside training programs. Please note that this is the FIFTH request made to RSAF for these trainers. These items are the WVEMS region's THIRD priority for funding.
PI-C05/12-20	RIDGEWAY DISTRICT RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	2021 4x4 Ambulance	80 / 20	1	\$279,897.00	\$223,917.60	2 - Definite	This agency did seek assistance in preparation of this application. This agency misses nearly two-thirds of its call, although they are taking steps to remedy this with career staff. Call volume might not support the need three trucks, but this agency does lend vehicles to Henry County and Martinsville on request. Financial report indicates that obtaining matching could be funds difficult. However the county board of supervisors MIGHT assist with match. This is not guaranteed. Committee recommends, and grade is based on 50% funding.
PI-C05/12-20	RIDGEWAY DISTRICT RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Stryker Model 6506 Power-PRO X	80 / 20	1	\$19,817.00	\$15,853.60	2 - Definite	Contingent on ambulance funding. Committee recommends, and grade is based on 50% funding.
PI-C06/12-20	FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	Lucas 3.3	50 / 50	2	\$27,753.00	\$13,876.50	1 - Immediate	To be placed at a volunteer station. This will put one device on all trucks. There are 10 stations. These are for outlying stations and considered essential.. Will also allow on-duty captain to have a Lucas device in his QRV. This is a mostly-rural county and the county DPS supports all of the career and volunteer agencies in Franklin County.
PI-C06/12-20	FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	Titan III WiFi Gateway	50 / 50	10	\$7,762.00	\$3,881.00	1 - Immediate	One per first-run truck in each station. To allow ECG transmission. In use in many parts of the WVEMS region. ECG transmission is supported by regional protocol and by receiving hospitals within the region.
PI-C07/12-20	DANVILLE LIFE SAVING & FIRST AID CREW INC	100 Kilowatt Generator	50 / 50	1	\$39,525.00	\$19,762.50	5 - Not Needed	The agency showed a \$222,109 profit from operations. This might be an ineligible capital building expenditure. Eligibility for funding should be confirmed. This is replacing an existing generator for which condition is known. This is a larger (100kw) natural gas-powered generator replacing a smaller (80kw) diesel generator.
PI-C07/12-20	DANVILLE LIFE SAVING & FIRST AID CREW INC	Install Generator	50 / 50	1	\$13,575.00	\$6,787.50	5 - Not Needed	Same comments as above. Installation should've been included in the generator quote.
PI-C08/12-20	BLAIRS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE INC	Ford F550 Braun ambulance	50 / 50	1	\$291,761.00	\$145,880.50	4 - Can Be Delayed	Did not seek assistance. Excessive debt for fire equipment. Truck being replaced shows only 80k miles. This agency did pick up additional service area, and half of its call volume comes from outside the primary area. However call volume does not justify need for three trucks. There is a conflict between the grant application and the county letter of support as to which truck will be replaced. There is good career staff coverage available. Did not provide maintenance history to confirm "constant repair."
WV-C01/12-20	ROANOKE FIRE - EMS DEPARTMENT	Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator	50 / 50	9	\$363,235.68	\$181,617.84	1 - Immediate	The WVEMS Council's committee recommended that the last request be reduced from 18 to 9, and phase in the remaining 9 this cycle. So this is phase TWO of a TWO-PART project. With funding, this project will be complete. We applaud agencies that heed the committee's and staff's advice, particularly to reduce a major project such as this to a phased-in project. This is the WVEMS region's FIRST priority for funding.
WV-C02/12-20	SHARON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.	LifePak15 12 Lead Heart Monito	80 / 20	1	\$31,071.00	\$24,856.80	1 - Immediate	This is an ALS non-transport agency that backs up at least two transport agencies. This is a good, justified request. This agency has always been a model for cooperation and consistent good service in its coverage area. It is well-supported by Allegheny County and has a demonstrated need for this monitor-defibrillator..
WV-C03/12-20	ROANOKE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE	Ford F450 4x4	50 / 50	1	\$257,000.00	\$128,500.00	1 - Immediate	This will replace Medic 102 with approx. 116k miles. This is a good, well-run career department. The last truck funded was four cycles ago, and prior to that, 2013. This agency participates in all WVEMS activities, and need for the requested truck is justified.