

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
AND
HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**GRANT AGREEMENT NO. S22-23-01-34
AMENDMENT NO. 2**

This Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to Grant Agreement No. **S22-23-01-34** ("Grant Agreement") is entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Management Services (Department), and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (Grantee), collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

Whereas, on January 19, 2023, Grantee was awarded \$603,979.04 by the Emergency Communications Board for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) Core Services;

Whereas, the Parties submitted a change request to extend the term of the award, and the Emergency Communications Board approved the change request on December 20, 2024, as documented in Amendment No. 1;

Whereas, the Parties submitted a second change request to extend the term of the award, and the Emergency Communications Board approved the second change request on April 16, 2026;

Whereas, the Parties submitted a Petition for Variance from Rule 60FF1-5.003 on March 3, 2026, to extend the award term by one additional year;

Whereas, the Department issued an Order Granting Petition for Variance and/or Waiver for the above referenced petition on April 17, 2026;

Whereas, the Parties desire to amend the Grant Agreement to reflect the revised grant award term, and due date for the final request for reimbursement;

Accordingly, and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Section 1., General Terms and Conditions, Subsection 1.3, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - 1.3. The term of the Grant Agreement begins on January 19, 2023, and ends on March 24, 2027. No renewals of this Agreement are permitted.
2. Section 1., General Terms and Conditions, Subsection 1.7, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - 1.7. The Grantee agrees that the final request for reimbursement and supporting documentation for incurred obligations shall be submitted to the Department no later than 120 days after the end of the Agreement term.

3. Each person signing this Amendment warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party.
4. This Amendment is hereby made a part of the Grant Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. This Amendment sets forth the entire understanding between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof.
5. The effective date of this Amendment is the date on which the Board approved Grantee's Award, as identified above.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, by the Parties' authorized representatives on the dates noted below:

Grantor:

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Dept of Management Services

Date: _____

Grantee:

**AUTHORIZED COUNTY OFFICIAL/
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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By B. Marshall at 12:59 pm, Mar 10, 2026

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FLORIDA EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (formerly E911 BOARD)**

PETITION FOR VARIANCE FROM RULE 60FF1-5.003 GRANT # S22-23-01-34

Petitioner, HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as HERNANDO, by and through its undersigned representative, pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes, hereby requests a permanent variance from Rule 60FFL- 5.003, Florida Administrative Code, and in support thereof states:

1. On January 19, 2023, the Florida E911 Board approved Grant S22-23-01-34 for HERNANDO to fund the costs of NG911 Core Services for attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
2. Rule 60FFL-5.003(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, incorporates by reference W Form 3A, "911 Grant Programs." Said application includes language limiting the performance period by a grant recipient to two years from receipt of award notification (section 4) and language providing that grant funds can only be used between the beginning and end dates of the grant term unless the E911 Board authorizes an extension (section 8.6).
3. On January 28, 2025, HERNANDO requested a one-year extension on the grants due to vendor implementation delays. This request was approved on February 3, 2025. This extended the expiration date of the grant to March 24, 2026, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.
4. Hernando has been diligently working with its vendors, NGA911 and Intrado, to get this project accomplished by the deadline. However, while the project is close to being completed, it will not be possible to have it completed by the March 24, 2026, grant expiration deadline.
5. On 5/28/24 Hernando identified that original equipment needs indicated by Intrado were not complete or accurate. A new quote was requested. That quote was not provided to Hernando until 7/20/2024.
6. On 10/3/2024, Intrado assigned a project manager. On 3/27/25, Initial configuration of Intrado hardware is completed. On 11/18/25, Intrado completed final testing and configuration of firewalls.
7. The application form's language limiting the performance period to two years from receipt of award notification and providing that grant funds can only be used between the beginning and end dates of the grant term needs to be varied to allow more time to complete the project. The necessary process and vendor delays were all outside of Hernando's control.

Petition for Variance from Rule 60FF1-5.033

8. In compliance with Section 120.542(5), Florida Statutes, HERNANDO hereby states:

- a. This is a request for variance from Rule Florida Administrative Code, incorporating by reference W Form 3A, "911 Grant Programs," and language within section 4 of the form limiting the performance period under a grant to two years from receipt of award notification and language within section of the form providing that grant funds can only be used between the beginning and end dates of the grant term unless the E911 Board authorizes an extension.
- b. The type of action requested is a variance of the rule to extend the performance period under the grant an additional twelve (12) months. The requested variance is permanent.
- c. The specific facts that would justify the rule variance are stated in paragraphs 3 through 7 above.
- d. The variance would serve the purposes of the underlying statute. The underlying statute, Section 365.172(6)(a)3.b., Florida Statutes, allows monies to be used by the board as needed to provide grants to counties for the purpose of upgrading E911 systems. The requested monies would serve these purposes. Extending the grant an additional twelve (12) months would allow HERNANDO to move forward and complete Next Generation technologies upgrades.

