

PS COMMITTEE #3  
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**Update**

**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Essie McGuire, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Update – Quarterly Report on Senator Amoss Grant Funding**

Today the Public Safety Committee will receive an update on the status of spending Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Funds. The following individuals are expected to attend:

- Fire Chief Richard Bowers
- Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS)
- Marcine Goodloe, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA)
- Eric Bernard, Executive Director, MCVFRA

**Background:** In July 2011, the Council approved a supplemental appropriation of FY10 Amoss Funds to the FY12 MCFRS operating budget. In April 2012, the Council approved a supplemental appropriation of FY11 Amoss Funds to the FY12 MCFRS operating budget. In its review of the appropriation requests, the Committee has reviewed the backlog of unexpended and unencumbered funds, and requested quarterly reports on the status of Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRD) spending of the grant funds.

**Quarterly Report:** The spending report attached (circles 1-4) reflects activity through FY12, as of June 30, 2012. Council staff notes the following:

- **Nearly all of the outstanding funds for State grant years 2009 and before are encumbered**, approximately \$310,000. Clearing these older funds is an important accomplishment, and Council staff acknowledges the concerted efforts of the LFRDs, the MCVFRA, and MCFRS staff to focus on working through this backlog.

- This leaves outstanding Amoss funds for FY10 and FY11, both of which were appropriated during FY12. Together, the total appropriation amount for these two fiscal years was \$2.6 million. At this point, approximately \$1.57 million remains unspent.
- Of the \$1.57 million unspent for FY10-11, \$1.06 million is unencumbered. The report notes on circles 2-3 where unencumbered funds are being saved for a multi-year project or have a similar extension.
- In the fourth quarter of FY12, LFRDs spent a total of \$492,000. Most of this (\$392,000) was in FY10-11 funds.

**It is very encouraging that the funds through 2009 have been processed and are on their way to being spent. Council staff notes that it will be important to maintain the focus and momentum on moving forward with Amoss fund projects to avoid developing a significant backlog in the future.**

**Reversion provision:** The appropriation resolution for both the FY10 and FY11 Amoss funds contains a provision that unencumbered funds revert to the Fire Chief by a certain date. The Committee's intent in approving this provision was to establish a checkpoint to ensure projects would be completed in an efficient timeframe. The reversion date for the FY10 funds was August 2, 2012.

Council staff understands that the Fire Chief and the MCVFRA have worked closely with the small number of LFRDs with significant unencumbered FY10 funds as of August 2, and that nearly all of these issues have been resolved. The Committee may want to hear more from Chief Bowers and MCVFRA President Goodloe on this process and the steps they took to clarify the project scopes and timelines moving forward.

Council staff understands that there is one outstanding LFRD spending issue that remains unresolved. While the Fire Chief continues to work with this LFRD to address the project issues in the necessary timeframe, if the issue cannot be resolved the reversion provision may need to be implemented for these FY10 funds.

**FY12 Amoss Funds:** The FY12 Amoss allocation for Montgomery County from the State is approximately \$1.3 million. The Fire Chief and the MCVFRA are in the beginning stages of developing the allocation recommendations for the FY12 funding. Council staff understands that the top funding priorities continue to be Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear for volunteers and facility maintenance. **The Fire Chief and the MCVFRA President will give the Committee an update on this year's process and timeline at the worksession.**

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 6/30/12  
For State Grant Years 2009 and Prior**

