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In 2023, the Missouri General Assembly approved an appropriation of \$11 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Next Generation 911, as well as last year's reappropriation of \$10 million in NG911 funding.

In total, the Missouri 911 Service Board has been charged with the award and management of \$21 million in funding dedicated to NG911. These funds are in addition to the \$8 million being spent on the Board's Geographic Information System (GIS) project.

Dunklin, New Madrid, Scott, Stoddard, and Pemiscot County was awarded a \$2.349 million dollar grant by the Missouri 911 Service Board.

This grant project is a regional effort to incorporate text to 911; purchase and improve NG911 compatible equipment that meet the NENA i3 Solution Standard for ESIP Networks. All agencies currently are serving the citizens at a Phase II service level, with this project it will consolidate all counties onto the same network.

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