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May 5, 2022

Dear Commissioners, Sheriffs, Mayors, and Chiefs of Police,

I am happy to announce that the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission is ready to accept grant applications for the FY2023 cycle. The grant applications, guidelines and rules are available on our website, which is https://ioem.idaho.gov/ipscc. When you click on our website you will notice on the right-hand side of our page an area labeled “related links”. Click on the links and the forms will be available for you to download. If you have any trouble whatsoever with the download of the Instructions, Application, or Grant Rules please feel free to contact me and I will assist you and/or mail you a copy. The grant application deadline will be the close of business July 29, 2022.

We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of changes in granting priorities for future years. The evolution of emergency calling beyond the traditional voice 911 call has shown that our current E911 system is no longer able to support the needs of the future and the expectations of our E911 customers.

As you may know, Next Generation 911 will eventually be replacing the current E911 system and we are trying to prepare for this updated system in Idaho. Implementing an updated system within the State will be expensive and will require that we prioritize the distribution of grant funds.

The Commission would like to encourage grants that are focused on projects that show collaboration of equipment between two or more PSAPs. We understand that some PSAP’s may not be able to share resources easily, but in many cases, there is an ability to use a “shared services project” to reduce the cost of equipment and on-going maintenance.

Please note a significant change to “maintenance” of 911 phone systems. The IPSCC will consider on-going maintenance fees for 911 phone systems based on a sliding scale (1st year @ 100%, 2nd year @ 90%, 3rd year @ 80%, and on down). This will be based on a PSAP’s financial status at the time of application. Also (on a case by case basis) the IPSCC will consider assistance in paying networking fees when consolidating 911 phone systems.

If I can assist you in the grant process please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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