

**PSAP Grant Program
Decision Brief**

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| Type of Request: FY 18 Grant Request | Date Submitted: May 16, 2017 |
| PSAP: City of Manassas | Amount of Request: \$150,000 |
| Staff Recommendation: Do Not Approve | |

1. Briefly define the problem/issue:

The City of Manassas is seeking \$150,000 to replace their Call Handling Equipment (CHE) system; however, the City of Manassas is not eligible to participate in the PSAP Grant Program. The reason is the locality does not meet the definition of a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) included in the FY 18 Grant Guidelines. Only primary PSAPs are eligible to participate in the PSAP Grant Program.

2. Background (include important dates):

The Manassas 911 Center is in need of upgrading their existing CHE system. This system will no longer be supported after December 31, 2017. Their existing CHE system (Airbus DS Communications VESTA PALLAS) and supporting hardware have been in service since 2010. The CHE's XP operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft and their existing Airbus DS extension support contract expires in December 2017.

3. Major Considerations:

By approving this grant request, the Board would be establishing a precedent for other non-eligible entities to be able to receive funding through the PSAP Grant Program.

4. Recommended action:

Staff does not recommend approval of the grant request.

5. Alternatives to recommended action:

Local funds or another grant program could be used to pay for a new CHE system.