



## Missouri 911 Service Board Financial Assistance Program Notice of Grant and Loan Opportunity

The State of Missouri established the Missouri 911 Service Trust Fund to improve 911 services, especially in the most underserved areas. The Missouri 911 Service Board is charged with establishing and administering a financial assistance program that provides grants and loans from the Fund to help finance 911 communications service projects of 911 Service Authorities (defined below).

Grants and loans, or a combination, can be awarded to approved projects up to \$250,000. Awarded projects must be completed within 12 months.

### Program Award Priority Areas

Attributes of 911 communications services projects that will qualify applicants for priority consideration are those that:

- Include one or more public safety answering points (“PSAPs”) located in a jurisdiction with a 911 service level of basic (defined by the Board to mean “No 911 equipment”);
- Consolidate two or more PSAPs;
- Consolidate 911 services within a defined region;
- Move one or more PSAPs up one or more service levels;
- Meet the NENA i3 Solution Standard for Emergency Services IP Network;
- Become NG9-1-1 compatible;
- Include purchasing 911 communications equipment, such as 911 trunking equipment, workstations with 911 answering equipment, software, dispatch systems, and radio systems, that is currently non-existent (versus replacement of existing 911 communications equipment);
- Add Text-to-911 (defined as the ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency call takers from a mobile phone or device).

### Application Process

- **May 21, 2020: Applications Open** – Applications will be distributed on the 911 Service Board listserv (signup for the listserv on the board website [here](#)) & posted on the board’s webpage for grants and loans [here](#).
- **June 30, 2020, 5:00 p.m.:** Application Deadline. All applications and accompanying materials must be submitted via email to [admin@missouri911.org](mailto:admin@missouri911.org).
- **July 31, 2020:** Notification of Approved Applications

*\*Please note the Missouri 911 Service Board reserves the right to extend the notification of approved applications up to 30 days.*



### **Eligible Applicants**

Under section 650.330, RSMo, the following entities are eligible to submit applications to the Board for grants, loans, or both to finance all or a portion of costs for 911 communications service projects of their 911 Service Authorities provided that: (1) the board's annual survey of public safety answering points for their jurisdiction was returned to the board (as required by section 650.330.13, RSMo); (2) applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate and sustain 911 services beyond the life of the loan or grant; and (3) for loans only, can provide at least 50% in matching:

- Any county; and
- Sikeston, which is the only city currently meeting the statutory criteria of "[a]ny home rule city with more than fifteen thousand but fewer than seventeen thousand inhabitants and partially located in any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than thirty-seven thousand but fewer than forty-one thousand inhabitants."

***911 Services Authority** is defined as any county or city governing body, or elected emergency services board to which the board remits prepaid wireless emergency services charges deposited in the Fund under section 190.260.3(5). While the county will be the "applicant" for these funds, applications must be completed by the county's 911 Services Authority who will be implementing the application project. Applications must be signed by both the applicant and the 911 Services Authority.*

Applications may be submitted by any one or more eligible applicants. Joint applications are encouraged.

### **Contact Information**

For questions, please contact the Missouri 911 Service Board at [admin@missouri911.org](mailto:admin@missouri911.org).

### **Webinar**

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., representatives for the Missouri 911 Service Board will be holding a webinar on the notice of grant and loan opportunity and application for the Board's Financial Assistance Program. This webinar will be recorded and posted on the board's [website](#) for later reference.

Registration is required. You can register for the webinar [here](#). We ask that you submit questions prior to the webinar [here](#).