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TO: Representative Mary Hooper, Chair
FROM: Jennifer Morrison, Interim Commissioner *jm*
SUBJECT: Update on regional dispatch plans
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The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has convened a working group on the new regional dispatch model as prescribed by legislation (H.740). Regional Dispatch Workgroup members were appointed by the defined entities. DPS has scheduled the first meeting of the working group on July 27, 2022. If desired, we can provide an update on the progress of the H.740 Workgroup at your September meeting.

In terms of designing the grant process for proposed distribution of the initial \$6.5 million, the application and the RFP have been finalized and are ready to be released. These items were created by a small group formed under the direction of then Commissioner Schirling. The group consisted of members of the Homeland Security Unit at DPS, as well as Captain Burnham and multiple municipal partners. For the sake of clarity we call this the Regional Dispatch Facility grant plan group.

We anticipate opening the grant application process by the end of July and allowing a five-week application period. We have developed metrics to score each grant application. We request to present a proposed distribution of available funds to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the September meeting, along with information about which federal funding sources may be available for regional dispatch.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or wish to provide input. I can be reached at Jennifer.morrison@vermont.gov or (802) 585-9517.

