

911 RURAL COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM

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1.0 Purpose

The Emergency Communications Board (Board) Rural County Grant Program is to assist rural counties with the upgrading and replacing emergency communications systems and to provide "seamless" 911 throughout the State of Florida.

2.0 Eligibility

The Board of County Commissioners in any county in the State of Florida with a population of less than 75,000 is eligible to apply for this grant program.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 911 Maintenance: The preventative, routine and emergency maintenance required by the State E911 Plan, in order to maintain 911 systems in operable working condition
- 3.2 Alternate Contract Source (ACS): A competitively procured contract led by a federal, state, or local government. The ACS contract is cost-effective, contains language contemplating its use for cooperative purchasing, and is in the best interest of the county to use for purchases. Provided that the county's purchase is not overly expansive in size
- 3.3 E911 System: The Public Safety Answering Point equipment, in accordance with the State E911 Plan, including 911 call routing, processing, mapping and call answering communications equipment.
- 3.4 Enhanced 911 (E911): An enhanced 911 system or enhanced 911 service that is an emergency telephone system or service that provides a subscriber with 911 service and, in addition, directs 911 calls to appropriate public safety answering points by selective routing based on the geographical location from which the call originated, or as otherwise provided in the State Plan under section 365.171, F.S., and that provides for automatic number identification and automatic location-identification features .
- 3.5 GIS Maintenance : Ongoing GIS maintenance of a county's GIS data that consists of road centerline, site/structure address points, primary PSAP boundaries, MSAG and ALI maintenance services and address assignment services.
- 3.6 Maintenance Contract: A business agreement between a contractor and customer covering the maintenance of equipment over a specified period.
- 3.7 Next Generation 911 (NG-911): The designation for an advanced 911 emergency communications system or service that provides a communications service subscriber with 911 service and, in addition, directs 911 emergency requests for assistance to appropriate public safety answering points based on the geographical location from which the request originated, or as otherwise provided in the State E911 Plan under Section 365.171, Florida Statutes, and that provides for automatic number identification and automatic location identification features and emergency data information through managed IP-based networks.

- 3.8 Next Generation 911 Core Services (NGCS): The base set of services needed to process a 911 call/signal on an ESInet. Includes the Emergency Service Routing Proxy (ESRP), Emergency Call Routing Function (ECRF), Location Validation Function (LVF), Border Control Function (BCF), Bridge, Policy Store, Logging Services, and typical IP services such as Domain Name System (DNS) and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). The term NG-911 Core Services encompasses the services but does not include the network on which they operate.
- 3.9 NG911 Equipment: Hardware equipment and peripherals needed to implement and maintain NG911 services.
- 3.10 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP): A public safety agency that receives incoming 911 requests for assistance and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to the requests in accordance with the State E911 plan.
- 3.11 Service agreement: A written service agreement to perform, over a fixed period or for a specified duration, duties relating to informational and technical services.
- 3.12 Warranty Contract: A written guarantee given to the purchaser of a new item by the manufacturer or dealer, usually specifying that the manufacturer will make any repairs or replace defective parts free of charge for a stated period.

4.0 911 Rural County Grant Program Calendar

	Spring Schedule	Fall Schedule
Counties submit Application	by April 1	by October 1
Board Members evaluate applications	April – May	October – November
Board votes on applications to fund at regularly scheduled meeting	April – June	October – December
Board sends notification of awards approved for funding to the counties.	Before June 30	Before December 30
Existing Equipment Maintenance or service.	Begins within six months from the award notification date.	Begins within six months from the award notification date.
Project Implementation	Begins within one year from the award notification letter date	Begins within one year from the award notification letter date.
Expiration of the right to incur costs, request payment and/or final reimbursement of funding.	Two years from the award notification letter date	Two years from award notification letter date.

