

RE: Highland Telephone Cooperative - Request for Contract for the Recovery of NG911 Transport Cost

My name is Chad Kimble and I am the General Manager at Highland Telephone Cooperative. We are currently working with the state 911 authorities as a part of the implementation of the Virginia NG911 project. We had a meeting with a Mr. Lewis Cassada, Public Safety Program Manager, 9-1-1 & Geospatial Services Bureau (NGC) with VDEM regarding the possibility of Highland Telephone Cooperative as the 911 originating service provider recovering the NG911 transport cost. Mr. Cassada directed us to the Code of Virginia § 56-484.17(D). Wireless E-911 Fund; uses of Fund; enforcement;

D. The remaining 40 percent of the Fund shall be distributed to PSAPs or on behalf of PSAPs based on grant requests received by the Board each fiscal year. The Board shall establish criteria for receiving and making grants from the Fund, including procedures for determining the amount of a grant and payment schedule. The Board shall give the highest priority to grants that support the regional or multijurisdictional deployment and sustainment of NG9-1-1, and it shall give secondary priority to grants that support the deployment and sustainment of (i) NG9-1-1 in a single jurisdiction and (ii) in-building repeaters that improve public safety radio coverage within buildings with impaired radio coverage. **If requested by an originating service provider, the Board shall execute a contract to reimburse that originating service provider for its costs incurred to deliver 9-1-1 calls to the ESInet points of interconnection.** The Board shall ensure that cost is minimized while still achieving necessary 9-1-1 service and ESInet objectives. The Board may retain some or all of this uncommitted funding for an identified 9-1-1 funding need or for a reserve balance pursuant to a reserve balance policy adopted by the Board.

Could you assist us or direct us to the correct individual that could assist us with submitting a request for a contract for the reimbursement of NG911 cost?

Thank you,

**Chad Kimble
General Manager
Highland Telephone Cooperative**

**Denise Waybright
Office Manager**



**392 Potomac River Road
PO Box 340
Monterey, Virginia 24465-0340
Tel: (540) 468-2131
Fax: (540) 468-1989
www.htcnet.org**