

**911 ADVISORY BOARD
FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES – 2/16/2022**

Attendees:

Entity	Attendee	Attendee
NECORE	Fred Rosencrans	Todd Weaver
North Central	Dave Cohick	Andrew Kremser
Northern Tier	Chris Clark	Nate Burgett
Southeast	Kelly Collins	Brian Gottschall
Southwest	Gary Thomas	
Southern Alleghenies	Chris Stevens	
South Central	Matt Hobson	
CCAP	Melissa Gates	
PEMA	Jeff Boyle	

I. 2022 Objective – 2022 Statewide Interconnectivity Allocations

Step 1 - Inventory potential projects to consider for funding

- Last week, spreadsheets were sent to all regions to identify the following costs for consideration:
 - 2023 maintenance costs for regional projects.
 - New shared Phone
 - New CAD projects for consideration this year.
- For shared phone systems, PEMA is not aware of any new projects for this year based on projects funded in prior years and PSAP inventory data.
- An inventory of projects and costs in other areas is needed to determine the amount of funds, if any, are available to support shared new CAD projects
- It is important counties/regions begin working with their vendors now to identify these costs. This will allow us to determine exactly where 15% funds will be going this year. Identifying 2022 15% funding allocations is also needed to address other objectives such as the Funding Formula review

Discussion:

- A challenge mentioned to this process will be getting pricing from vendors. The plan for this funding cycle is to inventory projects/costs by May 31st, then finalize projects and costs that will be supported by July 31st, and finally begin making grant award August 1st.
- A question was asked about continued support of ancillary networks:
 - **Funding:** Planning and coordination will be needed between PEMA and counties through the transition to NG911. Detailed discussions will need to occur to plan the timing of turning up the State ESInet, to defining what costs are/are not included in the State NG911

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contract and defining the funding source for those costs [15%, 83%, other]. Overall, if 15% funds are supporting this capability today, the intent is to continue supporting it until plans can be finalized for how ancillary services will be supported taking the State ESInet into account.

- **Technology:** The method to support ancillary services will likely vary by region. Some regions may desire a more structured, managed approach and other regions may desire flexibility. A variety of factors will play into the approach desired by a region such as level of management desired, level of traffic, etc. An overview was provided of the “At-will” network approach the SE region is pursuing. The solution provides the region flexibility to manage the network as they see fit; but the region is responsible for managing the network, troubleshooting issues, etc.
- **Other items to note:**
 - Pricing is expected for fiber builds in the NE & SE region next week. PEMA, Comtech, and counties will need to finalize the network design for those regions.
 - PEMA will be contacting targeted counties to establish conformance with facility requirements to support the NG911 service equipment
 - PEMA will be contacting targeted counties to address CHE migration support costs
 - GIS awards will be focused on addressing *Critical Errors* identified by GIS DataHub; PEMA will be contacting counties, not onboarded to GIS DataHub yet, to participate in the early GIS Pre-check process to obtain DataHub results.

II. Funding Subcommittee Chairperson

Chairperson Discussion:

- Primary members were contacted to determine if they are interested in serving as Subcommittee Chair.
- The term of the Chair will run thru the end of this year when Primary members change
- A primary duty of the Chair is to represent the subcommittee at Board meetings
- Gary Thomas was recommended to continue as the Chair on the call
- Not all Primary members were present. Boyle will contact all Primary members to determine level of interest. If no other primary members are interested, an electronic vote will occur to appoint Gary Thomas as the Chair.

March 3rd Board Meeting:

- The subcommittees will meet separately from 9:30 to 10:20. The Funding Subcommittee will be in Room 112 (where the Board meeting is held)
 - Teams/call-in option will be available for those wanting to participate remotely or in the process of driving in for the Board meeting
- The Board will meet from 10:30 – 12:00
- We’ll break until 12:30
- From 12:30 – 2:00 pm, a PSAP information session will be held covering:
 - 2022 911 Program Guidelines (refresher for anyone who needs it)
 - Introduce new 911 System Plan

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III. Open Discussion/New Business

No items were discussed

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