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**911 Services Board Announces \$2 million of Emergency Call Center Grants**

John Holiday, Kentucky 911 Services Board Chair and Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), today announced that 23 grants impacting 30 Kentucky counties totaling \$1,994,044.66 have been awarded for the board's 2018 grant cycle.

"This year we wanted to focus on helping Kentucky's 911 call centers move toward next generation capabilities and projects that impact not only their own county but their neighboring counties," Holiday explained.

For the 2018 grant cycle, there were 70 applications from 66 Kentucky counties representing a little over \$5 million in requests. In evaluating the grants, KOHS followed the same protocol used when evaluating federally-funded U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants. A team of subject matter experts from call centers across the commonwealth analyzed and scored each grant. The highest scoring projects were then submitted to the 911 Services Board, which unanimously approved the grant awards at their Tuesday, July 10, 2018 meeting.

"As in the last grant cycle the objective was to remove all political processes and obstacles so that all grants are ranked on critical need to the very best of our ability," Holiday said.

A complete list of grant recipients can be viewed on the Kentucky 911 Services Board web page: <http://911board.ky.gov>.