5.0 General Conditions

5.1 Applications and related documents must be submitted via the DMS Public Safety portal at

<https://publicsafety.fl.gov/>

Or

E911BoardElectronicGrantreports@dms.fl.gov

The portal will be the required method of submission beginning July 1, 2024

- 5.2 The applicant shall provide Application Form items 1 through 11 and the applicable procurement documents. The grant application package must be delivered on or before the submission date specified in the Emergency Communications Board grant rules. Failure to provide these documents in a timely fashion will result in a rejection of the grant application.
- 5.3 All Next Generation projects are recommended to meet the NENA i3 technical standards.
- 5.4 All Next Generation 911 project vendors must certify in writing that their systems will be interoperable with bordering counties, regions, and adjacent state lines
- 5.5 Only the percentage of service and equipment directly attributable to provisioning of 911 services is eligible.

- 5.6 The Board will consider remotely provided hosted 911 answering point call-taking equipment and network services directly attributable to establishing and providing 911 services. Warranty and maintenance costs shall be calculated to account for only the first-year warranty and maintenance costs and shall not include upfront maintenance costs to reduce the yearly service amount.
- 5.7 All grant applications shall be accompanied by at least one complete quote for equipment or services.
- 5.7.1 All grant applications shall be accompanied by at least one complete quote for equipment or services. Grant applications totaling \$35,000.00 or more must be accompanied by at least two written substantiated quotes from different vendors. Complete quote submittals shall include a detailed scope of work, all pages included in the vendor proposal, breakdown of all costs including equipment, service tasks and deliverables. The Board will compare the two quotes to any existing state contract in order to determine appropriate funding. Any county that has made a good faith effort to obtain at least two quotes in accordance with the competitive procurement process in 287.057(1), Florida Statutes, and has not been able to obtain the quotes can request the Board's review based on substantiated proof of posting of the request with documentation of the limited responses, subject to the following exceptions:
- a) When purchasing from a DMS State Term Contract or DMS authorized Alternative Contract Source, the county shall follow the DMS State Purchasing ordering instructions and their county procurement rules and policies. Should the DMS State Purchasing ordering instructions and their county procurement rules and policies conflict, the county procurement rules and policies shall prevail, with the provision of a letter from the county's purchasing department.
 - b) When purchasing from an Alternate Contract Source that has not been approved by DMS State Purchasing, the county shall follow their county procurement rules and policies, with the provision of a letter from the county's purchasing department.
 - c) Services or commodities provided by governmental entities do not require more than one quote.
 - d) The county can initiate a request for approval to procure from a single source vendor. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Justification for single source procurement shall be provided with the application, which shall include a cost analysis that reviews the allowability, necessity and reasonableness of all cost elements. The single source procurement will be considered if provided in accordance with Chapter 287 Florida Statutes. A letter from the purchasing department that the project is a single source procurement based on section 287.057(3)(c), Florida Statutes, shall be provided with this grant application.
- 5.8 Rather than submitting multiple application requests for maintenance, all eligible maintenance requests should be combined into a single application request and include a breakdown of the individual components of the 911 system maintenance costs that are requested for funding assistance in the application. Grant applications for maintenance, where the county obtained a grant or utilized county funds to purchase equipment and obtained two competitive quotes for the

first year of maintenance or met the requirements of General Conditions items 5.8, are not required to provide two written quotes with an application for an additional year of maintenance.

- 5.9 All maintenance requests should include on the vendor's quote for service the beginning and ending term for each maintenance request, also known as "Period of Coverage." Grant awards will be limited to maintenance contracts beginning within the maintenance cycle of the grant program. Spring cycle maintenance requests should be submitted for maintenance beginning May through October. Fall cycle maintenance requests should be submitted for maintenance beginning November through April. Maintenance requests with a service period beginning before the Board awards the grant will be prorated to next month. The complete quote shall include a detailed scope of work, all pages included in the vendor proposal, a detailed description of line item and cost, breakdown of all costs including equipment, service tasks and deliverables.
- 5.10 Applicants requesting items from different funding priorities should complete a separate **Budget Report** (Rule 60FF1-5.0035(1), F.A.C) **for each priority**. See Addendum I - Funding Priorities for the 911 Rural County Grant Program for a listing of funding priorities. Items from the same funding priorities should be combined in the same application and shall comply with General Condition items 5.7.
- 5.11 Should two or more rural counties require funding for a joint project, each county will be required to complete and submit a grant application detailing the funds requested and the county responsible for the funds. In addition, one combined grant application detailing the entire project and a memorandum of understanding or inter-local agreement of all counties involved shall be submitted. The combined grant application shall comply with General Condition items 5.7.
- 5.12 Procurement shall be based on the county's procurement processes and the applicable State purchasing requirements, including but not limited to sections 112.061, 287.017, 287.057, and 287.058. Florida Statutes.
- 5.13 Funding application requests must include a scope of work that clearly establishes the tasks to be performed. The applications shall include all tasks that are required for successful completion of the project. The project shall be divided into quantifiable units of deliverables that shall be received and accepted in writing with signature by the county before payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and must specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.
- 5.14 Funding requests must include all necessary costs required for full implementation of the proposed solution including that of any third party. Should the county grant application request or grant award be less than the projected cost of the equipment or service, the county should provide verification of the ability to fund the difference. Pricing submitted cannot be contingent upon "yet to be" determined fees for products and services by the proposer or any other third party required for implementation.
- 5.15 The county shall provide information on the county's preceding year 911 fee revenue amount and the preceding year's carryforward amount. Use Form 6A in Rule 60FF1-5.006(2), F.A.C. for this purpose. The form can be submitted during the annual collection of county fiscal data for the annual report or with the grant application