9. HERNANDO's contact information is as follows:

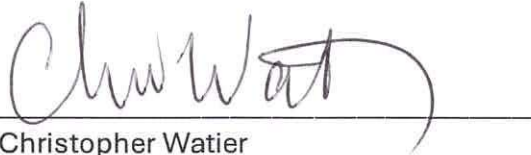
Address: Hernando County Sheriff's Office
18900 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601

Phone: (352)754-6830

Contact Person: Chris Watier,
Hernando County Sheriff's Office
I.T. Manager / 911 Coordinator
18900 Cortez Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34601
cwatier@hernandosheriff.org
(352)797-3772

WHEREFORE, based on these facts and circumstances, Petitioner, HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, respectfully requests that this Petition for Variance or Waiver be granted and hereby be provided an additional twelve (12) month extension from the date of approval in order to complete the grant implementation; and for any other relief that is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of March, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Watier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Christopher Watier
911 Coordinator
Hernando County Sheriff's Office
18900 Cortez Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34601
Phone: 352-797-3772
E-mail: cwatier@hernandosheriff.org

Petition for Variance from Rule 60FF1-5.033

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Florida E911 Board
4030 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950
Tel: 850-921-4204
Fax: 850-488-9837

January 24, 2023

Hernando County Sheriff's Office
E-911 Coordinator
P.O. Box 10070
Brooksville, FL 34603-0070

FEID #: 59-6019767

Subject: Fall 2022 State - Reimbursement Grant Program

Dear Hernando County Sheriff's Office:

The State of Florida E911 Board would like to congratulate you on your grant award for E911 revenue funds to improve the E911 system serving your county. According to the Fall 2022 Cycle State - Reimbursement Grant Program terms and conditions, grant funds shall be provided on a cost reimbursement basis. Please note, receipt of this letter initiates the start of the grant term.

Within the next two weeks, you should receive a grant award agreement for each grant awarded to your county. The grant agreement has the details regarding funding rules for the state grant program that apply to your grant award. You must return a signed copy of the grant agreement prior to the authorization to transfer funds from the Florida Department of Management Services to your county. Please try to have the agreement signed and returned within 45 days of receipt.

The following provides details concerning the Fall 2022 grant(s) to Hernando County:

<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>CSFA/CFDA #</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
S22-23-01-J4	72.003	\$606,979.04	\$603,979.04		
			\$603,979.04	NG911 Core Services	1/19/2023
Total Grant Awards:			\$603,979.04		

Board Members: Denise Adkins • Laurene J. Anderson • Daniel Carroll • Christine Cooper • Karen Dearden
Chesley Dillon • Keith Godwin • Jason Shimko • Brad Swanson

EXHIBIT A

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Recipients of awards of state and/or federal financial assistance are required to comply with the provisions of the Florida Single Audit Act. To assist you, please reference sections 5, 6 and 7 of section 215.97 Florida Statute at the following web site address:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_StatuteSearch_String=URL=0200-0299/0215/Sections/0215.97.html

The Board thanks you for your interest in 911 and improving public safety in Florida and your commendable efforts towards enhancing your 911 system. It is our hope that your county continues to ensure further public safety advancements in Florida.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Denise Adkins, Chairwoman
Florida E911 Board

