



PSAP Grant Committee Meeting

FY 17 Guidelines

April 9, 2015



Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from March 12th
2. Financial and Programmatic Reports & Grant Extension Requests
3. FY 2017 PSAP Grant Guidelines
4. Old and New Business
5. Report to the Board
6. Public Comment



Financial and Programmatic Reports & Grant Extension Requests





Financial and Programmatic Reports

- Received a report from all of the PSAPs with an open FY 14 or FY 15 grant award
- ISP staff has reviewed all of the submitted reports and is recommending that the report be accepted and that no further action is required



Grant Extension Requests

- Augusta
- Buchanan
- Hampton
- Highland
- New Kent



Virginia Information Technologies Agency

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Proposed Changes

- All of the changes discussed at the March 12th PSAP Grant Committee meeting have been included in the draft document with two exceptions:
 - ESI²net projects and IP connectivity (page 29)
 - State purchasing contracts (page 29)



Global Changes

- The focus of the PSAP Grant program has been expanded from wireless 9-1-1 to NG9-1-1 and E-911
- Wireless 9-1-1 equipment and services has been changed to NG9-1-1 and E-911 equipment and services.
- Continuity and Consolidation and Enhancement Programs have been replaced with Shared Services and Individual PSAP Programs



Global Changes

- Wireless Education Program is now the PSAP Education Program (PEP)
- The description and definition of “Regional Initiative” has been removed, as well as all references
- The term “CPE” has been replaced with “Call Handling Equipment”



PSAP Education Program

- PSAPs would have two funding options per a twelve month cycle:
 - One, a primary PSAP may receive up to \$2,000 to use towards allowable individual 9-1-1 and GIS specific group education/training opportunities
 - And two, a primary PSAP may receive up to \$3,000 to use towards multi-jurisdictional 9-1-1 and GIS specific group education/training opportunities
 - Pages 4, 12, and 22



Shared Services Program

- Shared Services projects are eligible for up to \$175,000 in funding for each participating PSAP
- There is no limit on the number of PSAPs that can participate in a multi-jurisdictional project
- The grant award amount for this type of project is based on the number of participating PSAPs



Shared Services Program

- The priorities for shared services projects are as follows:
 - Call handling equipment
 - 9-1-1 mapping display systems
 - NG9-1-1 GIS equipment and services
 - Call accounting equipment/MIS
 - Physical consolidations & feasibility studies
 - CAD
 - Recorders and logging systems
 - Text-to-9-1-1
- Pages 4, 12, 24, and 28



Shared Services Program

- As part of the review process a concern was raised in regards to the limitation that a PSAP can only participate in a single shared services projects
- “PSAPs will not receive funding for more than one shared services grant in any one grant cycle.” (page 14)
- Places a burden on PSAPs that want to participate in regional projects



Shared Services Program

- Suggest the following revision language:
 - “PSAPs may receive funding from more than one shared services grant in any one grant cycle. An individual PSAP will be limited to a combined total of \$175,000 in grant funding for participating in multiple shared service projects in any one grant cycle.”
- Consistent with Individual PSAP awards
 - Limited to \$150,000



Individual PSAP Program

- Maximum funding amount to remain at \$150,000
- Priorities limited to those currently identified within the Continuity and Consolidation Program and practical for an individual PSAP to undertake
- PSAP Group Training to be addressed within the PSAP Education Program



Individual PSAP Program

- The priorities for individual PSAP projects are as follows:
 - Call handling equipment
 - 9-1-1 mapping display systems
 - NG9-1-1 GIS equipment and services
 - Call accounting equipment/MIS
 - Recorders and logging systems
 - Text-to-9-1-1
- Pages 26 and 28



Text-to-9-1-1 Projects

- These types of projects are now included as eligible for funding (pages 28 and 29)



GIS Matrix

- The GIS Matrix has been modified to include only the GIS High category
- The GIS Medium and Low categories have been removed, as well as the 9-1-1 Mapping Display column
- Items that remain in the GIS Matrix are for data production (enterprise software/hardware, GIS tools, data format conversion and manipulation) and data transfer



GIS Matrix

- Data production and data transfer projects would be eligible for funding under the NG9-1-1 GIS Equipment and Services priority
- The focus of this priority is NG9-1-1 data production
- Pages 28 and 29



GIS Matrix

- In addition, staff is recommending that 9-1-1 Mapping Display projects be eligible for funding under the 9-1-1 Mapping System priority
- Staff is also recommending that the distinction between “Real Time” and “Scheduled/On Demand” within the Data Transfer column in the Matrix be removed



GIX Matrix

- Summary of other adjustments made to the GIS Matrix:
 - Differences between Enhancement and C&C have been removed
 - ESRI Software version number stipulations have been removed
 - These stipulations are less important in the individual organization and don't need to be carried into the future
 - Any problems with regional interaction because of version numbers should be addressed in future data standards



GIX Matrix

- Summary of other adjustments made to the GIS Matrix:
 - The stipulation that data manipulation be “MSAG Valid” has been expanded to include “or NG911 Valid” to cover expected changes as NG911 system applications start to come in
 - The list of example layers has been expanded to include the NG911 required layers



GIS Matrix

- As part of the review process a concern was raised in regards to enterprise licensing and support agreement for GIS or any of its components (e.g. ESRI software)
 - Would the entire amount be eligible for a grant award or should it be pro-rated in some way only to reflect the PSAP-related share?
 - The same general question needs to be applied to server hardware and software supporting GIS? If it's an enterprise platform, is the full cost eligible?