<b>LFRD</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>
Bethesda FD	22,603.33	Reinforce attic floor -- station 20	2009	X
	<b>22,603.33</b>			
Cabin John Park VFD	482.20	River rescue dive equipment	2009	X
	1,813.05	Watch office renovation	2009	X
	<b>2,295.25</b>			
Damascus VFD	94,955.49	Brush Truck and Equipment to outfit it (recently reallocated)	2007-09	X
	<b>94,955.49</b>			
Gaithersburg/WG FD	24,000.00	Kitchen Remodeling - Sta. 8	2009	X
	<b>24,000.00</b>			
Glen Echo VFD	328.92	Replace Station 11's front storm door, thermostats, and perform minor electrical upgrades; rehabilitate All Terrain Rescue Vehicle and its trailer	2009	X
	<b>328.92</b>			
Hyattstown VFD	283.20	Building Renovation/Repairs	2009	
	<b>283.20</b>			
Rockville VFD	4.76	Station 3 repairs	2009	
	<b>4.76</b>			
Sandy Spring VFD	48,358.50	Station 40 renovation	2006/8	X
	<b>48,358.50</b>			
Upper Montgomery	67,712.01	Engine bay and kitchen renovation	2009	X
	<b>67,712.01</b>			
Wheaton Vol. RS	49,489.39	Ambulance	2009	X
	<b>49,489.39</b>			

<b>Total Encumbered</b>	<b>309,742.89</b>
<b>Total Unencumbered</b>	<b>287.96</b>
<b>Total Unspent</b>	<b><u>310,030.85</u></b>

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 6/30/12  
For State Grant Years 2010-11**

<b>LFRD</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>
Bethesda FD	70,000.00	Station 20 Bunkroom Renovations	2011	
	<b>70,000.00</b>			
Bethesda-CC RS	75,000.00	Replacement Ambulance	2011	
	<b>75,000.00</b>			
Cabin John VFD	50,000.00	Funding for Existing Ambulance	2011	
	20,000.00	River Rescue & PPE	2011	
	<b>70,000.00</b>			
Chevy Chase FD	37,750.00	Security System Including Cameras - Station 7*	2010	
	39,850.00	Station 7 - Renovations	2011	
	<b>77,600.00</b>			
Damascus VFD	55,000.00	Repair of Exterior Masonry Station 13	2010	
	250.00	PPE Running Gear	2010	
	<b>55,250.00</b>			
Gaithersburg/WG FD	69,750.00	Kitchen Renovation Station 8	2010	X
	36,423.35	Lifepak 15 Monitor	2011	
	24,000.00	PPE Running Gear	2011	
	<b>130,173.35</b>			
Germantown VFD	1,306.42	AED Replacements	2010	
	40.24	Loan Payment for Crimson Fire Engine	2011	
	35,000.00	Replacement Utility Vehicle	2011	
	11,976.16	PPE Gear	2011	
	<b>48,322.82</b>			
Glen Echo VFD	2,926.21	PPE Running Gear	2010	
	45,000.00	Replacement Vehicle - Sports Utility Vehicle	2010	
	48,500.00	Facilities Renovations/Repairs	2011	
	20,000.00	PPE Running Gear	2011	
	1,500.00	Snowplow for John Deere Gator	2011	
	<b>117,926.21</b>			
Hillandale VFD	47,750.00	Station 24 Female Locker Room Renovation	2010	
	25,000.00	Station 24 SCBA Fill Station - Partial Funding	2010	
	36,423.00	Lifepak 15 monitor	2011	
	30,000.00	Station 24 SCBA Fill Station - Partial Funding	2011	
	<b>139,173.00</b>			
Hyattstown VFD	40,533.20	Building Renovation/Repairs Station 9	2010	
	4,051.64	Upgrade 2006 Spartan Rescue Engine	2010	
	35,000.00	Building Renovation/Repairs Station 9	2011	
	<b>79,584.84</b>			
Kensington VFD	4,771.98	Vehicle Storage Expansion	2010	X
	15,000.00	Kitchen Renovation Station 21	2011	X
	3,145.16	PPE Gear	2011	X
	<b>22,917.14</b>			
Laytonsville VFD	32,908.79	Bunkroom Renovation Station 17	2010	X
	4,669.22	PPE Running Gear	2010	
	67,730.21	Facilities Renovations - Sta 17	2011	X
	7,269.79	Facilities Renovations - Sta 17	2011	
	<b>112,578.01</b>			
Rockville VFD	35,000.00	Stations 23 & 33 Painting	2010	
	20,750.00	Sta 3 Office Renovation	2010	
	50,000.00	Partial Funding for an Ambulance	2011	
	10,000.00	Mortar Point Up - Sta 23 and 33	2011	
	<b>115,750.00</b>			
Sandy Spring VFD	41,000.00	Fire Station 40 Renovation/Addition Project	2010	X

