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STAFF REPORT

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TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Review and discussion of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee – Order of priority for 911 fund expenditures.

SUMMARY

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 244A.7645 subsection 4, specifies that money in the 911 Fund must be expended in a certain priority. Generally, the statute specifies the following order:

1. Costs associated with creating or updating the 911 5-Year Master Plan
2. An Audit of 911 Surcharge revenue as described in NRS 244A.7648
3. Paying the costs related to the telephone system for reporting emergencies
4. Paying the costs associated with portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.

See NRS 244A.7645 for complete language on prioritization for 911 Fund expenditures. The Priorities specified in NRS 244A.7645 cover the majority of expenditures considered by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee. Occasionally, however, requests for funding are made to the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee for equipment, systems, software, or services that fall outside of the prioritization specified but are generally related to 911 communications, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) operations, or first responder communications with PSAPS.

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has requested that additional prioritization of expenditures be drafted to include additional specificity and examples to what could reasonably be concluded is part of allowable expenses under NRS 244A.7645. The draft prioritization of 911 expenditures is attached to this report.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

NA

BACKGROUND

NRS 244A.7645 subsection 4, specifies that money in the 911 Fund must be expended in the following order of priority. Priorities listed below are abridged, see NRS 244A.7645 for complete language on spending priorities for money in the 911 Fund.

1. Costs associated with creating or updating the 5-Year Master Plan
2. An Audit of 911 Surcharge revenue as described in NRS 244A.7648
3. Paying the costs related to the telephone system for reporting emergencies including:
 - a. Paying recurring and nonrecurring charges for telecommunication services necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system;
 - b. Paying costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system;
 - c. Purchasing, leasing or renting the equipment and software necessary to operate the enhanced telephone system, including, without limitation, equipment and software that identify the number or location from which a call is made; and
 - d. Paying costs associated with any maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.
4. Paying the costs associated with the acquisition, maintenance, storage of data, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices or systems that consist of both portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.
 - a. Paying costs authorized under this section (4) related to training.
 - b. Per County code, 911 surcharge revenue may not be used for personnel costs related to portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.

FISCAL IMPACT

NA

RECOMMENDATION

NA

POSSIBLE MOTION

NA

911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee – Order of priority for 911 Fund expenditures

Category 1 Expenses:

NRS 244A.7645 subsection 4, specifies that money in the 911 Fund must be expended in the following order of priority¹.

1. Costs associated with creating or updating the 5-Year Master Plan
2. An Audit of 911 Surcharge revenue as described in NRS 244A.7648
3. Paying the costs related to the telephone system for reporting emergencies including:
 - a. Paying recurring and nonrecurring charges for telecommunication services necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system;
 - b. Paying costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system;
 - c. Purchasing, leasing or renting the equipment and software necessary to operate the enhanced telephone system, including, without limitation, equipment and software that identify the number or location from which a call is made; and
 - d. Paying costs associated with any maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.
4. Paying the costs associated with the acquisition, maintenance, storage of data, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices or systems that consist of both portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.
 - a. Paying costs authorized under this section (4) related to training.
 - b. *Per County code, 911 surcharge revenue may not be used for personnel costs related to portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.*

Category 2 Expenses:

Priorities related to the enhanced telephone system (category 1, priority 3) for reporting emergencies but not specifically defined within NRS:*

5. Equipment, systems, software, and services utilized explicitly for communications from dispatch centers to emergency responders.
 - a. Examples:
 - i. Fire Station Alerting Systems
 - ii. Paging Systems
6. Ancillary equipment, systems, or software utilized within dispatch centers by dispatch operators in support of dispatch center operations related to emergency telecommunications and data.
 - a. Examples:
 - i. Desks, chairs, monitors, headsets used by 911 Dispatch operators
 - ii. 911 Event Logging Recorders

¹ Priorities listed are abridged, see NRS 244A.7645 for complete language on 911 fund spending priorities.

7. Equipment, systems, software, and services utilized for communications between PSAPs and emergency responders and for emergency response. The equipment in this category may have additional functionality outside of direct communications between dispatch centers and first responders.
 - a. Examples:
 - i. Mobile Data Computers used by first responders to receive data from a dispatch center
 - ii. Handheld and mobile radios used by first responders to receive and respond to communications from a dispatch center

*Any category 2 expenses shall be one-time, non-annual, expenses. If expenses include annual maintenance or warranties outside of the original one-time purchase, those annual expenses are the responsibility of the purchasing agency.

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