

2016 One Call Grant Awards

No	State	Agency Name/Grantee	Requested Amount	Grant Award	Priority Number	Project Description
1	COLORADO	Colorado Public Utilities Commission	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	1	Grantee will contract with an outside contractor to improve the current Gas Report Card process that is manually-intensive and uses year-end data. These two issues prevent more timely report card grade calculation that can be used to: Form a focused, risk-based foundation for pipeline damage enforcement (COPUC); Improve and focus damage prevention activities (operators, damage prevention councils); and Promote public safety around pipelines (all stakeholders). The COPUC proposes to develop improved/automated processes for the manual tasks to generate report cards on a monthly or quarterly basis. Development would entail five deliverables (with costs) as follows: A) Collection of demographic data from public information sources: \$5,000; B) Collection of One Call ticket and facility damage data from private information source: \$7,500; C) Processing of raw data into the five useable damage prevention metrics: \$7,500; D) Processing of five damage prevention metrics into damage prevention scores and grades: \$8,750; and E) Integration of above processes into development of timely report card reporting cycle: \$11,250.
2	CONNECTICUT	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will continue their aggressive enforcement program by using funds to investigate and review damages to underground facilities and to prosecute violators of the One-Call damage prevention program. One engineer will spend approximately 35% of his time enforcing the One-Call damage prevention program. In addition, damage prevention field specialists will be 100% dedicated to enforcing the One-Call damage prevention program. Funding will also be used to perform detailed analysis of One-Call center statistics, compliance statistics and frequency, cause and consequence analyses, and will include the submission of state collected excavation damage data to DIRT.
3	DELAWARE	Delaware Public Service Commission	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	1	Grantee will continue to attend monthly meetings of the USPCD, the "Approved Notification Center" of Delaware. The meetings are attended by all types of stakeholders, including operators and excavators. Grantee will provide support for the USPCD pertaining to discussions on current state law on damage prevention. The statistics for dig-ins and the associated causes are provided at these meetings, and these statistics will be utilized by the Grantee in determining the direction and target of educational and public awareness messages.
			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will use funds for one campaign of public service announcements on the radio in one month and to advertise 811 on the home page of each of the four major internet providers in the state (Xfinity, Verizon, Atlantic Broadband, and Mediacom) for five months. In both cases, the message will center on calling 811 and digging responsibly, which was done this past year. The funds will be split roughly equally between the two venues.
4	GEORGIA	Georgia Public Service Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to hire a software developer/contractor to create a GUFPA database to ensure the maximum enforcement capabilities for the agency. GPSC's current GUFPA database has been in place since 2002. There have numerous updates and changes based on any regulatory changes or other requests. However, this current system is very inefficient and ineffective in capturing a complete number of damages to underground facilities located in Georgia. The GPSC's current database receives on average 3,400 reported damages from utilities and the excavators. However, Georgia 811 (One Call center) averages over 10,000 reported damages on an annual basis. A new database/software program would greatly assist the GPSC in closing that gap and increasing our enforcement capabilities.
5	INDIANA	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to pay for legal assistance needed (attorney and legal assistant) to enforce the State's One Call law. These costs are incurred internally by the IURC's Office of General Counsel and consist of the actual time spent (and tracked) by one of the IURC's Assistant General Counsel and a legal assistant in: 1) providing legal support/advice regarding the State's One Call Law to the Indiana Underground Plan Protection Advisory Committee, the Pipeline Safety Division of the IURC and the IURC Commissioners, 2) drafting legal correspondence to responsible parties regarding enforcement actions and 3) ensuring all required legal enforcement actions are addressed and due process is observed.

6	IOWA	Iowa Utilities Board	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to reimburse the Iowa Attorney General for its actual expenses to respond to and investigate complaints from utilities, excavators, and other citizens regarding violations of Iowa Code chapter 480 (the Iowa "One Call" statute); to prepare and prosecute civil litigation seeking civil penalties and injunctive relief pursuant to Iowa Code sections 480.6 and 480.7; and to insure assessed civil penalties are paid and court injunctions are complied with.
