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ENHANCED 9-1-1 COMPLIANCE GRANT PROGRAM

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A Building Communities Grant Overview

The Enhanced 9-1-1 Compliance Grant Program was created by Act 160 of the 2016 legislative session. This Building Communities grant is intended to provide financial assistance and incentive to Vermont schools to support the identification and implementation of needed changes to the school's telecommunications technology so accurate address and location information (i.e., specific call back number, building name/number, floor number, room number, etc.) is provided to Vermont 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

This program is administered by the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board which has the authority to award grants at its sole discretion. Grants are awarded competitively. The program is authorized to award matching grants of up to \$25,000.00 per project. The required match must be through dollars raised and not in-kind services.

It is important to recognize that each school may have a different starting point on the path to compliance with 9-1-1 location requirements. While the ultimate goal is to have all schools provide the required information, this grant program will support schools in taking any needed steps along the path toward compliance. Examples of projects that will be considered for these grants include but are not limited to: fees/costs for consultation services to identify current telecommunications system capabilities; fees/costs associated with consultation services to understand available options and/or obstacles related to improving the quality of information sent to 9-1-1; fees associated with improving a school's ability to maintain accurate location data; and/or costs for replacing or upgrading existing telecommunications technology to allow for more accurate location information.

Grant applications for public schools must be coordinated and submitted at the Supervisory Union or School District level on behalf of individual schools.

Independent schools that receive public funds for tuition are also eligible for this program and may submit applications on their own behalf.

Please note: It is the intent of the legislature that applicants applying for any of the Building Communities Grant Awards shall not apply for more than one grant as defined in Chapter 137 of Title 24 for the same project in a single calendar year, in any category. This does not prohibit organizations from requesting funding for a different project in an alternate location under any of the grants.

Questions about the 9-1-1 Compliance Grant Program?

Contact the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board at 802-828-4911 or e-mail us at e911.grant@vermont.gov

Enhanced 9-1-1 Compliance Grant Program Application Instructions

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Purpose: Funds are to be used to identify, implement, and/or maintain changes to a school's telecommunications system technology so the most accurate call back and location information is available to a 9-1-1 call-taker in the event a 9-1-1 call is placed from the school's telephone system.

Eligibility: This grant program is open to all Vermont public pre-K-12 schools and Vermont independent pre-K-12 schools that receive public funds for tuition. Grants are not available for locations that house only administrative offices, i.e., the project must impact facilities that routinely house a student population. Grants are provided for projects that are ready to begin or are currently in progress. Projects that are already completed are not eligible.

Award Limits: The maximum available grant is \$25,000.00 per project. Requests in any amount up to the twenty-five-thousand-dollar limit will be considered. Documentation must be provided to show a financial match for each dollar requested. In-kind services are not allowable as the match source.

Application Deadline: All applications and supporting material must be received by the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board by **4:30 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications may be submitted by e-mail or by US mail.

If submitting by e-mail, please use **APPLICATION** in subject line. E-mail completed applications and attachments to: e911.grant@vermont.gov

OR

Submit by US Mail to:

**Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board
Attn: 9-1-1 Compliance Grant Program
100 State St, 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-6501**

Evaluation Process: Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee of staff members from the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board. A supplemental risk assessment questionnaire will be required prior to final award offer. Award notifications will be made in writing on or before April 28, 2017.

Enhanced 9-1-1 Compliance Grant Program Application Form

Name and Address of Supervisory Union/School District (if applicable)

Contact Person

Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Project Location

School Name:

School Address:

Project Scope: (Brief Description – telephone system replacement/upgrade, consultation services, database maintenance costs)

Total Project Cost:

Grant Amount Requested: (The program is authorized to award matching grants up to \$25,000.00 per project)

Actual or Expected Project Start Date:

Expected Project End Date:

Provide a full description of the scope of work to be performed. How will this work improve the ability of the school's telephone system to provide accurate and specific location information to a 9-1-1 call-taker?

Attachments:

- **Attach supporting documentation outlining the financial match.** Evidence of a successful school board vote or a specific line item approved within a budget would be useful in documenting the financial match and the intent of the project. As a reminder, in-kind contributions of labor and/or materials or other types of in-kind match are not allowed.