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To: Spears-Dean, Dorothy (VITA)
Subject: Emergency Funding

Dorothy A. Spears-Dean, Ph.D.- Good Day: Essex County has made contact with you about the Wireless Board being a possible Emergency funding source for our dispatch center's 911 Mapping System. The county has an immediate/or quick as possible need to replace our present E-911 Mapping system. Dispatch is operating on one position and information has to be entered manually on that position. The present system hardware can't be replaced due to the operation system being Windows XP.. and is neither supported or available for purchase. The broken system is now almost fourteen years old. The problem with the system was not found until almost the end of May and the 14/15 budget had been completed for almost two months. The system's problems were quickly investigated when reported and that's when we found we could not replace the needed components. We then understood that our only choice was to purchase a new system. A committee was selected and started the search for a system that would meet our needs and we could afford. We found Carousel Industries which is a state contract business. The committee talked to a number of cities and counties who were using Carousel and found them happy with their service and the system. With the information being favorable we went ahead and asked Carousel to give us a price for the system. The total cost being \$52,039.99 Should this have to come from the county Communications budget it will put us at \$3,828.89 minus figure for the remainder of the year. This will surely cause problems with keeping the Dispatch Center operational through the coming year.

I hope this gives you the information needed for the county to make a presentation to your board in September. Should you need additional please let me know and I will get it to you. The Essex County Communications Committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to make our case for your HELP!

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