			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds to provide education presentations concerning One Call requirements and enforcement at events sponsored by Common Ground Iowa and Iowa One Call, and upon request by stakeholder groups or individual entities. The purpose of presentations would be to better inform utilities, excavators, and other citizens of the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 480 (the Iowa "One Call" statute), the hazards of noncompliance, and the enforcement remedies available to insure compliance.
7	KANSAS	Kansas Corporation Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to maintain damage prevention enforcement activities in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The funds will be used to partially fund a full time Kansas Corporation Commission position. The position will be an Underground Utility Damage Prevention Special Investigator. The position will be stationed in the Kansas City metropolitan area and will be responsible for enforcing compliance with the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act and 49 C.F.R. Part 192.614.
8	LOUISIANA	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds for compensation to Louisiana State Police (LSP)/ESU Troopers to investigate complaints of violations of underground utilities laws and enforcement of those applicable laws. LSP support staff will enter data relative to underground utility violations into a database program to capture, catalog and report these incidents, and maintain accurate records on those companies who have historic patterns of noncompliance.
9	MAINE	Maine Public Utilities Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to continued partial funding of one of the two Damage Prevention Investigator positions. These positions have enhanced our ability to effectively, consistently and fairly enforce our damage prevention law. This position has also allowed for better utilization of our program personnel to perform training and education and to maintain the statistical data and performance metrics for our damage prevention program.
10	MICHIGAN	Michigan Public Service Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to partially cover the personnel costs for enforcement activities of the damage prevention program at the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). The position to be funded will be the Damage Prevention enforcement position. This person will be stationed in the Lansing area and will be responsible for statewide enforcement of Michigan Public Act 174. Funds will primarily be used to investigate third party damages and complaints involving potential violations with Public Act 174.
11	MINNESOTA	Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to partially cover MNOPS inspector's costs for enforcement activities of the damage prevention program. Funds will be used for MNOPS activities directly associated with investigation and enforcement of excavation related damages governed by the Minnesota One Call laws. The grant will also be used to investigate excavation related incidents and to respond to complaints involving potential non-compliances with Minnesota damage prevention laws and rules.
			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	3	Grantee will use funds to purchase items that promote "811" and the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety to MN stakeholders and general public at the following events: MNCAER meetings with emergency response officials/personnel, annual Farm Fest agricultural meetings, annual MN Fire Chiefs Conference, Fire Prevention Day at the MN State Fair, and the annual 811 Run.
12	MISSOURI	Missouri Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds to conduct a statewide Public Awareness (And 811) Damage Prevention Radio Campaign similar to the campaigns that were conducted in CY 2009-2014. Grantee will sign a contract with Learfield Communications to run approximately 20-30, 30-second Call Before You Dig radio advertisements and approximately 20, 10-second "tags" before the Missouri Net Sports Reports. The 30-second radio spots and 10-second "tags" will be broadcast on 65 radio stations that comprise the statewide Missouri Net Radio Network.
			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to enforcement the State One Call law. The money would be used to pursue prosecution of One Call violators. Anticipated expenses would include reimbursements to the county attorney, State Attorney General or other attorney fees incurred during the pursuit of prosecution.

13	NEBRASKA	Nebraska Pipeline Safety Division	\$ 14,950.00	\$ 14,950.00	2	Grantee will again use funds to conduct "Locator Workshops". The workshops would be available in Nebraska to anyone who does underground utility lines locating. Field trials and demonstrations of new technology locating equipment will be conducted with classroom instruction on locate theory. The curriculum will provide an overview of the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices and Nebraska One Call procedures.
					2	Grantee will use funds to distribute a mailing to Nebraska excavators and for two outreach excavator/contractor breakfast/lunch meeting with emphasis on reporting damages. The mailings would help promote the importance of reporting damages of facilities to the One Call Center.