The county shall include the amount of their county carry forward funding being utilized for this grant in the Applied County carryforward or other Funding (if applicable) line in the Application Form Budget Report. This carryforward funding provision does not apply to grant applications for recurring maintenance. Equipment maintenance contract cost is not a capital expenditure and is not an authorized expenditure of carryforward funds after the initial first year project costs included in the original capital equipment replacement or upgrade project.

- 5.16 Detailed information is required for any grant application requesting funding for systems that require immediate system replacement for provisioning of enhanced 911 in the county. Include a detailed justification and explanation for any 911 system with an expected remaining life of less than 1 year.
- 5.17 Funding requests contingent upon "beta testing" or for products and services not in general production and installation will not be funded.

6.0 Limitation on Use of Funds Guidelines for 911 Grant Expenses

- 6.1 The following expenses will not be funded through this grant:
 - A. Salaries and associated expenses for 911 coordinators, call takers or other 911 personnel
 - B. Vehicle expenses
 - C. Wireline database cost
 - D. Outside plant fiber or copper cabling systems and building entrance cost
 - E. Consoles, workstation
 - F. Aerial photography expenses
 - G. Wireline 911 analog trunks; administrative lines and circuits; GIS database synchronization; and recurring network and circuit cost beyond the first year
- 6.2 Funding limitations are specified on the following items:
 - A. Grant funding shall be limited to eligible equipment maintenance and warranty costs for a primary PSAP and one other PSAP per county: either a primary, a secondary or a backup. Geo-diverse systems may be considered one PSAP for the purpose of grant funding.
 - B. Grant funding shall be limited to eligible mapping maintenance and warranty costs for a primary PSAP and one other PSAP per county: either a primary, a secondary or a backup.
 - C. Grant funding for 911 equipment, hardware and software shall be limited (per grant cycle) to eligible expenditures for a primary PSAP only.
 - D. Selective router equipment costs are limited to the primary PSAP system and are limited to one per county. For this grant program they are included under the call handling equipment priority.
 - E. Training cost funding is limited to new system and equipment training.
 - F. The allowable grant funding for travel expenses is limited to the authorized amounts established in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and the Department of Financial Services Guidelines for State Expenditures.

7.0 Approval and Award

- 7.1 The Board will review each application for compliance with the requirements of the terms and conditions in this application.
- 7.2 DMS grant agreements shall be signed by an authorized signatory authority for the county after the grant is approved.
- 7.3 Grant awards will be withheld for any county that has a grant with a past-due quarterly report or past-due final documentation and closeout of previous rural county grant awards. Grant awards are eligible to be withheld if the county is not in compliance with Board reporting requirements..
- 7.4 Applications will be awarded based upon the priorities set by the Board as listed in Addendum I - Funding Priorities for the 911 Rural County Grant Program.
- 7.5 The Board will adjust the amount awarded to a county based upon the availability of funds, eligibility of requested items, published quotes, increased effectiveness of grant funds, minimum system requirements for performing the needed 911 function as specified in the State 911 Plan, or documented factors provided in the grant application submission.

