

<b>Funding Subcommittee</b>			
<b>Region/Entity</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attended</b>
NECORE	Fred Rosencrans, Luzerne	Primary	X
NECORE	Todd Weaver, Northampton	Alternate	X
North Central	Dave Cohick, Tioga	Primary	X
North Central	Andrew Kremser, Clinton	Alternate	
Northern Tier	Chris Clark, Jefferson	Primary	X
Northern Tier	Nate Burgett, McKean	Alternate	
South Central	Matt Hobson, York	Primary	X
South Central	<i>Vacant</i>	Alternate	
South Central Mountain	Mark Taylor, Blair	Primary	
South Central Mountain	Chris Stevens, Huntingdon	Alternate	
Southeast	Brian Gottschall, Berks	Primary	X
Southeast	Kelly Collins, Philadelphia	Alternate	X
Southwest	Gary Thomas, Allegheny (Chair)	Primary	X
Southwest	Frank Jannetti, Mercer	Alternate	
CCAP	Melissa Gates/Ashley White/Brianna Petitti	Advisory	X
PEMA	Jeff Boyle	Advisory	X

## 1. 2022 15% FUNDING

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 1. Next Steps for the 2022 15% funding cycle:

##### Meeting Discussion:

- **2022 15% Funding Schedule Recap:** Costs for consideration were due 5/31. Cost review and allocation determination planned for June & July. Goal is to have allocations determined by 8/1/2022.
- **Current Status:** Preliminary review of costs has been completed by PEMA. Questions & requests for documentation have been sent to the applicable counties with a due date of 7/1/2022.
- **2022 15% Funding Looking ahead:** After 7/1, PEMA will work to complete a review and determine potential allocations including any cost share. We will also inventory items that require discussion to assist PEMA with resolving any unanswered questions and setting Program Guidelines for next year and beyond.
- **Future of 15% Funding Recap:** The way 15% funding is managed (planned, budgeted, and allocated) is going through a transition in order to meet the objectives of supporting NG911 service, continuing to support shared projects as best as possible, and maintaining our ability to invest in 911 system improvements. The focus is to plan out allocations of 15% funding looking

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ahead as far as possible. A key part of this effort is clearly defining what 15% funding is going to support heading into next year and beyond.

**a. Summary of items identified during review for discussion**

- i. Use of prior year grant balances to reduce 2022 allocations
- ii. Support for connectivity outside of the State ESInet
- iii. Shared Systems:
  1. Addition of positions
  2. Options to address CHE needs
  3. Define if/what related to CAD would be considered for support moving forward

**Meeting Discussion:**

- **Near-Term Items for Discussion:**
  - Focus on using prior year grant balances where possible to reduce 2022 allocations.
  - Some counties have added new positions and requested 15% funding to cover the CHE & CAD maintenance costs for the new positions. PEMA has requested more info from the applicable counties.
- **Discussion Items for Next Year & Beyond:**
  - Connectivity outside of the State ESInet: Networks need to be reliable and secure. But those efforts can continue to expand and be never-ending. Clear expectations for connectivity funding outside of the State ESInet will need defined as we make the transition to NG911.
  - Options to address CHE needs. The practice of having significant capital costs every 5 years for CHE systems is a burden on the 15% funding stream. PEMA is interested in looking at different options to meet needs and manage costs. Local survivability will be an important consideration if cloud-based/hosted solutions are pursued on a broader scale. Also, a lot of time, effort, and funding is required to retrain telecommunicators on a new phone system.
  - CAD: CAD systems have a lot of interfaces, modules, capabilities, etc. There is a need define if CAD will continue to be supported at current funding levels and if so, what related to CAD would be considered for 15% support moving forward
  - Shared System Maintenance: Discussion focused on the need to define responsibilities for 15% funding related to shared system maintenance moving forward. This topic was the primary focus of the meeting with a very good discussion including varying opinions. There will be more discussion on this topic as PEMA looks to clearly define expectations for 15% funding as we transition to NG911.

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## **2. Explanation of 2023 formula payment projections**

- a. Revenue projections requested at last Board meeting. Explanation of how projections were calculated

**Meeting Discussion:** Formula revenue projections were provided using \$318 million. The calculations assume funding formula assistance remains in place for 2023 meaning roughly \$13.5 million of 15% funds will be used to provide additional formula revenue to those counties who would have saw a revenue increase under the Funding Subcommittee's (prior membership) recommended formula. As discussed in prior meetings, PEMA will work to keep formula assistance in place with the following conditions

- 15% funding is available to support it
- The calculation of the 83% formula is changed. With formula assistance in place, there is no impact to PSAPs. Most, if not all agree, the current 83% formula calculation is outdated.
- The practice of using 15% funds to provide formula assistance goes away if/when there is an increase to the surcharge rate

## **3. New Business**

**Meeting Discussion:** New federal legislation was introduced to provide \$10 billion to assist states with implementing and operating NG911 service. There revenue would come from wireless spectrum auctions over the next 7 years. This will likely not provide funding in the near future to support our efforts. For example, the federal grant just used to help implement the NG911 system came from 2012 legislation involving spectrum auctions. The federal government would need to establish grant program rules and administrative processes as well if the legislation is passed.

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