

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-060.06
on its own motion, seeking to)
investigate and determine)
whether additional funds from)
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund)
should be made available to) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION
public safety answering points)
for costs to implement text to)
911 solutions: City of Grand)
Island.) Entered: April 23, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 6, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an order on its own motion seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund¹ should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.

On November 4, 2014, the Commission issued Progression Order No. 3 in this docket,² setting out an application process and interim procedure for funding text to 911 solutions for PSAPs outside the cost model. Progression Order No. 3 further specified that the Commission intended to limit each approval of text to 911 funding to a duration of no more than three years. On November 19, 2018, the Commission issued Progression Order No. 4 in this docket,³ extending indefinitely the interim funding process for text-to-911 services adopted pursuant to Progression Order No. 3.

On or about January 28, 2019, the City of Grand Island PSAP ("Grand Island") submitted an application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for a Direct IP solution. The application

¹ The Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund was merged into the 911 Service System Fund pursuant to LB 993 [2018].

² In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions, Application No. 911-060/PI-191, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 3 (Nov. 4, 2014).

³ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions, Application No. 911-060/PI-191, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 4 (Nov. 19, 2018).

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listed \$1,500.00 in non-recurring costs and no monthly recurring costs.

The application was reviewed by technical subject matter experts, Mission Critical Partners, who affirmed that the proposed solution was technically viable and provided complete integration with the call handling equipment used in the East Central Region.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Grand Island's funding request at its April 17, 2019 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the funding request.

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

According to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-1025(5)(c), costs incurred by PSAPs 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 may be eligible for funding from the 911 Service System Fund, according to standards and criteria established by the Commission.

Pursuant to the funding mechanism adopted by Progression Order No. 3, and indefinitely extended by Progression Order No. 4 in this docket, the Commission may approve funding requests for technology solutions and other costs of providing text to 911 services. The funding mechanism further specifies that the Commission will limit the approval of text to 911 related service contracts to no more than three years, but PSAPs may apply to extend or revise such funding for one or more additional periods, not to exceed three years each.

The Commission finds the funding request submitted by Grand Island contains eligible costs under the above-referenced Orders, and that funding should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$1,500.00** in non-recurring costs.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the text to 911 technology solution funding request submitted by City of Grand Island be, and is hereby, approved in an amount not to exceed **\$1,500.00** in non-recurring costs.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that City of Grand Island submit required documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement from the 911 Service System Fund.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of April, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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