8.0 Financial and Administrative Requirements

- 8.1 Grant funds shall be provided on a cost reimbursement basis.
- 8.2 Each grantee shall submit reimbursement claims to the Board as needed; however, each county is limited to only one single claim request per grant per month. Receipt of reimbursement funds from the Board is contingent on the timely and accurate submittal of funding requests. Requests for reimbursement of expenditures must be submitted on the approved Financial Reimbursement of Expenditures Reporting Form in rule 60FF1-5.0035(4), F.A.C. Incomplete claims forms or claims not submitted on the correct form cannot be processed and will be returned for corrections. Submit only for the amounts in each budget category in which you have incurred expenditures. Incomplete reimbursement requests will be rejected and returned after 14 days if no updates are received from the county.
- 8.3 Upon written request and accompanying documentation justifying the need, a county may receive a progress payment of funding with a completed Financial Reimbursement of Expenditures Reporting Form (Rule 60FF1-5.0035(4), F.A.C), signed contract or purchase order, the vendor invoice, and county certification that the specific grant items including all tasks and deliverables included in the funding request are complete. Within 45 days of transfer of funding or the check date, the grantee shall submit verification of payment to the vendor. Abuse of this policy will lead to denial of future payments.
- 8.4 Reimbursement claims shall include only expenditures claimed against the specific grant number awarded and include copies of purchase orders and paid vouchers, invoices, copies of check

processing, journal transfers. The reimbursement request must match the scope of work and budget proposed in the grant applications. Grants that include cost defined by a set number of work hours dedicated to a project must include additional documents as requested by DMS staff. All items must comply with the DFS Reference Guide for State Expenditures.

8.5 To ensure prompt processing, complete reimbursement claims should be e-mailed to:

E911BoardElectronicGrantReports@dms.fl.gov

Or submitted to the Public Safety Portal at
<https://publicsafety.fl.gov/>

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8.6 Grant funds can only be used between the beginning and ending dates of the grant term unless the Board authorizes an extension. Requests for reimbursements may be submitted up to 120 days after the end of the grant term.

8.7 Responsibility for grant funding and any failure to perform the minimum level of service required by the grant application and the application scope of work cannot be transferred under any circumstances from the County. Failure to perform the scope of work or expenditure of funds for other than allowable 911 costs as stated in the grant application shall require the county to return the awarded funds to the E911 Board.

8.8 It is the county's responsibility to maintain the property, equipment, or services in accordance with the scope of work. If a sale or transfer of such property or equipment occurs within five years after a grant ends, funds must be returned to the Board on a pro-rata basis. If the equipment costs over \$5,000 the county must maintain an inventory of 5 years. Exceptions may be made due to obsolescence because of system upgrade.

8.9 The grantee agrees that any improvement, expansion, or other effect brought about in whole or part by grant funds will be maintained until the system or equipment becomes obsolete.

8.10 If a grantee materially fails to comply with any term of an award, the Board shall take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances:

- Withhold grant payments pending grantee correction of the deficiency,
- Disapprove all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance,
- Suspend or terminate the current award for the grantee's project,
- Suspend or deny future grant awards.

The Board will provide the grantee an opportunity for a hearing, appeal, or other administrative proceeding to which the grantee is entitled under Florida Statute or regulation applicable to the action involved.

8.11 Grant awards or a portion thereof may be terminated by the grantee upon written notification to the Board, detailing the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and the release of allocated funds.

- 8.12 Board Staff may require additional documentation to confirm proof of payment and deliverables met in accordance with the DFS Reference Guide for State Expenditures.
- 8.13 Prior to a county signing a contract with a different vendor from the original vendor stated in the grant application, the county must request a grant change on the Change Request Form and include an itemized quote and a copy of the new contract to be approved by the Emergency Communications Board

