

PS COMMITTEE #3
November 21, 2013
Update

MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2013

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Essie McGuire, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Quarterly Update on Amoss Grant Funds**

Today the Public Safety Committee will receive a quarterly update on the State Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant funding. The following individuals will be present to participate in this worksession:

- Fire Chief Steve Lohr
- Division Chief Alan Hinde, Volunteer Services, MCFRS
- Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, MCFRS
- Amy Wilson, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Marcine Goodloe, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA)
- Eric Bernard, Executive Director, MCVFRA

I. BACKGROUND

Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Grant Funds, also known as State 508 funds, were established to provide grants to local fire departments to renovate stations or acquire fire and rescue equipment. The State awards these funds annually to counties, who then distribute the funds to local fire and rescue departments who expend the funds. Funds can be used for a wide range of facility and equipment related expenses.

In Montgomery County, Amoss funds are allocated among Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRDs) through a process established in an MCFRS Policy and Procedure. Under this policy, LFRDs generate proposals for use of the funds which are reviewed by the Amoss Fund Committee. The MCVFRA coordinates this process, reviewing the Amoss Fund Committee's recommended allocations and forwarding them to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief then works with the MCVFRA to address any necessary coordination issues and forwards the recommendations to the Executive and Council for appropriation.

In March of this year, the Council approved a supplemental appropriation of FY12 grant funds to the FY13 MCFRS budget for distribution to the LFRDs. As the Public Safety Committee has reviewed Amoss fund appropriation requests in recent years, it 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.

II. QUARTERLY REPORT

The most recent spending report attached on circles 1-5 reflects activity through September 30, 2013. Circles 3-4 show the status of outstanding funds from grant year 2011 and earlier. **This table shows that the LFRDs are very nearly caught up with clearing old grant funds. There are no unencumbered funds prior to grant year 2010, and very little of the 2011 grant year funding remains unencumbered.** Clearing the 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.

The Council appropriated a total of \$1.3 million of FY12 State funds in March of this year. Circles 1-2 show that of this amount, \$403,795 remains unencumbered, and approximately \$625,000 has already been spent.

The FY13 Amoss allocation is expected to be approximately \$1.3 million. Council staff understands that MCFRS and the MCVFRA are currently working through the project review and approval process for the FY13 funds, and anticipate requesting a supplemental appropriation for the funding early next year.

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 9/30/2013
For State Grant Year 2012 Only**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Bethesda FD	68,800.00	Station 20 Bunkroom Renovations	2012	X
	68,800.00			
Bethesda-CC RS	85,064.00	Replacement Ambulance	2012	X
	85,064.00			
Burtonsville VFD	1,816.46	Final payment for existing 2008 Pierce Pumper (Stock #1089083)	2012	
	1,816.46			
Cabin John VFD	23,860.00	Chassis for boat support	2012	
	23,860.00			
Chevy Chase FD	4,900.00	Replacement of drop ceilings, rear entrance, and front entrance	2012	X
	35,760.00	Replacement of drop ceilings, rear entrance, and front entrance	2012	
	40,660.00			
Damascus VFD	10,000.00	Station painting	2012	
	10,000.00	Install timers/closers on bay doors	2012	
	20,000.00			
Gaithersburg/WG FD	35,000.00	Ambulance	2012	
	35,000.00			
Glen Echo VFD	55,000.00	Renovations	2012	
	2,500.00	Camera	2012	
	1,500.00	Electric eye for bay doors	2012	
	59,000.00			
Hillandale VFD	12,379.09	Replacement Utility Vehicle with Plow	2012	
	12,379.09			
Hyattstown VFD	28,840.00	Refurbish Rescue Engine	2012	X
	1,160.00	Refurbish Rescue Engine	2012	
	30,000.00			
Kensington VFD	6,000.00	Replace station rear access gate	2012	X
	4,700.00	Replace station rear access gate	2012	
	9,000.00	Add diesel exhaust system	2012	
	19,700.00			
Laytonsville VFD	35,113.21	Septic/Sewage system	2012	X
	14,706.79	Septic/Sewage system	2012	
	3,000.00	Aluminum folding tank	2012	
	8,000.00	Replace station cascade cylinders	2012	
	60,820.00			
Rockville VFD	30,000.00	Mortar Point Up - Station 23 and 33	2012	
	30,000.00			

