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Broward Regional EMS Council
FY 2021 Grant Ranking Meeting
October 7, 2020
1:30 p.m.
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Call to Order

Dr Antonio Gandia, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Self-Introductions

Due to COVID-19 this was a Skype meeting. Those in attendance were:

Chief Bruce Caruso, Dr. Frederick Keroff, Dr. John Halpern, and Dr. Antonio Gandia from EMS Ranking Committee

Chief Chris Del Campo and Rachele Solomon, for Hollywood Fire Rescue (Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education)

Chief Frank Galgano, Pompano Beach Fire Rescue (Ballistic Protective Equipment)

Chief Rodney Turpel, Fire Chiefs' Association (24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference)

Chief Jonathan Frasher, Tamarac Fire Rescue (Pre-Hospital Ventilator – Improving Survivability-Tamarac)

Candace Pineda, Memorial Health System

Alison Zerbe, Stephen Samuel, and Michele Bachmann, Staff

Public Comments

No comments.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts.

Announcements

Alison Zerbe reported that the County Government EMS Grant fund was primarily funded through traffic citations. The County has to apply for these funds by December 16, 2020. Recommendations will go to EMS Council for approval and then to County Commission for final decision.

Approval of Minutes from

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes made by Dr. Frederick Keroff and **SECONDED** by Dr. John Halpern.

MOTION Passed Unanimously.

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New Business

1. Alison Zerbe reported that *last year's FY2020 Projects were delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic:*

20-02 - 24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference is postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. A. Zerbe has already received approval to move FY2020 funds of \$56,412.00 and rolled over to be added to FY2021 funds.

20-07 - Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education was allocated and funded \$40,000.00 for FY2020. They had a slight delay due to COVID-19 but currently expect to move forward to have the project funded before the expiration date, December 18, 2020. When updated they will present the project results to the EMS Council.

20-06 - iSTOP: Improving Survival with Targeted Community Outreach and Pre-Hospital Care at \$20,000.00. iSTOP, like Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education, have the ambition to, at least, purchase items and equipment. Both have not started their projects yet but plan to use funds from FY2020 before December 18, 2020.

A. Zerbe said that if all goes as planned all funds for FY2020 will be expended.

2. There is another unexpended fund document from the past. Currently, they have \$8,426.10 that was not expended in the prior year. This committee has to decide where and how they would like to use the funds. A. Zerbe then has to request that this money is rolled over to FY2021 budget. It would mean \$8,426.10 would be added to FY2021's allocation of \$94,010.00.

Chief B. Caruso wanted to know if they needed a motion to move funds to FY2021. A. Zerbe indicated that they would need a motion where they would allocate the funds. This would be contingent on the Board of County Commissioner's approval.

3. The total funding requested for this year FY2021 Projects was \$175,680.00. We received \$94,010.00, and that would leave \$81,670.00 unfunded. All projects said that they would take partial funding. The following four FY2021 projects were submitted:

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Grant# 21-01 – 24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference (Fire Chief’s Association of Broward County) – Requested \$35,000.00 – Received **77.50 points**

The FY2021 funds allocated will be added to the FY2020 funds of \$56,412.00. When asked Chief R. Turpel said that they would like to have at least a total of \$75,000.00 from both years.

Dr. Keroff was interested in the \$20,000.00 budgeted for scholarships. Chief R. Turpel said that this was basically the entrance fee for Broward County EMS departments and nursing to come to the conference. Chief R. Turpel actually wanted to use this year’s \$35,000.00 requested for scholarships. The EMS grant would go towards training and scholarships.

This project was recommended for **\$25,000.00**.

MOTION to fund the 24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference for \$25,000.00.

Motion made by: Dr. F. Keroff

Seconded: Chief B. Caruso

MOTION Passed: Unanimously

Grant# 21-02 – Broward Pre-hospital Training and Education (Hollywood Fire Rescue) – Requested \$70,000.00 – Received **71.50 points**

Chief Chris Del Campo, project manager, reported that this training is a difficult airway innovation course to give proper universal training to pre-hospital personnel/fire rescue agencies in the field. This is a joint effort with Memorial Hospital; Memorial will participate in education/instruction and class schedules. Right now, due to COVID-19 the training will be at Memorial with off-duty nurses and doctors performing the training. Ideally they would like to have other training sites available. Memorial will not be paid to use its location.

The cost is \$211 per person for instructors and educational materials for each person. It is the same amount per person as last year; Chief C. Del Campo will get costs broken down. Hollywood Fire Rescue is willing to take partial funding.