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 6/30/12  
For State Grant Years 2010-11**

<b>LFRD</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>
	10,000.00	PPE Gear	2011	
	30,000.00	Water Rescue Equipment	2011	
	<b>81,000.00</b>			
Silver Spring VFD	2,783.50	Station 19 Building Refurbishments	2010	
	15,656.18	Station 16 Renovation/Repairs **	2010	
	50,000.00	Station 16 Renovation **	2011	
	<b>68,439.68</b>			
Takoma Park VFD	2,588.40	Station Renovation (basement)	2010	X
	<b>2,588.40</b>			
Upper Montgomery	72,750.00	Building Renovation	2010	X
	75,000.00	Building Renovation	2011	X
	<b>147,750.00</b>			
Wheaton Vol. RS	74,250.00	Ambulance	2010	X
	46,805.61	Ambulance	2011	X
	23,194.39	Ambulance	2011	
	10,000.00	PPE Gear	2011	
	<b>154,250.00</b>			

**Total Encumbered: 505,700.15**  
**Total Unencumbered: 1,062,603.30 \*\*\***  
**Total Unspent: 1,568,303.45**

\* Chevy Chase has been given an extension for this project by the Fire Chief.

\*\* Silver Spring will be saving up several Amoss grant years before they can proceed on the Station 16 Renovation; extension approved by Fire Chief.

\*\*\* Total Unencumbered is comprised of the following:  
 FY2010 funding 338,426.37  
 FY2011 funding 724,176.93  
1,062,603.30

Note: The following FY11 Amoss funding is not shown on this report as it had not been disbursed as of 6/30/12:  
 Damascus VFD 25,000.00 PPE Running Gear 2011  
 Kensington VFD 96,044.41 PPE Running Gear for all MCFRS Volunteers 2011

**Spent Amoss Funds by Project during Quarter ending 6/30/12  
For All State Grant Years**

<b>LFRD</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>FY</b>
Bethesda FD	25,121.67	Reinforce Attic Floor -- station 20	2008
	<b>25,121.67</b>		
Burtonsville VFD	23,151.19	2008 Pierce Pumper	2010
	70,000.00	2008 Pierce Pumper	2011
	<b>93,151.19</b>		
Damascus VFD	42,264.00	Brush Truck and Equipment to Outfit it	2007
	<b>42,264.00</b>		
Gaithersburg/WG FD	174.88	PPE Gear	2009
	<b>174.88</b>		
Germantown VFD	427.38	Loan Payment for Crimson Fire Engine	2010
	46,015.00	Loan Payment for Crimson Fire Engine	2011
	16,693.58	AED Replacements	2010
	2,794.79	PPE Gear	2010
	<b>65,930.75</b>		
Glen Echo VFD	1,232.36	Building and vehicle repairs	2009
	17,402.35	Replacement AC / Heating Units	2009
	<b>18,634.71</b>		
Hyattstown VFD	27,665.16	Upgrade 2006 Spartan Rescue Engine	2010
	<b>27,665.16</b>		
Kensington VFD	20,484.62	Turnout Gear	2010
	6,554.87	Turnout Gear	2011
	62,500.00	Ambulance	2011
	<b>89,539.49</b>		
Laytonsville VFD	13,842.00	PPE Running Gear	2010
	<b>13,842.00</b>		
Rockville VFD	22,000.00	Station 23 Bathroom Renovation	2010
	<b>22,000.00</b>		
Sandy Spring	3,392.00	Station 40 Renovation	2006
	<b>3,392.00</b>		
Silver Spring VFD	5,017.08	Station 16 Renovation/Repairs	2010
	<b>5,017.08</b>		
Takoma Park VFD	75,000.00	Pumper Payment	2011
	<b>75,000.00</b>		
Upper Montgomery VFD	10,375.90	Station Renovation	2008
	<b>10,375.90</b>		
<b>Total Spent:</b>	<b>492,108.83</b>		