

**2017 One Call Grant Awards**

No	State	Agency Name/Grantee	Requested Amount	Grant Award	Priority Number	Project Description
1	ALABAMA	Alabama Public Service Commission	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00	3	Grantee will contract with Focus Advertising to provide billboards at various locations throughout the state that will display a message similar to "EXCAVATION SAFETY? IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY - NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF DIGGING YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH". These billboards will be placed in high-traffic areas in the major metropolitan areas of Alabama of Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery and Huntsville
2	CONNECTICUT	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee is expected, by the end of the grant period, one engineer will have spent approximately 30% and another engineer 10% of their time enforcing the One-Call damage prevention program. Most likely, only a portion of the above-mentioned time will be charged to the grant since not enough funding is available for the total enforcement effort needed. Funding was and will be used to investigate and review damages to public utility facilities and to prosecute violators of the One-Call damage prevention program. Enforcement actions were and will be taken for every reported violation of the underground damage prevention program. Funding was and will be used to continue performing detailed analysis of One-Call center statistics, compliance statistics and frequency, cause and consequence analyses, and includes the submission of statecollected excavation damage data to the Common Ground Alliance's Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT).
3	DELAWARE	Delaware Public Service Commission	\$ 9,996.00	\$ 9,996.00	3	Grantee has found hitting a marked line has repeatedly been the leading cause of excavation damages, especially in the northern part of the state. The percentage of damages due to hitting a marked line has even increased recently in the northern part of the state. Grantee would like to continue the public service announcement campaign with a focus of getting excavators to dig responsibly once the utilities have been located and marked. This will mean a slight change to our public service announcement. The PSC will continue with radio ads covering the entire state, flash ads on the internet provider pages covering the entire state, and 811 banners on mobile and desktop websites targeting the northernmost county of the state.
4	ILLINOIS	Illinois Commerce Commission	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to cover the salary and benefits expense of the program manager and two full-time investigators in the enforcement of Illinois' Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act (220 ILCS 50). The expected level of salary and benefits expenses that will <u>not</u> be included in the ICC's Pipeline Safety Base Grant, is \$72,700; with \$40,500 being salary and \$32,200 fringe benefits.
5	INDIANA	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to pay for internal Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC ) labor costs incurred to enforce Indiana's One Call law. These costs consist of: 1) time spent by PSD personnel investigating alleged damages; 2) other IURC labor costs associated with providing support and advice to the UPPAC, Pipeline Safety Division, and the IURC Commissioners; 3)administering the PSD excavation damage database and coordinating the various mailings and responses required to complete the damage investigation process; and 4) analysis and reporting of any statistical trends with regard to One Call enforcement data.
6	IOWA	Iowa Utilities Board	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	1	Grantee will 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. Only personnel costs are proposed for reimbursement. Funds up to the amount of the grant will be transferred to the Attorney General upon receipt of a claim with documented activities and expenses.
			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds to provide education presentations concerning One Call requirements. Presentations would be given by the Attorney General 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	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	The proposed grant will be used to continue to fund a full time position with the Kansas Corporation Commission as 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	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to pay salaries/benefits for pipeline division employees for time spent on the following activities: work on legislation (including testimony), gather data, develop procedures and forms, provide info to the industry on changes, etc.....all of which are covered under Priority 1. It is anticipated that damage prevention enforcement on regulated pipeline right of ways will be transferred to the LA Dept of Natural Resources in Spring 2017.
9	MAINE	Maine Public Utilities Commission	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to continued partial funding of one of the two Damage Prevention Investigator positions. These positions have enhanced their ability to effectively, consistently and fairly enforce Maine's 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	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	The proposed grant will be used to partially fund the costs of the Damage Prevention enforcement position. The full-time Damage Prevention enforcement staff member is stationed in the Lansing area and is responsible for statewide enforcement of the Public Act 174 of 2013. This staff member is continuing to develop policies and procedures for implementing an efficient and effective enforcement program. This staff member is investigating third-party damages and complaints involving potential violations of Public Act 174. Responsibilities include preparing documents for enforcement and providing testimony or support for enforcement proceedings. Public Act 174 requires facility owners and operators to submit damage data to the MPSC Staff.
11	MINNESOTA	Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	1	This grant will be used to partially fund MNOPS inspectors' costs for investigation and enforcement activities of the damage prevention program. MNOPS has the ability to determine the amount of funding that is used specifically under this grant through the MNOPS data (Pipeline Safety Program Management System). This grant will be used for MNOPS activities directly associated with investigation and enforcement of excavation-related damages governed by the Minnesota One Call laws.
			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	3	Grantee will use funds to purchase items to promote 'Call 811 Before You Dig' and the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety to MN stakeholders and general public at scheduled damage prevention meetings, Utility Coordination Meetings, MCGA meetings, the annual MN State Fair, annual MN Fire Chiefs and Assoc. of MN Emergency Managers conferences, annual Home and Garden Show, Day of the Dozers, and the Stillwater Fire Department Open House.
12	MISSISSIPPI	Mississippi Public Service Commission	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	1	Grantee will use funds to support personnel services in performin the excavation damage investigations. The expected cost to investigate non-gas pipeline utilities is \$22,500 in the first year. The MPSC is requesting funds to cover the cost of these investigations.This cost is based on approximately 225 non-pipeline investigations over a twelve month period. The expected cost estimate is as follows. 225 investigations x \$100 per investigation = \$22,500.
			\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	1	Grantee is requesting funds to hire an attorney experienced in providing legal counsel to Mississippi 811 and the Mississippi Damage Prevention Council (MDPC) to work with the newly appointed Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board (UFDPB). The attorney would act as a liaison between the MPSC Pipeline Safety Division and the UFDPB in the development of the procedures mandated by the new law. The MPSC is requesting \$37,500 of the estimated \$68,250 required for calendar year 2017.
13	MISSOURI	Missouri Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee is requesting One Call Grant Funds to again conduct a statewide Call Before You Dig (811) Damage Prevention Educational/Public Awareness Radio Campaign similar to the campaigns that were conducted in 2016. They plan to contract with Learfield Communications to run approximately 20, 30- second Call Before You Dig radio advertisements and approximately 20, 10-second "tags" before the Missouri Sports Reports (depending on the amount of grant monies awarded). As in CY 2016, these 30-second radio spots and 10-second "tags" will be broadcast on over 60 radio stations that comprise the statewide Missouri Radio Network. The MO PSC will develop and voice a new 30-second radio spot for CY 2017.

