

GIS Data Maintenance Funding **DRAFT**

The 9-1-1 Coordination Board has approved an incentive/funding plan to facilitate GIS data cleanup and regular data maintenance submissions. There is a lot of inconsistency in how frequently data updates have been submitted in the past. As you know, data accuracy is key for 911 call routing and emergency response, so regular updates are essential. Because each county handles their GIS data maintenance a little differently based upon who performs the data maintenance, we came up with a program that will help to as a revenue source to fund the GIS data maintenance expenditures made in support of 911 in South Dakota.

Several counties utilize planning districts, (District III in Yankton and First District in Watertown) however the increased demand of GIS data maintenance for NG911 requires a lot more time from these entities. This is the main reason the 911 Coordination Board implemented this initiative instead of the counties having to be billed for the additional labor. The Board wanted to pass along these funding opportunities for other county GIS data maintenance providers and expenditures.

There are specific benchmarks which must be met to be eligible to receive the one-time data cleanup and ongoing maintenance funds, so it is essential that these criteria are met as outlined in the attached document. For those counties who have county GIS personnel or contract with third party vendors other than the planning districts mentioned above, you may want to keep in close communication with your GIS data maintenance providers to facilitate the data submission requirements being met, allowing for compensation for those efforts.

These payments will be made via the State Auditor's Office as ACH or physical check with a remit message to include "GIS data maintenance incentive funds." These payments should be recorded as "State Grants" or incentive funds within the fund that contains the PSAP operational budget expenditures and reported as such in the 911 Annual Financial report that is due July 31st to the State 911 Office.