



AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM;  
AMENDING SECTION 10-4-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 10-4-306, MCA, is amended to read:

**"10-4-306. 9-1-1 grants.** (1) The department shall, in consultation with the 9-1-1 advisory council created pursuant to 10-4-105, award competitive grants annually using the account established pursuant to 10-4-304(2)(b) for private telecommunications providers and for local and tribal government entities that host public safety answering points. Beginning July 1, 2018, grants must be awarded to private telecommunications providers; or to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points; ~~or both to all~~ in accordance with this section and with rules adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108.

(2) In accordance with subsection (3), grants may be awarded to private telecommunications providers and to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points for:

- (a) emergency telecommunications systems plans;
- (b) project feasibility studies or project plans;
- (c) the implementation, operation, and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, equipment, devices, and data;

and

- (d) the purchase of services that support 9-1-1 systems.

(3) In awarding grants, preference must be given to applications in the following order of priority:

(a) requests by private telecommunications providers or by local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points by working with a private telecommunications provider; and

- (b) requests by local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points.

(4) Nothing in this section prevents a local or tribal government entity that hosts a public safety

answering point in accordance with this section from:

(a) providing grant money received by the local or tribal government entity to a private telecommunications provider for 9-1-1 purposes; or

(b) collaborating with another local or tribal government entity on a joint grant application."

**Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

**Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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SENATE BILL NO. 14

INTRODUCED BY J. ELLIS

BY REQUEST OF THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 14, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.