14	NEBRASKA	Nebraska Pipeline Safety Division	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	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.
			\$ 6,146.00	\$ 6,146.00	2	Funds are being requested for a project that would involve conducting locator workshops. The workshops would be open to anyone in Nebraska who does locating of underground utility lines. Field trials and demonstrations of new technology locating equipment will be conducted at the workshops as well as classroom instruction on locate theory. The curriculum will also focus on Nebraska One Call procedures and provide an overview of the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices. The workshops will address any insufficient locating practices and allow for
			\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00	2	Grantee will use funds to distribute a mailing to Nebraska excavators and for four outreach excavator/contractor meetings with emphasis on reporting damages. The mailings would cite the state statute that requires damages to be reported to the One Call Center as well as providing information about why and how to do so. The mailings would be done ideally in the springtime before the initial dig season or possibly later in the dig season to remind
			\$ 7,400.00	\$ 7,400.00	3	Grantee will use funds to print approximately 2500 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. As the laws change, the manual must be updated to contain the most current information. The manuals would be distributed via individual stakeholders and board members as well as being available at all excavator meetings and events throughout the year. It will be available to all stakeholders by ordering copies via
15	NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will again use funds for 63% of the associated cost for the Underground Damage Prevention Specialist position while the remaining 37% of the costs are expected to be covered by the 2017 Pipeline Safety Base Grant award.
16	NEW JERSEY	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to continue to offset a portion of the salary and fringe benefit expenses for a staff investigator in its Damage Prevention Program using the requested 2017 One Call Grant funds. This staff member will perform administrative and investigative duties including the review of excavation damage notices and reports submitted by excavators and underground facility operators, preparation and mailing of letters of inquiry and notices of non-compliance to excavators and underground facility operators pertaining to the excavation damages, follow-up and receipt of responses to letters of inquiry and notices of noncompliance, assist with the determination of civil penalties, filing of damage cases, and other related administrative and investigative tasks.
17	NEW MEXICO	New Mexico Pipeline Safety Bureau	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	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	NEVADA	Nevada Public Utilities Commission	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to continue Nevada's strong and effective enforcement effort. The enforcement activity work to be performed with these grant funds includes patrolling job sites to check for excavators or contractors not calling in for a One-Call ticket. This activity is aided by the fact that 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.
19	NEW YORK	New York Public Service Commission	\$ 58,200.00	\$ 58,200.00	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.
20	NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Public Service Commission	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to reimburse the State for expenses incurred in the enforcement of the ND One-Call law. Allegations of One-Call law violation are treated as administrative cases and are documented. Commission employees involved in the Commission's One-Call enforcement activities will record their time to support any cost reimbursement requested under the One-Call grant. Dollar amounts have been included for only the personnel, fringe benefits and indirect costs categories since these costs alone will likely exceed the \$50,000 amount requested.

