

2014 SECB Grant Recommendations

NE ECB

The NE RAC Grants Subcommittee met on Friday, August 7, 2015. The NE ECB asked the RAC Chair to convene the meeting and develop a plan for the SECB Grant Funds. RAC Vice Chair Mark Lallak, Marlyn Halvorson, Scott Heidi, Steve Olson, Kerry Swenson and Marcus Bruning were involved in the discussions and consulted for input. The following is a summary of the proposal.

The 2014 SECB Grant Award to the NE Region is \$116,743.13. A preliminary budget was submitted to ECN consisting of \$12,743.13 for training and \$104,000 for equipment. Any funds used for equipment require a 50% match. Funds used for training and exercises require no match.

The group considered all requests for funding received by Chair Scott Camps. They include the following:

- **\$50,000 Cook County Analyzer.** This is a technical monitor device used for the service of radio equipment.
 - The group is recommending to not fund this request. The State's Grant Workgroup has disallowed a request to use grant funding for this device in the past.
- **\$70,000 Crow Wing County MCC7100.** This is a portable console solution that is essentially a console in a suitcase. The solution could be used to establish a dispatch console remotely in case of planned or unplanned events. The project has benefit as a regional asset and will benefit the expansion of the ARMER infrastructure.
- **\$60,000 Carlton Channel Capacity.** This is a project to expand channel capacity at the Mahtowa Tower Site. The site is currently experiencing site busies in large part because of Fond Du Lac Tribal Law Enforcement's need to hear St. Louis County Law Mains for dispatching on the Southern end of their primary service area. A temporary solution is currently in place setting a radio on the St. Louis Law Main and locked on to the Mahtowa site. The site is not prepared to handle the traffic associated with the St. Louis County Law Main in its current configuration. This project expands capacity at the site by adding two channels and will enhance the ARMER Backbone.
- **\$24,000 City of Duluth Public Works Radios.** This project makes end user ARMER Radios available to City of Duluth Public Works. Interoperability with public works is essential to public safety. The project enhances communications interoperability.

Total Equipment at 50% Match: Crow Wing \$35,000, Carlton \$30,000, City of Duluth \$12,000 = \$77,000

Training: The SECB Grants Workgroup identified "Training and Exercise" as the number one priority of this grant source. Two proposals were discussed for the region. The subcommittee recommends increasing the previously submitted budget for training to encompass the **remaining \$39,743.13**. The two areas of emphasis are 1). Regional Console Training. A preliminary budgetary Quote from On Target Training was **\$20,000** 2) Regional Technical Training to increase the technical depth throughout the region. The technical training will include COML, CASM and COMT training and incorporate two exercises (one tabletop and one full scale) to demonstrate the exercise the technical abilities within the region to include the STR and MCC7100 solutions. **\$19,743.13**

Training Total: \$39,743.13 Total Grant Award: \$116,743.13 . Grant Expiration 6/30/16