

Local Emergency Assistance Program

Request for Supplemental Appropriations

Annually, the agency receives an allocation of local funds from the Harrisonburg City Council and the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors to support the Local Emergency Assistance program (LEA). The LEA program replaced the General Relief (GR) program which utilized state and local funds and was discontinued following the recession beginning in 2008. LEA funds utilized the local match funds that had normally been appropriated for the GR program.

The LEA program provides assistance to local citizens who are experiencing a crises related to rent or utilities. These individuals must demonstrate that they do not have capacity to resolve the matter through their own resources. Other community non-profit organizations are contacted by the applicant to determine assistance they may offer. Additionally, these funds are used to pay for burials for indigent individuals. Beginning in April 2015, the maximum allowable expenditure for burials was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000, thereby significantly increasing expenditures for burials.

Expenditures for the LEA program are difficult to predict as they work to resolve crises situations and to provide for burials. Compounded by the increase in costs for burials and a significant level of need, this year's allocations for both localities have been exhausted. Therefore, a supplemental appropriation (determined upon straight projections based on expenditures) is requested for each locality as follows:

Harrisonburg City: \$10,334

Rockingham County: \$8,800

The following is information related to the FY16 allocation and program expenditures to date.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the continued support of our local citizens,

Don Driver, Jr.

Director

Harrisonburg City:

FY 2015-2016

Allocation	Expenditures :				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$14,188.00	\$1,151.00	\$158.03		\$12,878.97	\$0.00
			Burial:	7	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$1,839.85	

FY 2014-2015

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$14,188.00	\$1,500.00	\$463.39		\$11,871.61	\$353.00
			Burial:	11	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$1,079.24	

FY 2013-2014

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$14,188.00	\$1,979.97	\$576.84		\$8,792.19	\$2,839.00
			Burial:	9	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$976.91	

FY 2012-2103

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$14,188.00	\$3,670.00	\$572.76		\$8,388.66	\$1,556.58
			Burial:	9	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$932.07	

Rockingham

FY 2015-2016

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$15,875.00	\$1,545.00	\$0.00		\$10,809.12	\$3,520.12
			Burial:	7	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$1,544.16	

FY 2014-2015

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$15,875.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,210.35	100.00	\$5,539.22	\$7,525.43
			Burial:	6	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$923.20	

FY 2013-2014

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$15,875.00	\$3,376.73	\$392.00		\$3,000.00	\$9,105.61
			Burial:	3	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$1,000.00	

FY 2102-2013

Allocation	Expenditures				
	Rent	Utilities	Medical	Burials	Balance
\$15,875.00	\$3,695.64	\$0.00		\$11,993.16	\$186.20
			Burial:	12	
			Ave. Burial Cost:	\$999.43	