

# Investment Hierarchy

## 2017 SHSP Grant

Applicant projects should fit within the scope of the priorities listed below. This hierarchy pertains to this grant only. All equipment other than the Firewall Project is at a 50% match and invoices and proof of payment must demonstrate the agency paid the equivalent. If items are not listed in the examples below, be sure and check with grant administrator to ensure payment.

### **Priority 1      Firewall Project**

*Support the purchase and configuration of PSAP firewall devices and software at all 104 PSAPs to ensure that cybersecurity attacks at the PSAP do not affect the NG9-1-1 network and serve as a layer of security protection in front of PSAP CPE.*

### **Priority 2      ARMER Training and Interoperable Voice Communication Exercises**

*Training and exercise events that enhance the abilities of emergency responders to achieve seamless interoperable communications. Examples are ARMER Train the Trainer; Refresher ARMER Train the Trainer, System Admin Training; Dispatch training; ICS/Communication Workshops; Radio Programming; ICS 300; Interoperability Conference; CASM training; tabletop exercises for planned events, dispatch exercises.*

*NOTE: All training costs must be **pre-approved** by the DECN per HSEM requirements. Forms can be found on the ECN website.*

### **Priority 3      Other ARMER Interoperability Infrastructure (must be consistent with the SCIP)**

*Infrastructure investments which generally enhance radio interoperability but do not provide any material enhancement to the performance of the ARMER backbone. Examples include indoor BDAs for public safety sites such as LECs, jails or courthouse and schools only. Also can be used for portable radios (SHSP grant only).*

### **Priority 4      ARMER Integration Costs (Infrastructure Enhancements):**

*Investments into infrastructure projects which result in a material enhancement to the performance of the ARMER backbone by expanding its capacity, coverage area, or wide-area network. Examples of such are channel additions, tower sites, MCC7500 consoles and outdoor BDAs as needed to fill in coverage gaps. NOTE: All outdoor BDAs must be approved through OTC to ensure MNDOT is aware of them and they are set up correctly so as not to cause interference with ARMER backbone.*