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Good afternoon all,

GECA is happy to introduce the NG911 Training Block Grant Program to all primary PSAPs in Georgia. As we begin our transition to NG911, we recognize that this transition involves more than just technology, but also the education of our public safety telecommunicators. Under a federal NG911 grant, the GECA Board budgeted over \$1.5 million for NG911 training.

Each primary PSAP will have up to \$10,000 reimbursed for training for use between today, May 3, 2021 and January 31, 2022.

The course providers include the 911 Training Institute, APCO, IAED, NENA, PowerPhone, Public Safety Group and Virtual Academy. These courses were reviewed by the GECA Board's Training Working Group and presented to the Board for their approval last week. The GECA Board approved **over 100 courses** for 911 centers to choose from. The list of courses available for reimbursement is attached here. One attachment is broken down by topic and the other is a list of all courses and their provider.

All other information regarding this grant opportunity can be found <https://gema.georgia.gov/what-we-do/emergency-communications> under "911 Training Grant." Please read the documents "How To Apply" and "Reimbursement Application" thoroughly.

Additionally, we are partnering with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) to present a number of courses across the state. These courses include: Communications Training Officer (CTO), CTO Instructor, Communications Center Supervisor, and Bullying and Negativity in the Communications Center. Additional APCO and NENA courses may be forthcoming. We will be publishing a calendar of these courses and locations on the GECA website as well later this week and continue to update if any additional courses are added.

Besides the GPSTC regional courses, if you are interested in hosting any of these pre-approved courses at your agency and are looking to include other agencies, please coordinate this with your GECA Field Coordinator to ensure that there aren't duplicative courses being hosted in your area.

### **Reimbursement Information**

- It is critically important that you maintain copies of paid invoices, class rosters, certificates of completion, etc. for your reimbursement. We are able to provide this grant with no cash match from the 911 center because of the use of in-kind match of the hours of completion of each course.
- Once your PSAP has registered, paid for, and delivered your courses, you will be ready to submit your “Reimbursement Application” to GECA. **All applications must be sent to [911grants@gema.ga.gov](mailto:911grants@gema.ga.gov).**
- If you register for a GPSTC-scheduled course, please put “GECA” in the P.O. field. This will allow APCO and NENA to bill GECA directly and not require you to submit for reimbursement. This applies only to the GPSTC-scheduled courses. All other courses will be reimbursed.
- GECA staff will be sending you monthly updates of how much money you have remaining of your \$10,000.

As with any new, large program like this, I’m sure there will questions or comments about this. Any of those questions or comments can be directed to your GECA field coordinator or [911grants@gema.ga.gov](mailto:911grants@gema.ga.gov). Our HQ staff of Aleisha, Bess, and Skylar will be monitoring the 911 grants inbox to answer any of your questions.

I look forward to working with your all on this and seeing what great training we bring to this state to help us better serve our citizens.

Thank you,

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