

INTRODUCED: February 10, 2020

AN ORDINANCE No. 2020-038

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$15,720.80 from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Four for Life Program Special Fund by \$15,720.80 for the purpose of supporting West End Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 24 2020 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds for the City of Richmond in the amount of \$15,720.80 from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services for the purpose of supporting West End Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2019-042, adopted May 13, 2019, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds

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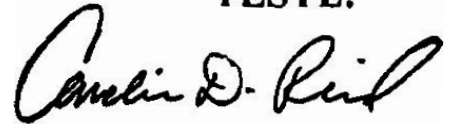
ADOPTED: FEB 24 2020 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$15,720.80 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Four for Life Program Special Fund by \$15,720.80 for the purpose of supporting West End Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amelia D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST
2020-005
JAN 17 2020
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 9, 2020

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

Handwritten initials and date 2/4/2020

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

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THROUGH: John Wack, Director of Finance

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FROM: Chief Melvin Carter, Fire Chief

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

RE: Acceptance of Grant Funding

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Acting Chief Administrative Officer to accept an additional amount of \$15,720.80 from the Virginia Department of Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services and appropriate \$15,720.80 to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services FY2020 Special Fund Budget.

REASON: The Virginia Department of Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services has awarded a grant to the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services through its Four-for-Life program that exceeds the amount appropriated for the Four-for-Life program as part of the Ordinance adopting the FY 2020 Special Budget, Ordinance Number 2019-042 by an additional \$15,720.80.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends adoption of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND: The City receives Four-for-Life funding from the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Emergency Medical Services for emergency medical response activities annually. As a part of the FY 2020 Special Fund Budget Ordinance adopting the Special Fund Budget, the Four-for-Life program was appropriated \$165,000. However, the actual amount of the Four-for-Life award was \$180,720.80 which exceeded the already appropriated amount by \$15,720.80. As a result, authorization to accept and appropriate the additional \$15,720.80 over the already appropriated amount is required.

This grant initiative was awarded with the full support of the Virginia Department of Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services for emergency medical services.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The additional amount award is \$15,720.80 with no matching funds requirement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Acceptance of this award will allow the City of Richmond's Department of Fire and Emergency Services to further its goal of supporting local emergency services activities.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes to amend Special Fund Ordinance #2019-042

REVENUE TO CITY: The City of Richmond will receive an additional amount of \$15,720.80 in grant funding from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to be appropriated to the FY2020 Special Fund Budget.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: January 27, 2020

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 10, 2020

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Public Safety

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: The Department of Finance, the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning and the City of Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Adopted Special Fund Ordinance #2019-042

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Award Letter

STAFF: Fire Chief Melvin Carter, 804-646-5451



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA
State Health Commissioner

Department of Health
P O BOX 2448
RICHMOND, VA 23218

TTY 7-1-1 OR
1-800-828-1120

May 25, 2019

CITY OF RICHMOND
900 E BROAD ST SUITE 107 RICHMOND VA 23219

Dear City/County Administrator;

Immediate Attention Required
Please return this report within 30 days

Your locality will be receiving the Fiscal Year 2019 "Four-For-Life" Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the amount of \$180720.8. These funds are for the collection period March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

Guidelines for the use of these funds are attached and are available on our website: <updated four for life website> . Prior to distribution of these funds to 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.

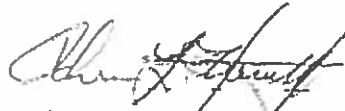
It is important to recognize two clauses in the Four-For-Life legislation: (1) non-supplanting funds and (2) failure to report the use of funds by any local governing body will result in funds being retained. The Assistant Attorney General, at our request has offered the following interpretation for 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 business office at (804) 888-9100.

Sincerely,



Adam L. Harrell, MBA, NRP
Business Manager

Encl.:
Guidelines for Expenditures of EMS Funds
Four-For-Life Report of Expenditures Form

NOTE:

The Office of EMS is offering two online options in addition to the traditional method via mail for submission of the Report of Expenditures:

1. Completed Report of Expenditures can be submitted via:
2. There is an online form for electronic submission, that can be found at:
3. The form can be completed and mailed via the options outlined above.