

Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
October 20, 2022
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES – Grant Recommendations

Call to Order

Alison Zerbe, Staff, called regular meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements:

- At this meeting approve or deny grant ranking recommendations.
- Minutes from October 6, 2022 – Grant Ranking Meeting were sent out. (No MOTION needed at this time).

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

N/A

Recently Approved Appointments/Reappointments by Commission on October 11, 2022:

Dr. James Roach, Appointed, Transport: Aircraft

Chief Harris Bouchillon, Appointed, Transport: County Fire

Alexander Fernandez, Appointed, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc.

Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): County Provider

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Private Provider

American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

Appointee of Commissioner Tim Ryan

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Hospitals: Broward Health Administration

Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative

Contact/email Alison Zerbe with nominees or recommendations for the vacant positions. They have to be a Broward County resident.

She also need a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Please see Alison.

Grant Ranking Committee – Alison Zerbe reported:

OLD Grant Business – Alison Zerbe reported

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Due to COVID the 2020 and 2021 projects were delayed. The State allowed them to move the funds over to 2022.

2020 First There First Care EMS Conference, Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County, was paid in full.

2020 Prehospital Training and Education, Hollywood Memorial, paid in full.

2020 iSTOP for Improving Survival with Targeted Community Outreach and Pre-Hospital Care, Broward Health. They have about \$3,800 available. Try to reconcile that by September.

2021 First There First Care EMS Conference, Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County, was paid in full.

2021 Pre-Hospital Training and Education, Hollywood Memorial – has about \$15,000 remaining. Probably reconciled by December.

2021 Prehospital Ventilator-improving survivability, City of Tamarac-Fire Rescue, was paid in full.

2021 Ballistic Protective Equipment, City of Pompano, was paid in full.

2022 First There First Care EMS Conference was paid in full.

2022 Automated Compression Device and Handtevy Kits, City of Coral Springs Parkland, is processing .

2022 Prehospital Ventilators, City of Coconut Creek, Alison is working with Coconut Creek to reconcile for 2022.

If they have any unexpended funds, Alison will have to go to State to move funds to 2023. They have until December to spend the funds.

NEW Grant Business – Alison Zerbe

The DOH has allocated \$87,160.00 to Broward County for EMS Grants.

Grant# 23-02– 26th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference (Fire Chief's Association of Broward County) – Requested \$65,000.00 – Received **64.0 points** – **Recommended \$59,500.00**

The project manager is willing to take partial funding if the ranking committee recommends that. In the past, FTFC was partially funded. This grant is specific to scholarships provided to EMS providers in Broward County.

Grant# 23-01 –Continuing Education for Prehospital Providers (City of Hollywood – Fire Rescue) – Requested \$36,951.00 – Received **47.0 points** – **Recommended \$26,863.00**

This project is to provide continuing education with a trauma man which is a half body mannikin that they use in PTLs and ATLS. The mannikin has lungs and inflates so when you do needle decompression they have air that escapes. They feel the ribs bleed, move, and is much more realistic.

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They train prehospital providers which includes surgical airway, needle decompression and finger thoracotomy, hemorrhage control, double tourniquet, wound packing, and direct pressure

Hollywood Fire Rescue keeps equipment at their facility, but they will bring people, equipment, and supplies to any agencies in the county for training.

Grant# 23-03 – Pediatric Transport Harness (City of Hollywood – Fire Rescue) – Requested \$7,970.00 - Received **42.0 points** – Recommended **\$797.00**

This project is a pilot program and \$797.00 will pay for one pediatric transport harness.

All three project manager said that they would take partial funding if that's what it came down to.

MOTION to Approve the Grant Ranking Committee's recommendations for the FY2023 EMS Grant funds.

Motion made by Chief Matthew Whitton

Seconded by Chief Julie Downey

Motion passed unanimously

What happens next is they bring this recommendation from the EMS Council to the Broward County Commissioners and ask them to approved the fund recommendations. Once they approve it, Alison can submit the application to the Florida Department of Health before December 16. By end of the year, The Florida Department of Health lets Broward County know if they received the money. Once they are awarded funds from DOH, Alison contracts between the agencies and Broward County.

When contracts are executed the project managers send Alison invoices for reimbursement.

Dr. Roach mentioned that because First There First Care is always growing if it's possible to tap into other sources of funds. That would leave more money for other projects.

Alison said Zerbe that there was other avenue of money they could tap into, i.e., sponsors for the conference. As far as State grants she doesn't think there is anything else. May have specialty grants they could look into.

Candace Pineda said the grant money to FTFC is for Broward agencies to send their staff to the conference and not to support the running of the conference.

Dr. Wayne Lee asked how you address recurrent money to FTFC when the money is for new. Alison said that for this specific grant there is not language that addresses that. She indicated one individual in Broward County could allocate where the funds go, but she likes to make it a group effort, since EMS Council is stakeholders.

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Countywide projects receive more points and it's up to the Grant Ranking Committee if they want to give single-agencies the money.

Dr. Wayne Lee asked if she anticipated any difficulty with the rules going forward because they are pretty much addicted to the money for FTFC. Now Alison doesn't anticipate an issue. Alison said anyone from the EMS Council can be on the Grant Ranking Committee.

The State matching funds the amount usually a lot bigger. She will send them a link. They have until February.

Good of the Order

Next Meeting Dates

December 1, 2022

March 2, 2023

June 1, 2023

September 7, 2023

December 7, 2023

Adjourned

1:52 p.m.