

Issue Analysis Form



Date: July 14, 2020
Item: Appropriation – Four for Life Funds
Lead Department(s): County Finance / Fire & EMS
Contact Person(s): Betsy Drewry

Description and Current Status

Prince George County has received **Four for Life funds** in the amount of **\$36,869.04** that have not yet been appropriated to the FY2020 budget (received June 26, 2020). Four for Life funds are derived from an additional \$4.25 vehicle registration fee per year that is collected by DMV for each automobile and pick-up or panel truck. These collections are set aside as a special fund to be used for EMS purposes. This allocation represents 26% of collections that are returned to Prince George County based on the vehicles registered in Prince George County. Excerpts from a 2009 Virginia Department of Health presentation are attached to provide additional information on this funding source, allocation and the intended/approved use of funds.

Appropriation Increase Entry is:

Revenues: 0100-20-601-8203-326014 Four for Life funds - \$36,869.04

Expenditures: 0100-03-200-0614-45642 Four for Life Expenditures - \$36,869.04

FY20 memo from the Virginia Department of Health is provided as **Attachment A**.

Government Path

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| Does this require IDA action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require BZA action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does This require Planning Commission Action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require Board of Supervisors action? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require a public hearing? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, before what date? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Fiscal Impact Statement

Increases in appropriation of Fire & EMS Four for Life Revenues and expenditures for FY2019-20. There is no local budget impact (no local match).

Total Increase in FY2019-20 Appropriation = \$36,869.04

County Impact

There is no increased local funding required for this request.

Notes

§ 46.2-694 Code of Virginia

Para. 13 – EMS Funding

Commonly referred to as “Four for Life” Funding

- An additional \$4.25 per vehicle registration per year shall be charged and collected by DMV for each automobile and pick-up or panel truck**
- Collections will be set aside as a special fund to be used for EMS purposes**

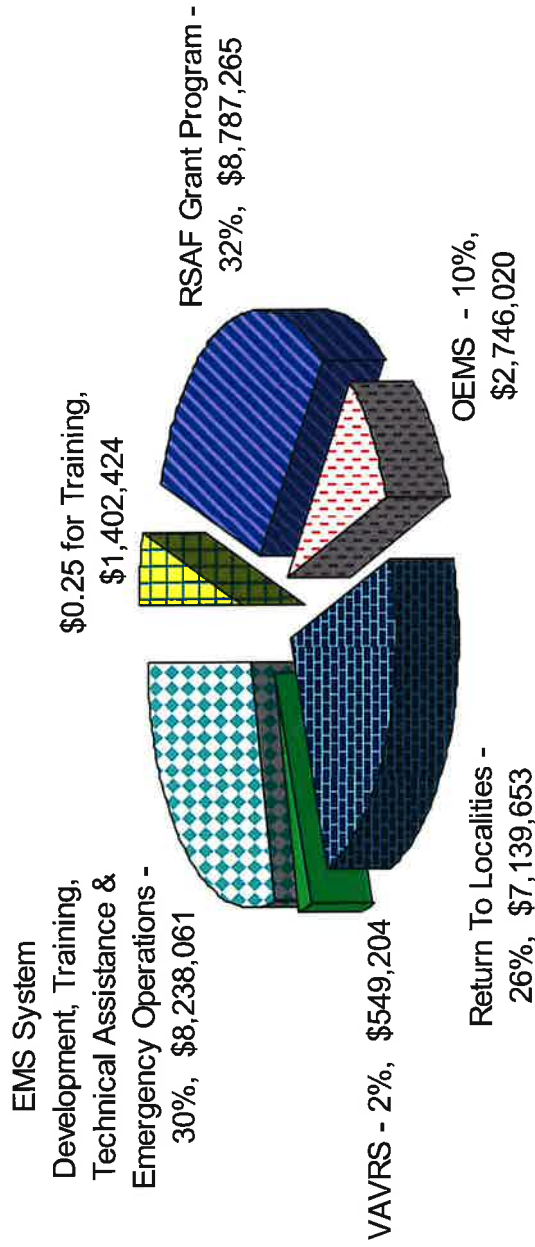
Distribution

- **Distribution of these funds shall be:**
 - \$0.25 shall be deposited into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund and used as a recruitment and retention incentive for the costs associated with certification and recertification training of EMS personnel
 - \$4.00 portion is distributed as follows:
 - 2% - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
 - 30% - State Department of Health to support
 - Basic Life Support Training
 - Advanced Life Support Training
 - Recruitment and Retention programs
 - Emergency medical services system development, initiatives, and priorities
 - technology and radio communication enhancements
 - 32% - Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (Grant Programs)
 - 10% - State Department of Health for OEMS operations
 - 26% - Return to Locality in which vehicle was registered

