

PSAP REQUESTS TO EXPAND PERMITTED USES OF 911 FUNDS (2001-2009)

Summary of Information in Table Below:

- (1) At least 20 PSAPs requested bills to expand permitted uses of 911 Funds between the years of 2001-2009.
- (2) The majority of requests were for communications equipment, including items such as mobile radios, base stations, and communications towers. Training of telecommunications dispatchers was requested in at least four bills.
- (3) The table includes data from introduced bills and committee substitutes reported out of committee only.

YEAR	PSAP	PERMITTED USES OF 911 FUNDS REQUESTED
2001	Halifax	Allow 50% of money from Emergency Telephone System Fund (Fund) to be used for expenses currently allowed under the existing statute, including the lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment and rates associated with 911 service, and 50% to be used for expenses not currently allowed under the existing statute, including the lease or purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling of emergency dispatch centers; hiring, training, and compensating dispatchers; and the purchase of emergency vehicles.
	Beaufort Caldwell Mitchell	Allow Fund money to be used to pay for costs associated with receiving or processing the emergency response, including the use of law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue, or other public safety services. Bill would repeal statutory language specifying permitted uses and prohibited uses of money from the Fund.
	Nash Rocky Mount	Allow 50% of Fund money to be used for expenses currently allowed under the existing statute, including the lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment and rates associated with 911 service, and 50% to be used for costs associated with operating a city's or county's emergency communications center. Bill would repeal statutory language specifying prohibited uses of money from the Fund.
	Washington	Allow Fund money to be used to pay for all costs associated with operating a 911 system, including the permitted uses and prohibited uses currently provided in the statute.
	Pitt	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include: (1) the lease, purchase, or maintenance of mobile radio equipment, base stations, communications towers, and other equipment necessary for interconnectivity between police, fire, and rescue units and individuals; and (2) the nonrecurring costs of upgrading a 911 system.

2002	Public Bill	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include: (1) the lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone call processing equipment, including base stations, dispatch consoles, communications towers, and other equipment necessary for communications and direct interoperability between police, fire, rescue, and other emergency response units; (2) nonrecurring costs of upgrading a 911 system; and (3) mobile and portable radio equipment and computers to be used by the State Highway Patrol. Cities and counties with populations of 100,000 or over may use up to 50% of the 911 service charge collected to establish a public service and information telephone system.
2003	Pitt	Increase 911 service charge imposed by local governments to an amount not to exceed \$2.00. Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include paying for: (1) mobile or portable radio receivers and transmitters, base stations, communications towers, and other equipment necessary for interconnectivity between public safety agencies; and (2) training of telecommunications dispatchers.
	Halifax	Same as bill introduced in 2001-2002 - (50% of Fund money for emergency telephone equipment/service supplier charges; 50% for purchase of real estate, hiring, training, and purchase of emergency vehicles).
	Mecklenburg Charlotte	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include paying for a toll-free nonemergency 311 system.
	Public	Expand permitted uses of Fund to include the lease, purchase, or maintenance of communications equipment associated with receiving, processing, or dispatching emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue, or other public safety services.
2004	Pitt	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include the lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment associated with receiving, processing, and dispatching emergency calls for police, fire, medical, rescue, or other public safety services.
2005	Catawba Davie Pitt	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include the lease, purchase, or maintenance of mobile radio equipment receivers and transmitters, base stations, communication towers, any additional equipment necessary for interconnectivity between police, fire, rescue units, and individuals.
	Anson	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include: (1) the lease, purchase, or maintenance of mobile or portable radio receivers and transmitters, base stations, communication towers, any additional equipment necessary for interconnectivity between public safety agencies; (2) the

		training of telecommunications dispatchers; and (3) the remodeling or renovating of the 911 dispatch center.
	Public	Expand permitted uses of Fund money to include: (1) training, continuing education, certification and recertification of PSAP staff and support personnel; and (2) the installation, maintenance, and required upgrades for security and environmental health systems related to the operations of the communications center.
2007	Public (Laws related to State's 911 System Rewritten)	Provide that distributions received by a PSAP from the North Carolina 911 Fund (911 Fund) may be used only to pay for: (1) the lease, purchase, or maintenance of certain emergency telephone equipment (same as in prior statute G.S. 62A-8(a)); (2) certain expenditures for in-State training of 911 personnel (and out-of-state training in some circumstances); and (3) charges associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other recurring charges. The bill prohibits distributions from the 911 Fund being used to pay for certain expenses (same expenses prohibited in prior statute G.S. 62A-8(b)).
2008	Public	Expand permitted uses of 911 Fund money to include the lease, purchase, or maintenance of two-way radios (no more than 50% of the total distribution to a PSAP may be used for this purpose).
2009	Burke Catawba Franklin Halifax Nash Pitt	Expand permitted uses of 911 Fund money to include the purchase, lease, and maintenance of consoles, and telephone and communications equipment owned or operated and physically located within and for the use of the 911 public safety communications center.
	Lincoln Wayne	Expand permitted uses of 911 Fund money to include the lease or purchase of an additional communications tower, a multisite simulcast system, microwave connectivity between the sites, site monitoring and alarm system, base stations, and grounding and lightning protection.
	Montgomery	Expand permitted uses of 911 Fund money to include paying for equipment for radio and telephone system upgrades, equipment for reverse 911, and street sign maintenance.
	Holly Springs	Expand permitted uses of 911 Fund money to include: (1) the lease, purchase, or maintenance of other communications equipment beyond the emergency telephone equipment already allowed under the statute; and (2) the purchase of communications equipment necessary for the 911 system to communicate with emergency services personnel.