DA/KR

cc: Hernando County 911 Coordinator

Petition for Variance from Rule 60FF1-5.033

EXHIBIT B

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Change Request		
County:	Hernando	
Grant Number:	S22-23-01-34	
Date of Grant Award:	01/19/2023	
Extension Period:	1 Year	
Budget Line Item	Change From	Change To
Grant Agreement Expiration Date	3/24/2025	3/24/2026
Total		
<p>Justification of Change:</p> <p>Due to vendor implementation delays out of our control, we will not be able to complete our NGCS project prior to our grant expiring in March 2025. We are seeking a 1 year extension on this grant. Our original grant would have allowed us to fund the initial implementation, the first year of reoccurring costs and the second year of reoccurring costs. Due to the delays we have not reached completion of initial implementation (currently in phase 3 of 6) in our NGCS project. Our initial intention was to request a new grant or extension during the fall 2024 grant cycle, which was cancelled. This extension will allow us to complete the initial deployment, and then we will submit for a new grant in the Spring 2025 cycle.</p>		
<p><small>Digitally signed by Chris Watier DN: cn=Hernando County Sheriff's Office, cn=Chris Watier, o=Hernando County Sheriff's Office Reason: I attest to the accuracy and integrity of this document Date: 2024.12.20 09:00:40-0500 Email: Chris.Watier@hcsos.org</small></p> <p>Chris Watier</p>		
Signature of Authorized Official		Date
Approved:		
<p>Signed by:</p> <p><i>Denise Adams</i></p>		12/20/2024 2:34 PM EST
Board Authorized Representative		Date
Rule 60FF1-5.0035, F.A.C. Change Request 6/2021		

Change Request

County: Hernando

Grant Number: S22-23-01-34

Date of Grant Award: 01/24/2023

Extension Period: 3/24/27

Budget Line Item	Change From	Change To
Grant Agreement Expiration Date	3/24/2026	3/24/2027
Total		

Justification of Change:

Due to vendor implementation delays out of our control, we will not be able to complete our NGCS project prior to our grant extension expiring in March 2026. We are seeking a 1-year extension on this grant. Our original grant would have allowed us to fund the initial implementation, the first year of recurring costs and the second year of recurring costs. Due to the delays we have just now reached completion of our 4-carrier migration phase in our NGCS project. We received a 1-year extension last year that allowed us to reach this phase This extension will allow us to complete the our text-2-911 conversion to our new core services, finalize the last of the carrier migrations, and pay our first year monthly recurring costs.

Chris Watier

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Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Approved:

Emergency Communications Board's Authorized Signature

Date

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By B. Marshall at 8:24am April 17, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

In Re: THE PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
OF RULE 60FF1-5.003, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR VARIANCE AND/OR WAIVER

THIS MATTER came before the Emergency Communications Board (Board) at a duly noticed public meeting on April 16, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida, and via Microsoft Teams Meeting. The Board was represented by Timothy Frizzell, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

The Petition for variance or waiver was noticed in the Florida Administrative Register in Volume 52, number 47, on March 10, 2026. No comments were received on the petition.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The facts considered by the Board are as alleged in the Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and presented at the meeting, with no further investigation by the Board.

2. The Board adopts the facts set forth in the petition submitted and the petition is attached and incorporated hereto.

3. The Petitioner is seeking a variance from paragraph 8.6 of the “911 Grant Programs” form which is incorporated at Rule 60FF1-5.003(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, which states that grant funds can only be expended between the beginning and end dates of the grant term, unless the Board authorizes an extension.

4. The Petitioner requests that the Board grant a variance and/or waiver from the above noted rule requirement to allow Hernando County to continue to use funds awarded under GRANT # S22-23-01-34, for an additional 12 months through March 24, 2027.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Chapter 365, Florida Statutes.

6. The Board found that the petition was in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-104, Florida Administrative Code.

7. The Board finds that the Petitioner has established that the Board’s application of from paragraph 8.6 of the “911 Grant Programs” form which is incorporated at Rule 60FF1-5.003(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, to the Petitioner’s circumstances would violate the principles of fairness or impose a substantial hardship.

8. The Board finds that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the Applicant.

9. Based on the foregoing, the Board **GRANTS** the petition for waiver and/or variance from paragraph 8.6 of the “911 Grant Programs” form which is incorporated at Rule 60FF1-5.003(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code. Hernando County may continue to utilize the funds associated with GRANT # S22-23-01-34, for an additional 12 months through March 24, 2027.

This Order shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of the Department of Management Services.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Signed by:

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Denise Adkins, Chair
Emergency Communications Board

Notice to Applicant

You may seek review of this Notice, pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by filing a petition with the Chair of the Emergency Communications Board, 4030 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, within 21 days of receipt of this Order. If you dispute any material fact upon which the Board's decision is based you may request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes; your petition must contain the information required by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, including a statement of the material facts which are in dispute. If you do not dispute any material fact, you may request a hearing pursuant to section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; your petition must include the information required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to section 120.573, Florida Statutes, you are hereby notified that mediation pursuant to that section is not available.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, c/o Chris Watier, 18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601 on this 17th day of April, 2026.