Four for Life Funds - FY2009 Actual Collections and Distribution

\$28,862,628

Code of Virginia § 46.2-694



- \$0.25 for Training
- RSF Grant Program - 32%
- OEMS - 10%
- Return To Localities - 26%
- VAVRS - 2%
- EMS System Development, Training, Technical Assistance & Emergency Operations - 30%

Return to Localities 26%

§ 46.2-694 Code of Virginia

- Shall be returned to the locality in which vehicle is registered
- Funds to be used by licensed, nonprofit or governmental EMS agencies for:
 - Training of Volunteer or Salaried EMS personnel
 - Purchase of Necessary Equipment & Supplies
- Funds shall NOT be used to supplant local funds
- Local governing body shall report on the use of these funds. If a report is NOT submitted funds for the next FY will be withheld until such report is received.

Return to Localities 26%

Listing of Potential Uses

- **Training Related Expenses to include:**
 - textbooks, workbooks
 - supplies used in training
 - training equipment (manikins, films, videos, etc)
 - expenses related to certification programs
 - expenses associated with specialty training programs
 - regional training programs
- **Equipment & Supplies to:**
 - gain access to patients
 - assess patient's medical condition
 - provide immediate medical care
 - transport patient to medical facility
 - communicate with dispatcher/medical facility

Return to Localities 26%

Items that do NOT conform with the intent

- **Furnishings or appliances for squad buildings**
- **Vehicle/building maintenance items**
- **Capital improvements**
- **Special use equipment for fire suppression**
- **Fund raising or public relations**
- **Office management**
- **Law enforcement**



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Health

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March 01, 2020

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY
6602 Courts Dr Prince George VA 23875-2503

Dear City/County Administrator:

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED
Please return this report within 30 days

Your locality will be receiving the Fiscal Year 2020 "Four-For-Life" payment for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the amount of \$36,869.04 . These funds are for the collection period August 01, 2019 through July 31, 2020.

Guidelines for the use of these funds are attached and are available on our website: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/return-to-locality/> . Prior to distribution of these funds to the local government, this office must receive your Report of Expenditures on last year's distribution. The total amount that must be reported for last year's distribution is annotated on the enclosed report.

The Four-For-Life program, as amended in 2000, stipulates that four additional dollars be charged and collected at the time of registration of each passenger vehicle, pickup or panel truck. The funds collected, pursuant to Section 46.2-694, Code of Virginia, shall be used only for emergency medical services. The law further states that the Department of Health shall return twenty-six percent (26%) of the registration fees collected to the locality wherein such vehicle is registered to provide funding for:

1. Training of volunteer or salaried emergency medical service personnel of licensed, non-profit emergency medical service agencies; or
2. The purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for licensed, non-profit emergency medical service agencies.

It is important to recognize two clauses in the Four-For-Life legislation: (1) non-supplanting funds and (2) failure to report the use of funds by any local governing body will result in funds being retained. The Assistant Attorney General, at our request has offered the following interpretation for use of the funds. "Any funds received from Section 46.2-694 by a non-state agency cannot be used to match any other funds derived from Section 46.2-694 by that same non-state agency" Simply put, funds returned to localities cannot be used as the matching share of any grants offered using Four-For-Life funds.

*"Each local governing body shall report to the Board of Health on the use of **Four-For-Life** funds, which were returned to it. In any case in which the local governing body grants the funds to a regional emergency medical council to be distributed to licensed, non-profit emergency medical and rescue services, the local governing body shall remain responsible for the proper use of the funds. If, at the end of any fiscal year, a report on the use of **Four-For-Life** funds for that year has not been received from a local governing body, any funds due to that local governing body for the next fiscal year shall be retained until such time as the report has been submitted to the board."*

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Emergency Medical Services at 804-888-9100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam L. Harrell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam L. Harrell MBA, NRP

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 14th day of July, 2020:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Donald R. Hunter, Chairman	
Alan R. Carmichael, Vice-Chairman	
Floyd M. Brown, Jr.	
Marlene J. Waymack	
T. J. Webb	

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On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried unanimously, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION; APPROPRIATION FOUR FOR LIFE FUNDS \$36,869.04

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 14th day of July, 2020, does hereby authorize and appropriate the following increase of funds within the 2019-2020 Budget, such line items increased as follows, which monies shall be expended for purposes authorized and approved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George:

<u>FUND/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Fund	
Expenditures:	
0100-03-200-0614-45642	\$36,869.04
Fire/EMS Four for Life Expenditures	
Revenues:	
0100-20-601-8203-326014	\$36,869.04
Four for Life Funds	

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Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator