

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska     ) Application No. 911-042.57  
Public Service Commission, on     )  
its own motion, seeking to        )  
administer funding for public     ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for        )  
the implementation and             )  
provision of Enhanced Wireless     )  
911 service: City of Alliance.     ) Entered: April 12, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about November 17, 2021, the City of Alliance public safety answering point ("PSAP"), which serves Box Butte County, filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase hardware and software upgrades for its call handling equipment in order to join the regional network of PSAPs known as the South Central/Panhandle Region. The total amount of eligible non-recurring costs and first year recurring costs documented in the City of Alliance funding request is \$20,149.92.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its February 10, 2022, meeting and recommended the request be approved.

## O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

Pursuant to the 911 Service System Act<sup>1</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>2</sup> Money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to be eligible for funding, including costs incurred by PSAPs for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.<sup>3</sup>

PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.<sup>4</sup> Set-aside funds may also be used to pay

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

<sup>4</sup> *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service*, Application No. 911-

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the first year of recurring costs, such as multi-year maintenance, service, support, or licensing agreements.<sup>5</sup> However, set-aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support, or licensing agreements.<sup>6</sup>

PSAP expenses that are incurred in order to join a regional network of PSAPs are not subject to the wireless/wireline ratio and may be fully paid using set-aside funds.<sup>7</sup>

Based upon the requests for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested are eligible for funding as costs that have been incurred or will be incurred for the acquisition of new equipment and related maintenance costs and license fees, and/or the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications service required for the provision of 911 service.<sup>8</sup> Moreover, the funding requested by the City of Alliance PSAP is for the purpose of joining a new PSAP region and is eligible to be paid from set-aside funds, without applying the wireless/wireline ratio.

Based on the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by the City of Alliance PSAP should be approved in an amount up to **\$20,149.92**.

### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the City of Alliance PSAP is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$20,149.92**.

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019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of North Platte*, App. No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (Aug. 29, 2017).

<sup>6</sup> See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Cedar County*, Application No. 911-043.17 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 29, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Hitchcock County*, Application No. 911-042.17 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (May 14, 2019).

<sup>8</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director