

**PSAP Grant Program
Decision Brief**

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| Type of Request: FY 18 Emergency Grant | Date Submitted: Feb 23, 2018 |
| PSAP: Greenville County | Amount of Request: \$150,000.00 |
| Staff Recommendation: Approve | |

1. Briefly define the problem/issue:

Greenville County is seeking an emergency grant from the Board in the amount of \$150,000 to replace their CHE. The locality received an End of Notice Support letter from their maintenance vendor effective February 28, 2018. Currently, the locality does not have maintenance support and has experienced CHE outages. The locality has been awarded an FY 19 grant award in the amount of \$150,000. If the emergency grant is approved, the locality will no longer need their FY 19 grant award.

2. Background (include important dates):

The locality submitted a previous emergency grant on October 20, 2017. The Board reviewed the request during their November 2017 meeting. The request was not approved by the Board since maintenance was available through February 28, 2018. Maintenance could be purchased, but it is prohibitively expensive. Also, Greenville is replacing their CHE system as part of their ongoing commitment to work with the City of Emporia towards consolidation. The Board recommended that the locality resubmit an emergency grant when their service contract has expired, or wait until funding from their FY 19 grant application (if approved) was available

3. Major Considerations:

The request meets the criteria of an emergency grant. The grant guidelines states that an emergency grant request "must be for a critical PSAP item that is no longer functioning in its entirety". CHE is a critical PSAP item. The locality no longer has maintenance support and has experienced equipment outages. Also, there is a precedent for expediting a grant award when maintenance support has expired and outages are occurring.

4. Recommended action:

Staff recommends approval of the request.

5. Alternatives to recommended action:

The locality can wait until funding from their FY 19 grant is available after July 1, 2018.