

Representative Mary Hooper  
Chair Joint Fiscal Committee

Nov 8, 2022

Dear Representative Hooper,

As Board Chair I'm writing on behalf of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority (CVPSA) to support the awarding of regional dispatch funds this year to the City of Montpelier whose Capital Region Application is for equipment to serve Fire and EMS Departments of over 20 towns in Central Vermont.

CVPSA's number one priority, and the region's most urgent need, is to replace and update the current seriously flawed, fragile, and obsolete public safety telecommunication equipment as soon as possible to avoid a breakdown crisis. And the much-needed upgraded technology will improve response, create better emergency communications, and make situations safer for first responders and residents.

CVPSA does not have the staff or financial capacity to complete the DPS application, or to manage any awarded funds or acquired equipment. CVPSA has had the funds and capacity to hire experts (Televate) to do a regional telecommunication need assessments in August 2021; to write an RFP for regional communication equipment in June 2022; and to assist the cities and Capital Fire Mutual Aid with DPS dispatch application in September 2022.

Fortunately, the City of Montpelier has the staff, public safety expertise, and financial capacity to be the anchor administrator for the Capital Region Dispatch Center and for the DPS dispatch funds. It also has support, respect and service contracts with Barre City, Capital Fire Mutual Aid and CVPSA.

These stakeholders and Televate consultants believe they have answered the questions within the application about governance. Please note that Kim Cheney does not express the opinions of the CVPSA Board and is not authorized to act on behalf of the CVPSA Board.

I and CVPSA Board Vice Chair, Doug Hoyt former Montpelier Police Chief, would gladly make ourselves and Televate consultants available to your committee. We thank you for your consideration and ask that you award Montpelier the Capital Region funds this year.

Sincerely,  
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