9.0 Grant Reporting Procedures

- 9.1 Grantees will be required to submit quarterly reports summarizing cumulative expenditures and status of the grant project. Quarterly reports shall include a completed Quarterly Status Report form (60FF1-5.0035(2)).
 - 9.1.1 Reporting will begin at the conclusion of the first full quarter after the award. The report periods will end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year. Reports are due within 30 days of the ending report period.
 - 9.1.2 Updated reports and associated information should be e-mailed to E911BoardElectronicGrantReports@dms.fl.gov.
- 9.2 The Quarterly Status Report form shall inform the Board of significant impacts to grant supported activities. Significant impacts include project status developments affecting time schedules and objectives, anticipated lower costs or producing beneficial results in addition to those originally planned. Additionally, problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the timely completion of the award must be reported. The disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
- 9.3 The county's Board of County Commissioners chairperson shall be notified when overdue quarterly reports or final reports are not received before the next Emergency Communications Board meeting following the month after the end of the quarter in which they are due.
- 9.4 Funding continuance will be based on timely submission of quarterly reports.
- 9.5 Upon receipt of final reimbursement from DFS, a final Quarterly Status Report form shall be submitted based on the same reporting requirements described in grant reporting item 9.1. Proof of payment to the vendor or proof of final payment from DFS must be submitted with the Quarterly Status Report marked as "final" in the appropriate field.
- 9.6 Final document submission and close-out of a grant does not affect the Board's right to disallow costs and recover funds because of an audit or financial review. The county shall remain obligated to return any funds expended that do not comply with the terms and conditions of the grant award.
- 9.7 The counties are required to provide DMS a copy of the county's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) no later than August 1st following the completion of the County's fiscal year.

10. **Change Requests**

- 10.1 Change requests shall be submitted prior to deviation from any awarded grant applications. No changes or departures from the original request are authorized unless approved in writing by the Board. Such requests shall be submitted using the Change Request form in Rule 60FF1-5.0035(3), F.A.C.
- 10.2 Prior to a county signing a contract with a different vendor from the original vendor stated in the grant application, the county must request a grant change on the Change Request Form in Rule 60FF1-5.0035(3), F.A.C, and include an itemized quote and a copy of the new contract.
- 10.3 Time extension requests will not be granted unless the county has executed a contract for the grant equipment and services or demonstrates good cause for failure to execute a contract within one year of the award. Good cause documentation shall include a new project timeline schedule.
- 10.4 Time extensions shall be limited to a maximum of one additional year, totaling two years when approved by the Board.
- 10.5 Change Request forms and associated information should be e-mailed to E911BoardElectronicGrantReports@dms.fl.gov
- 10.6 Change requests must be submitted ten (10) business days prior to the Board meeting to be reviewed. Any reports submitted later will be reviewed at the following Board meeting.

County _____

911 RURAL COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Total Amount Requested: _____

Project Title: _____

1. Board of County Commissioners Chair: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

2. County 911 Coordinator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

County _____

COUNTY INFORMATION
USE 12 POINT FONT OR LEGIBLE HAND PRINTING

3. County Fact Information

Number of PSAPs	
Number of Call-taking Positions per PSAP	
Equipment requested in this grant	

4 **Financial Information:**

- a. What are the current annual costs for your 911 system (circuits, customer records hardware and software, etc.) not including maintenance
- b. What are the current annual costs for maintenance of items included in 3.?
- c. What is the total amount of 911 fee revenue received in the preceding year? (This does not include any special disbursement, Rural County supplements or training disbursements)
- d. What is the total amount of county carryforward funding retained in the preceding fiscal year?
- e. What is the total-amount of county carry forward funding your county currently has accrued.
- f. Two-year maximum calculated amount for applied carryforward funding(2 times the amount calculated on your 6A, item 9)

- g. Subtract the amount in 4f from the amount in 4e. (if greater than zero, i.e. positive number, this is the minimum calculated amount for applied carry forward funding) A negative number means you do not have to apply any carry-forward funds)
 - h. If amount in 4g is greater than zero Insert that number in the Budget Report as “ carry forward funds applied “.
5. Describe your county’s existing 911 system. Include specific information on existing system equipment upgrades and when the installation of this equipment was completed and current services.
6. Describe the current services and equipment and the associated scope of work for the proposed project including any goal(s) and objectives. Include the tasks to be performed as part of the project. Provide scope of work in quantifiable units of deliverables that shall be received and accepted. For each deliverable specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable. For any scope of work that includes milestones, please describe in detail what deliverables are expected to be provided in each milestone.

