

TO: Criminal Justice Committee
Board of Commissioners

FROM: McCarther Griffis, Director of 911 Central Dispatch

DATE: Thursday, November 07, 2019

RE: **State of Michigan CPE Next Generation 911 Grant Application**
For the Work Session Agenda 19th 2019

BACKGROUND

The State of Michigan has offered a Next Generation 911 Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) grant. This opportunity would significantly help Isabella County Central Dispatch if awarded to proceed with our needed improvement to our current out of date and beyond the end of life 911 CPE. The estimated project cost is \$209,160.54. Of that some costs will not be eligible for our project. The grant requires a minimum 10% match. I am recommending that we offer a 15% match to hopefully position our application with a more favorable outcome.

The grant timelines are the application is due by November 20th, 2019, and currently is being worked on, awards will be announced by Feb 19th, 2020 and project completion will be by Feb 19th, 2021 with an onsite review no later than April 1, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not apply for the grant and use 911 funds to pay for the project.
2. Apply for the grant and only use the minimum match of 10% of the project

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Isabella County Central Dispatch can afford the 10% match the grant requires. It can also afford the additional 5% that is recommended by the Director.

If this grant is awarded it could save Isabella County approximately 85% of the eligible costs.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Isabella County Central Dispatch will face a significant financial challenge to replace the next critical piece of equipment during the next fiscal year. The current dispatch radio consoles have an End of Life/End of Support from the manufacturer's notice on them. Because of our changing public safety dispatching needs the replacement costs of the radio system are estimated at over \$600,000.00.

Central Michigan University Police Department (Our Back-Up Dispatch Center) also intends to apply for the grant as well. Their part is not directly linked to the Isabella County project's estimated costs. We began collaboratively working on the planning process for this project process from the beginning. Both of us have joined the Great Lakes Bay Consortium with the understanding that the West Viper Solution is what will be used as a host system and we will join as a node off of that system.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Move to recommend that the Director of Isabella County Central Dispatch be approved to apply for the State of Michigan CPE Next Generation 911 Grant.

ATTACHMENTS

None