			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will use funds to print approximately 4,500 Excavator Manuals. The manuals would contain information that is relevant to all stakeholder groups regarding safe digging, the one call process and damage prevention in Nebraska. Manuals would be distributed via individuals stakeholders and board members at all excavator meetings and events.
					3	Grantee will use funds to continue the Pirate Adventure Safe Digging Program to 4th and 5th grade students. The program contains a letter explaining the importance of safe digging and educational and safety benefits of participating in the poster contest. The educational video and enclosed curriculum shows the dangers associated with damaging underground utilities and potential loss of key services like 911, electricity, heating/air conditioning and internet.
14	NEVADA	Public Utilities Commission Nevada	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to continue the Enforcement activity. This includes patrolling job sites to check for excavators or contractors not calling in for a One-Call ticket. This activity is aided by a requirement the excavation area must be marked in white paint. If there are no white marks on the ground, the inspector will stop and investigate. If an excavator does not have a valid ticket the job will be shut down, verbal warnings or warning letters issued and training will be provided.
15	NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds for 65% of the associated cost for the Underground Damage Prevention Specialist position while the remaining 35% of the costs are expected to be covered by the 2015 Pipeline Safety Base Grant award.
16	NEW JERSEY	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to offset part of the salary expenses for a current Administrative Analyst in its Damage Prevention Program. This staff member will perform administrative duties including the review of damage report information submitted by underground facility operators using the fully implemented NJBPUC One Call database, preparation and mailing of letters of inquiry and notices of non-compliance to excavators and underground facility operators regarding damages, follow-up and receipt of responses to letters of inquiry and notices of non-compliance, filling of damage cases and other administrative tasks.
17	NEW MEXICO	New Mexico Pipeline Safety Bureau	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds for a portion of three damage prevention employees' salaries and benefits who investigate excavation damage complaints and enforce the State Excavation Laws and Regulations. Excavation Laws and Regulations.
18	NEW YORK	New York Public Service Commission	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 43,200.00	1	Grantee will again use funds for field staff investigates of damages and complaints and issue Citations when warranted pertaining to the State's damage prevention law.
			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	3	Grantee will use funds to print 3,000 regulated booklets to be distributed to excavators during training seminars. Additionally, the booklets will be given during investigation of damage and complaint events on site. Booklets will also be included in warning letters and violation notices to excavators or other parties found to be in non-compliance with the regulations.
19	NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds for a billboard advertising campaign in the state of North Dakota. Funds will be used to procure advertising on 16 to 20 billboards across the state. Billboards will communicate the important message of calling the North Dakota One-Call 800 number or 811 at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of any type of excavation activity.
20	OREGON	Oregon Public Utility Commission	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	2	Grantee will use funds to provide Locator Training to individuals. The training program is designed to develop, update and renew necessary skills to become a competent locator. The locator training will be conducted in a classroom with practical field instructions. The student will learn the principles and technology behind the locating instrument; practical field techniques used to locate facilities; skills to ensure consistent application when providing utility location information and real world troubleshooting techniques.

21	PUERTO RICO	Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to retain an Attorney in the enforcement of the one call law. The attorney will hold administrative hearings, resolve disputes, summon witnesses, conduct on-site inspections, administer oath and take statements, order the production of documents to determine contractor either did not obtain permits or who damaged the public utility facilities. May write motions, summons and other legal documents pertaining to the damage prevention law.
					1	Grantee will use funds to develop a solution that would help the Excavation and Demolition Coordinate Center in automating and speeding up their operational procedures. To address this issue, funds will be used to develop a portal (website) that will be synchronized to the current Excavation System. The portal will function as an interaction channel allowing citizens to interact with the Center and automate notifications of events in the process of their excavation request.
