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State of Wyoming

Public Safety Communications Commission

Administration and Funding Work Group
Emerson Building – Room 223 and Phone Conference
Meeting of April 14, 2008

Members in attendance: Steve DeCecco, Chairman, phone conference; Jerry Kennedy, phone conference; Bill Westerfield; Kevin Hibbard – WYDOT, Dave Johnson – WAM, John Hartwig – PSCC Executive Director; and Bob Symons, PSCC Administrative Support.

Chairman DeCecco called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Discussion on the review and criteria for awarding the second round PSCC dispatch center grant awards. Bob Symons has provided the work group with the discussions and motion on the second round grants from the December 11, 2007 PSCC meeting, discussions and motion from the March 11, 2008 PSCC meeting and a spreadsheet of the second round applications received.

The PSCC approved a motion at the December 11, 2007 meeting to recommend reviewing merit and benefit based criteria, financial need, population and consideration of consolidated dispatch centers. The first round of grants was awarded equally to all dispatch centers receiving \$150,000.

Assessed valuation and population criteria were discussed in detail. Population served by the dispatch center or the population of the county could affect the amount of funding. The valuation per capita could affect the amount of funding to each county. Discussions on using the inverse valuation and population formulas for awarding grants. The decennial census of 2000 would be the best figures to use for population and the current assessed valuation from the Department of Revenue would provide information that could be upheld as viable and accurate. Discussion on how to split the populations between dispatch centers serving counties and cities or towns when there are multiple dispatch centers in a county.

It is important that what ever formula is used that it is repeatable and verifiable. Discussion on making sure every applicant gets some of the funds. Is it important and is it politically correct not to provide funds to all applicants. Discussions on giving each county funding and then splitting the funds by the number of dispatch centers or splitting the funds by a population base of the dispatch centers in each county.

Discussion on using a population based formula to determine the funding per county then dividing the county funds by the number of dispatch centers.

Discussion on allocating the grant funds and encumbering the funds. Each of the first round grants will need a grant agreement addendum for extending the funds past June 30, 2008.

Allocation based upon population, then dividing by the number of counties requesting funding (21 counties). Or splitting the remaining funds by each county then allocating funds by a population based formula to each dispatch center.

Bob Symons will develop some spreadsheets using different formulas of $\frac{1}{2}$ population and $\frac{1}{2}$ inverse valuation; $\frac{3}{4}$ population and $\frac{1}{4}$ inverse population; $\frac{1}{2}$ flat amount and $\frac{1}{2}$ inverse valuation. All of the formulas will be given to each county and then the county funds will be divided by the number of dispatch centers. Bob will also talk to the Legislative Service Office on the formulas used by the legislature for the city and county funding.

Once the formulas are developed, bob will e-mail them to the work group and set up another meeting to finalize the funding formula.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Symons
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