This is a countywide grant. The Hollywood Fire Rescue would take ownership of the equipment and it could be checked out to all the other fire rescue agencies. This project will also be at the 24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference.

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This project was recommended for **\$35,000.00**

MOTION to fund the Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education for \$35,000.00.

Motion made by: Dr. F. Keroff

Seconded: Chief B. Caruso

MOTION Passed: Unanimously

Grant# 21-04 – Ballistic Protective Equipment (Pompano Beach Fire Rescue) –
Requested \$52,680.00 – Received **63.50 points**

Chief F. Galgano reported that this is a mutual aid grant request for ballistic protective equipment. It matches all the gear that incoming units use for an MCI active killer, and any domestic violence that is happening in their zone. Chief F. Galgano said that the project probably rated lower because he did not receive all the signed letters, by the deadline, from agencies that wanted to participate. He now has all 12 signed letters from agencies that want to participate in the grant.

They have a lot of domestic cases, and it is difficult to determine when they would have MCIs, but active shooter events are real and when they happen they are a huge event and extremely significant such as the Parkland shooting. They have more domestic and stand-by shooting cases and other violent crimes that would require this protective gear for incoming units.

The goal is for the battalion chiefs to have equipment on their vehicles right now and for rescue units, incoming units, and mutual aid, to have the helmets and gear when incoming units come into their city for any domestic, active shooter or violent event. Pompano Beach does not have enough equipment and gear right now to help themselves let alone other units that come into their city for these events. They need this grant to help fund that; they are asking for \$52,680.00.

They only have six set of PPE right now in their busy system. They would like to start out with gear for rescue units and then eventually outfit the engines. Without this grant they would have no active shooter equipment.

Dr. John Halpern indicated that these sets expire in three years and asked if there was any plans for the municipalities to replace these sets as time goes by? They plan to purchase these sets in January 2021, and it would expire three years from that date. They would purchase the most current vests and equipment. They have plans to replace the six sets that will expire in a year. Replacement plans for the grant

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equipment is in the works and that has already been approved by city government. He just needs a funding mechanism to make it all work.

Pompano, Fort Lauderdale, and Lauderhill are three of the biggest “hot spot” areas. Pompano is a very active city department. In the Parkland event their rescue unit transported the active killer without having gear. They put this into a budget for city council and this was one thing that did not get approved. They would be willing to take full or partial grant funding.

Cost per unit, both ballistic vest and helmet, would outfit 21 people at \$54,000. They are running three person units. They were trying to outfit seven units. The city council has proposed a matching grant, at this time, up to the \$54,000, that they have proposed in this grant. This is a start; they have not applied for the EMS matching grant.

They had a training event last year. They were supposed to have training on equipment this year. Because of COVID-19 they could not. If it goes as planned they will have training in 2021. The training is how to utilize the gear. Pompano Beach will be outfitted with the gear so they can provide mutual aid to other cities and locations.

This project was recommended for **\$26,000.00**. If there are unexpended fund of \$8,426.10 those would also go towards this project, which would total \$34,426.10.

MOTION to fund the Ballistic Protective Equipment for \$34,426.10 (\$26,000.00 from FY2021 and \$8,426.10 from unexpended funds from prior years)

Motion made by: Dr. F. Keroff

Seconded: Chief B. Caruso

MOTION Passed: Unanimously

[Grant 21-03 – Pre-hospital Ventilator – Improving Survivability \(Tamarac Fire Rescue\) – Requested \\$18,000.00 – Received 49.50 points](#)

Chief J. Frasher reported that throughout the county their group in northwest was selected as a Beta Test unit for the closest unit of response which included Tamarac, Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, and Oakland Park. As a result of that they put in a couple apparatus that are either in-service or going to be in-service within the next few months.

They tried to standardized some of the ventilator equipment that they had so they could respond to other agencies and improve some outcomes on some of the cardiac arrests. Some of the other close-unit agencies are also using ventilatory. Tamarac has a larger

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than normal older community and if they respond with the best equipment, they can deliver the best outcomes. It is single-city grant, but they are involved in the beta test which is going to go countywide eventually.

The price of ventilator is \$1995.95. Tamarac has a minimum five ALS transport units. They will accept any partial funding because this is needed equipment and they will have to purchase it anyway. They are trying to get additional funding because funds are not what they used to be since COVID-19.

This project was recommended for **\$8,010.00**.

MOTION to fund Pre-Hospital Ventilator-Improving Survivability Tamarac for \$8,010.00.

Motion made by: Dr. F. Keroff

Seconded: Chief B. Caruso

MOTION Passed: Unanimously

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2021 for FY2022 Grant Process - TBD

[Adjourned](#)

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