7. Justification of the need for the proposed project. Provide detailed information on the existing system's condition including a detailed justification for any system with an expected remaining life of less than 1 year. This may include software or stand-alone components.

8. Describe why your county will not be able to complete this project without this grant funding.

9. Describe the required steps with an anticipated time schedule with procurement and payment milestones and a total project completion date.

10. Sole source justification (if applicable). Sole source justification must meet the state procurement guidelines and chapter 287.057 (3)(c), F.S.

County _____

10. Assurances

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The grantee accepts all grant terms and conditions. Grantee understands that grants are contingent upon the availability of funds.

DISCLAIMER: The grantee certifies that the facts and information contained in this application and any attached documents are true and correct. A violation of this requirement may result in revocation of the grant and return of all grant funds and interest accrued (if any), pursuant to the E911 Board authority and any other remedy provided by law.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS: The grantee understands and accepts that the notice of award will be advertised on the Florida E911 website.

MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION: The grantee agrees that any improvement, expansion or other effect brought about in whole or part by grant funds will be maintained. No substantial changes or departures from the original proposal shall be permitted unless the Board gives prior written authorization. Any unauthorized change will necessitate the return of grant funds and accrued interest (if any) to the Emergency Communications Board.

The county certifies that all applicable county procurement rules/procedures have been met.

Failure to utilize grant funds as represented may jeopardize eligibility to be considered for future funding.

11. Authority

I hereby affirm my authority and responsibility for the use of funds requested.

SIGNATURE – CHAIR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS or
COUNTY MANAGER/Administrator

DATE

Printed Name

Funding Priorities for the 911 Rural County Grant Program

The criteria for determining acceptability for disbursement of funds from the State of Florida 911 Rural County Grant Program will be made on a priority basis. There will be nine priorities as identified below:

PRIORITY 1: Rural counties with Primary PSAP systems that require immediate system replacement to maintain enhanced 911 status or when the expected remaining life of the system is less than 1 year.

PRIORITY 2: Rural counties with systems that require maintenance or warranty agreements for maintaining enhanced 911 status. This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through c:

- a. System Maintenance (pertaining exclusively to items listed in Priorities 3 a-h only)
- b. Hosted System Service for subsequent years, after the first year.
- c. Mapping System Maintenance (pertaining exclusively to items listed in Priority 5a only)

PRIORITY 3: Rural counties with Primary PSAP systems that require new or replacement of critical or necessary hardware or software for maintaining status. This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through h:

- a. Hardware and software for communications or terminal equipment located at a PSAP for 911 call processing, ANI and ALI display and call answering.
- b. Lightning Protection Equipment
- c. Uninterruptible Power Supply Equipment and or Generator Equipment
- d. 911 Voice Recording Equipment
- e. County 911 Standalone ALI Database Equipment
- f. 911 Map Display Equipment
- g. Net clock
- h. New additional 911 Call Taker Position Equipment

PRIORITY 4: Rural counties with Systems requesting consolidation of PSAPs, which decreases the number of Primary or Secondary PSAPs in the county by a minimum of one.

PRIORITY 5: Rural counties with Systems that require mapping services necessary for maintaining Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through b:

- a. Mapping System Equipment - map generation hardware and software licensing is limited to components for two stations
- b. GIS Centerline, point generation and map accuracy services
- c. GIS Data support

PRIORITY 6: Rural counties requesting reimbursement of annual Text-to-911 service costs

PRIORITY 7: Rural counties requesting backup 911 phone services used when the primary 911 system has been compromised.

PRIORITY 8: Rural counties requesting an initial assessment of their PSAP Cybersecurity risk threshold or the cost of annual cybersecurity monitoring for the primary PSAP

Regional system project requests related to systems, equipment and maintenance will be considered the highest priority within each priority category.

Grants awards will be funded in order of priority assigned. Total funding for any priority may be adjusted based on the remaining funds available, the number of applications and the anticipated requests in the next funding cycle. The acceptability for disbursement of funds from the State of Florida 911 Rural County Grant Program for any 911 expense items not expressly provided for in Priorities above shall be determined at the discretion of the Board pursuant to its authority under sections 365.172 and 365.173, Florida Statutes