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LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Sandy Spring VFD	6,010.91	Water Rescue Equipment	2012	
	3,989.09	Water Rescue Equipment	2012	X
	15.00	Inflatable rescue boat	2012	
	46,800.00	Station 40 renovation	2012	X
	56,815.00			
Silver Spring VFD	60,000.00	Facility Renovations - Fire Station 16 **	2012	
	60,000.00			
Wheaton	79,386.43	Replacement Ambulance	2012	
	79,386.43			

Total Encumbered: 279,506.30
Total Unencumbered: 403,794.68
Total Unspent: 683,300.98

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**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 9/30/2013
For State Grant Years 2011 and Prior**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Bethesda FD	27,578.21	Station 20 Bunkroom Renovations	2011	X
	27,578.21			
Cabin John VFD	3,000.00	River Rescue & PPE	2011	X
	3,000.00			
Chevy Chase FD	37,750.00	Security System / Cameras - Station 7*	2010	
	21,745.03	Station 7 - Renovations*	2011	
	59,495.03			
Damascus VFD	25,000.00	PPE Running Gear	2011	
	25,000.00	(in the process of being reallocated to BCC-RS for ambulance)		
Gaithersburg/WG FD	17,800.00	Sta 8 Bunkrooms	2011	X
	4,623.35	Sta 8 Bunkrooms	2011	
	22,423.35			
Glen Echo VFD	45,000.00	Facilites Renovations/Repairs	2011	X
	1,500.00	Snowplow for John Deere Gator	2011	
	46,500.00			
Hillandale VFD	407.50	Station 24 Female Locker Room Renovatio	2010	X
	5,015.00	Station 12 Men's Locker Room/Shower	2011	X
	5,422.50			
Hyattstown VFD	82.83	Building Renovation/Repairs Station 9	2011	X
	82.83			
Kensington VFD	3,310.80	PPE Gear	2011	X
	3,310.80			
Laytonsville VFD	55,608.79	Facilites Renovations - Sta 17	2011	X
	55,608.79			
Rockville VFD	4,450.00	Safety Alarm System Sta. 33	2011	X
	4,450.00			
Sandy Spring VFD	44,830.50	Station 40 renovation	2006/8	X
	41,000.00	Fire Station 40 Renovation/Addition	2010	X
	8,760.00	PPE Gear	2011	X
	631.49	Water Rescue Equipment	2011	X
	95,221.99			
Silver Spring VFD	8,976.18	Station 16 Renovation/Repairs **	2010	
	415.00	Station 16 Renovation/Repairs **	2010	X
	50,000.00	Station 16 Renovation **	2011	
	59,391.18			

Total Encumbered	257,890.12
Total Unencumbered	149,594.56
Total Unspent	407,484.68

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 9/30/2013
For State Grant Years 2011 and Prior**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
* Chevy Chase projects were held up, but contracts expected to be entered into by 11/30/2013				
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**Spent Amoss Funds by Project during Quarter ending 9/30/2013
For All State Grant Years**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY
Cabin John Park VFD	2,053.40	River Rescue & PPE	2011
	50,000.00	Funding for existing ambulance	2012
	18,800.00	Station 30 addition	2012
	70,853.40		
Chevy Chase	910.00	Replacement of drop ceilings, rear entrance, and front entrance	2012
	910.00		
Gaithersburg WGVFD	22,500.00	All Terrain Vehicle with accessories	2012
	22,500.00		
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
	19,967.00	PPE Running Gear	2011
	20,295.92		
Hillandale VFD	30,735.00	Station 24 Female Locker Room Renovation	2010
	5,750.00	Station 12 Men's Locker Room/Shower	2010
	24,985.00	Station 12 Men's Locker Room/Shower	2011
	1,709.91	Replacement Utility Vehicle with Plow	2012
	63,179.91		
Kensington VFD	6,300.00	Replace station rear access gate	2012
	6,300.00		
Rockville VFD	50,000.00	Partial Funding for an Ambulance	2011
	50,000.00	Partial funding for an Ambulance	2012
	100,000.00		
Sandy Spring VFD	1,240.00	PPE Gear	2011
	1,129.72	Water Rescue Equipment	2011
	9,985.00	Inflatable rescue boat	2012
	12,354.72		
Wheaton	613.57	Replacement Ambulance	2012
	613.57		
Upper Montgomery VFD	63,434.82	Building Renovation	2012
	63,434.82		
Total Spent:	360,442.34		