

INTRODUCED: December 14, 2020

AN ORDINANCE No. 2020-252

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,256.60 from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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 \$2,256.60 for the purpose of supporting emergency medical services.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 11 2021 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 \$2,256.60 from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, for the purpose of supporting emergency medical services.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$2,256.60 and increasing the amount

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

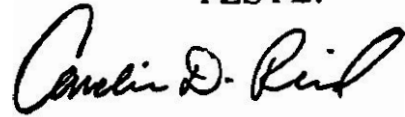
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appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Four for Life Program Special Fund by \$2,256.60 for the purpose of supporting emergency medical services.

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

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

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City Clerk

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By Barbara Fore at 3:22 pm, Nov 20, 2020

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By Barbara Fore at 8:20 am, Dec 07, 2020



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

2020-184

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Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: September 25, 2020

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor [Signature]

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer [Signature]

THROUGH: John Wack, Director of Finance [Signature]

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning [Signature]

FROM: Chief Melvin Carter, Fire Chief [Signature]

RE: Acceptance of Grant Funding

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Acting Chief Administrative Officer to accept an additional amount of \$2,256.60 from the Virginia Department of Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services and appropriate \$2,256.60 to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services FY2021 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.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends adoption of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND: 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 total amount of this award is \$182,977.60 with no matching funds requirement. Funding for this award has already been accepted by the FY 2021 Special Fund Budget up to \$180,721. The additional amount of \$2,256.60 must be adopted via the O&R process.

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 #2020-50

REVENUE TO CITY: The City of Richmond will receive an additional amount of \$2,256.60 in grant funding from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to be appropriated to the FY2021 Special Fund Budget.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: December 14, 2020

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 11, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Public Safety

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

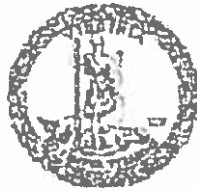
AFFECTED AGENCIES: The Department of Finance, the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning and the City of Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Adopted Special Fund Ordinance #2020-50

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Award Letter and FY 2021 Special Fund Ordinance

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



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Glen Allen, VA 23059-4500

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March 01, 2020

CITY OF RICHMOND
808 West Main Street Richmond VA 23220

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 \$182,977.60. These funds are for the collection period December 01, 2019 through November 30, 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:

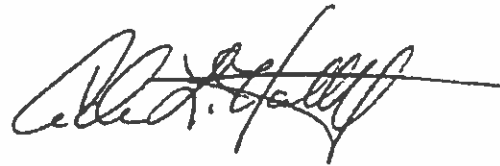
1. Training of volunteer or salaried emergency medical service personnel of licensed, non-profit emergency medical service agencies; or
2. The purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for licensed, non-profit emergency medical service agencies.

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,



Adam L. Harrell MBA, NRP