22	RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds for enforcement of the state damage prevention law. The Division staff member will spent 40% of his time in the compliance and enforcement investigation of all potential violators of the Dig Safe Program. Staff member will attend and distribute Dig Safe materials at training sessions, conventions and expositions. Division staff member will attend Managing Underground Safety Training meetings in providing suggested changes or modifications to the current Dig Safe Laws.
23	SOUTH DAKOTA	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to pay the salary for a South Dakota Public Utilities Commission attorney who works with South Dakota One Call complaints. The funds will be used to cover salaries for administrative assistants who post complaint dockets, publish enforcement meeting agendas and handle other legal aspects of enforcement.
					1	Grantee will use funds to pay the Executive Director's salary for processing complaints of non-compliance. Typical enforcement duties include notifying the Defendant, documenting all correspondence, maintaining database of current dockets, presenting Panel Recommendations to the South Dakota One Call Board and attending Public Utilities Commission Meetings regarding any civil action to be taken against a defendant.
					1	Grantee will again use funds to investigate Mandatory White Lining legislation. Funds will be spend on research into legislation of other states and meeting with excavation community and facility operator groups in order to gain understanding of their concerns and to gain acceptance of the process.
			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds to cover a portion of the Executive Director's time in hosting and leading excavator presentations. Presentations will include a wide area of new technologies for excavators and facility operators to be aware of about damage prevention, locating lines, filing complaints and how to use a new GeoRemote electronic ticketing process.
					3	Grantee will purchase South Dakota 811 Operations Manuals for Facility Operators and Excavators. Funds will be used to partially pay for the Executive Director's salary in distributing the documents. Postage, travel, personnel cost for the Executive Director, storage of rental space for the manuals and purchase of other South Dakota 811 items is included in the grant.
24	VERMONT	Vermont Department of Public Service	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to administer Vermont Underground Facility Damage Prevention Program Procedures and process cases. Vermont DPS Program Manager will receive and review all reports of damages to underground facilities, act as an expert witness during formal Public Service Board hearing related to contested cases of damage prevention law probable violations. An outside contractor will be hired to conduct investigations, perform on-site education training and distribute informational literature on the state's damage prevention law.
25	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds to continue detailed excavator inspections of excavation sites. In addition, underground facility maps and mapping technology used by underground locators will continue to be verified for accuracy and completeness. The proposed field inspections will assure that excavations are carried out in accordance with Federal and District regulations. Grantee will to continue to hand out the Excavation Safety Guide to educate excavators in the proper and safe way to excavate. maps and mapping technology used by underground locators will continue to be verified for accuracy and completeness.

26	WASHINGTON	Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission	\$ 18,185.00	\$ 18,185.00	1	Grantee will use funds for administrative support services essential to the needs of the Safety Committee. The Administrative support individual will be responsible for development of the agenda, reviewing hearings of alleged Dig Law violations, monitoring complaints and keeping a log of each complaint. Additionally, the individual will review and finalizing correspondence for each case and maintain all records associated with the disposition of the complaint.
			\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	2	Grantee will use funds to provide Locator Training to individuals. Two seminars or training courses will be conduct one in the West side and one in the East side of the state. The training program will be conducted by Staking University and is designed to develop, update and renew necessary skills to each applicants in order to become a competent locator. The locator training will be conducted in a classroom holding 30 participants. In addition, training will be provided on the locator's legal responsibilities under the state's dig law.
			\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	3	Grantee working with the Safety Committee and NUCA will hold two training classes for excavators on dig safe practices. NUCA's program provides specific training on the dig safe law as well as discussions on best practices and general site safety for excavators. It is anticipated eighty participants will attend the two one day training classes.
27	WYOMING	Public Service Commission of Wyoming	\$ 9,136.00	\$ 9,136.00	3	Grantee will again use funds to enter into a letter agreement to run two months of Public Service Announcements throughout the state. The PSAs will be conducted in April to coincide with Safe Digging Month and in August or September to promote One-Call of Wyoming throughout the construction season.
Total Grant award			\$ 1,018,271.00	\$ 1,018,271.00		