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Missouri 911 Service Board Announces Award of Grants to Make Game-Changing Upgrades To Next-Generation 911

Last week, the Missouri 911 Service Board approved GIS Data Remediation Grants for 16 applicants representing 18 counties, including 5 unserved counties with no 911 service. These grants total \$1,153,018 and are the first round of GIS Grants that the Board will be awarding in their NG911 Program.

The NG911 call-routing process relies on geospatial data. Emergency response professionals need to know a caller's exact location in real-time to ensure that calls are routed to the correct public safety answering point and allow for the rapid dispatching of emergency services. These Missouri 911 Service Board grants will allow counties across Missouri to fund the upgrades necessary to their GIS data to allow for quick and accurate 911 call routing and to meet the necessary NG911 data standards.

The Missouri 911 Service Board partnered with industry experts, along with the Missouri Department of Public Safety, to ensure this funding goes toward innovative and efficient efforts that will make improvements across the state.

Thanks to Governor Mike Parson and the Missouri General Assembly, this project is fully funded by the Missouri American Rescue Plan Act 2021.

“We’re proud that the Missouri 911 Service Board continues to partner with industry experts and county leaders to help give our telecommunicators and field responders the tools they need to improve public safety. Specifically, these new grants will lay the groundwork to upgrade the data systems required for Next Generation 911 drastically,” said Missouri 911 Service Board Executive Director Brian Maydwell. “We would like to thank Gov. Parson, the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri Department of Public Safety, and the Missouri GIS Advisory Council (MGISAC) - who all provided critical insight and leadership to make this happen.”

Funded projects include Barton, Bollinger, Carroll, Carter, Clark, Dade, Gasconade, Grundy, Henry, Iron, Monroe, Oregon, Reynolds, Scott, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Stone, and Wayne counties.