Rankings

- A first pass at rankings is provided, which is based on both the existing tiers and the proposed priorities for the Shared Services and Independent PSAP Programs (pages 30 and 31)
 - Priority given to shared services projects over individual PSAP projects
 - “Primary Mapping System” needs to be changed to “9-1-1 Mapping System”
- Text-to-9-1-1 is included in the ranking without a tier and as priority 39, right after Technically Outdated projects



Rankings

- As part of the review process a concern was raised that 9-1-1 Mapping System may not be a logical priority since most mapping systems are part of CAD or GIS
- Staff's intent was to use "9-1-1 Mapping System" as a catch all category for items that would not be covered under these two priorities:
 - NG9-1-1 GIS Equipment and Services
 - CAD



Multi-Jurisdictional Projects Definition

- A project in which two or more primary PSAPs participate. For the purpose of these grant guidelines, these are shared services, physical consolidations, and multi-jurisdictional PSAP Education Program (PEP) projects. PSAPs participating in these types of projects do not need to be contiguous. (page 9)



NG9-1-1 Ready Definition

- Call handling equipment with the ability to receive SIP communications natively at the individual work station (page 9)



Recurring Costs Definition

- Periodic costs beyond the initial purchase of 9-1-1 equipment and/or services. For E-911, a pay up front model has been a permissible means for including an extended warranty when purchasing 9-1-1 equipment and/or services. As we transition to NG9-1-1, the Software as a Service (SaaS) model will replace the need for an extended warranty. In the SaaS model, software is licensed on a subscription basis and is centrally hosted. For hosted 9-1-1 solutions, five years of prepaid service is allowable, but the period of cost recovery is limited to the grant award period. Allowable costs are limited to the projects that are identified in the Shared Services and Individual PSAP priority lists in the grant guidelines. (page 9)



Consistent deadlines

- The time of day was added to deadline dates:
 - Applications are due on September 30th at 5 pm
 - Financial and Programmatic reports are due on March 31st at 5pm
 - Grant Award Extension requests are due on March 31st at 5 pm



Process Changes

- Beginning with the FY 16 application cycle, completed applications are submitted to the appropriate ISP Regional Coordinator instead of the PSAP Grant Manager (page 13)
- The ISP PSAP Grant Application process document identifies the steps that staff takes in reviewing submitted applications
 - The Review Process section now references this process document (page 14)



Clarification on Consolidations

- The classification of PSAPs after the completion of a physical consolidation is addressed
- A grant application may be submitted while the physical consolidation project is still ongoing, but PSAPs receiving funding for a physical consolidation project may not receive funding for an individual PSAP or shared services project until the consolidation grant has been fully executed (closed out)
- Page 15



Grant Extension Request Period

- The maximum time period for a grant extension was added
- This time period has been identified as twelve months (page 20)



Budget Narrative

- The time period for the recovery of recurring costs was not clearly defined in the Budget Narrative section
- Clarifying language has been added to this section as follows:
 - “Recurring costs may be included as defined in the Definitions section of the guidelines.”
(page 18)
 - Do we need to address invoicing?



Amounts Available

- The term “individual project applications” was confusing:
 - This term was replaced with “multiple grant requests” (page 11)
 - And added that “individual PSAP and shared services grant requests can include multiple projects from different programmatic areas”
 - Maybe this should be the same programmatic area?
- Also suggest the following revision:
 - “...up to the [Shared Services and] Individual PSAP grant funding limits.” (page 12)



Multi-Year Funding

- As part of the review process a concern was raised that this section seems confusing
- Is it our intent to say that a PSAP cannot submit grant requests in subsequent years for the same project, assuming it was awarded money the first time?



Old Business





LECs Exiting Marketplace

- Clarification on discussion that took place at March 12th meeting related to LECs existing marketplace
 - Verizon and CenturyLink



New Business





Term Limits for PGC Members

- Four members have terms that will expire on June 30, 2015
 - They cannot be reappointed because this is their second term
- PGC members have been notified
- Working with Board chairman to identify new appointees and an announcement will be made at May 14th Board meeting



In Conclusion

- Committee Report to the Board
- Public Comment
- Next meeting is April 27th