
Sponsor: Emergency Communications

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Title: Public Safety Answering Point Funding Allocation Project

File Number: 2024-369

Background and Rationale:

The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) continues efforts at the local, state, and national levels to make 911 systems more efficient and less costly to all levels of governments. In 2023, the Statewide Emergency Service Board (SECB) allocated one time funding to primary PSAP entities. The Emergency is Communication Network (ECN), a branch of the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the SEBC recognized the significant costs at the local level to upgrade equipment to ensure it is cable all of interfacing with the new digital network. Every PSAP will undergo an extensive assessment to determine the inclusive costs for which each PSAP will be responsible over the course of the next year. To offset these interim costs while the PSAP assessments are being conducted, every eligible PSAP received a one-time increase to their annual statutorily defined appropriation to assist in covering initial and prerequisite costs required to mitigate from transitional to end state next-generation 911(NG-911). Ramsey County received \$373,777.53, as provided in MN Statutes, Section 403.133 subdivision 2. These funds have the same restrictions and requirements as the annual statutorily defined appropriation for NG-911 and should be set up in their own project with the ECC fund 14001. A project was not created in calendar year 2023 and the one-time allocation rolled to the ECC fund 14001 fund balance. Board approval is needed to establish the project and allocate the one-time allocation funds currently in the ECC fund balance to the project.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Establish a project account number for Public Safety Answering Point one-time funding allocation project.
2. Authorize the County Manager to move up to \$373,777.53 of Emergency Communication's Fund balance to the Public Safety Answering Point one time funding allocation project in BY2024.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board