			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will again use funds for a billboard advertising campaign throughout the state of North Dakota. Funds will be used to procure advertising on approximately 16 to 20 billboards during the North Dakota "Safe Digging Month" campaign, which will be in April 2018. Billboards are strategically placed to attract the attention of excavators, including residents and businesses, utilities and motorists.
21	PUERTO RICO	Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to retain an Attorney to perform the following tasks: 1. Hold administrative hearings, resolve disputes, summon witnesses, conduct on-site inspections, administer oaths and take statements, order the production of books, documents and other evidence relating to cases in which contractors either did not obtain the necessary permits, requested Notice of Excavations or who have affected public utilities while working on their projects. 2. To revise the One Call Regulation to fully comply with federal standards. 3. Write motions, summons and other legal documents after analyzing and evaluating the facts of each case. 4. Support the Director in offering legal opinions and matters, such as preparing reports and resolutions, revising regulations and procedures and overseeing that compliance with excavation and demolition practices are enforced.
			\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	3	Grantee proposed to distribute educational materials in different activities. For example: Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention Conference 2017, 5K race, presentation of the directorate to stakeholders, municipalities, private contractors, Police Department, Fire Department and general public.
			\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	3	Grantee proposed to place signs with the 811 message at several areas in Puerto Rico to raise public awareness to call 811 before anyone starts to dig. These signs are to be placed on bus stops, train stops and in the DMV locations.
			\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	3	Grantee proposed to offer a campaign of public awareness through a 5K run for adults and a shorter race for the children, it is expected to impact much of the territory through public announcement and by the activity itself. The funds will be used to continue the education of the One Call Center, use of 811 and damage utility prevention and the materials will consist of brochures, flyers, t-shirts, coolers, backpack, hats, etc. The race will be held between the months of August to October.
			\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to pay for a portion of the salary & benefits of one of their Engineers for enforcement of the state damage prevention law. The engineer will maintain a timesheet and historically spends about 50% of his time on the damage prevention program. The Engineer performs 100% of the investigations and enforcement actions of the State's Dig Safe Laws. These investigations can be the result of excavating incidents, or formal complaints filed with the Division of Public Utilities & Carriers.
23	SOUTH DAKOTA	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	1	One Call center statistics will continue to be collected by the South Dakota 811 Center and analyzed by the Strategic Planning Committee and the South Dakota One Call Board, however follow-up meetings with operators and excavators with these statistics will be a new process for South Dakota. This will offer better protection to excavators and buried infrastructure and provide an education tool for promoting safety during excavation.
			\$ 11,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	1	Although the South Dakota One Call Board investigated "Mandatory White Lining" as a primary factor in assisting locators, little was done with this in 2016. White lining is already established in Article 20:25 of the South Dakota Administrative Rules, however it is a secondary requirement at this time, to be used when it's difficult to provide a precise description of the work area in a locate request. If neither can be used, than a meeting date between the locator and excavator can be arranged through a Meeting Request ticket type. Work will continue with the Legislative Task force and with the full Legislature. There is increased interest in this and legislation is being considered and may be introduced to make white lining a primary requirement.
			\$ 34,900.00	\$ 25,400.00	1	Grantee will use funds to process and track South Dakota One Call complaints. Each complaint is time consuming and involves writing letters, purchasing postage, driving to the post office to mail the letters, tracking letters sent and responses received, arranging Enforcement Panel calls, notifying each party of the Panel call, preparing meeting minutes, sending these meeting minutes and the Panel commendation and Hearing Request form to each party, notifying the parties of the next One Call Board Meeting where the complaint is discussed and approved, and mailing the final Board Order to the defendant.

			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	3	Grantee will develop and/or conduct state-provided training programs for excavators, technical schools, universities, and conferences will occur again in 2017. In fact, meetings have already been arranged in several towns. Excavators will once again be invited to attend in several different cities and towns throughout South Dakota. Each meeting will cover a range of topics and be presented to each group in order to get the same message out and to encourage One Call members and excavators to discuss common problems and issues at a local level.
			\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	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	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to perform and enhance the following Compliance and Enforcement activities during the calendar year of 2017.1) Administer Vermont Underground Facility Damage Prevention Program Procedures and process cases.2) Receive all reports of damage to underground facilities and accurately maintain a permanent database. 3) Encourage more cases to be filed electronically utilizing the UFDR form that is available on our web site. 4) Prepare initial incident/event information to enable an investigation of all reports of underground facility damage. 5) Investigate damaged facility reports and determine root cause and other information in categories conforming to the Common Ground Alliance Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT). 6) Conduct field investigations and document conclusions of the investigations with extra emphasis of digital photographs as a key part of the documentation process. 7) Develop remedial recommendations, including fines, corrective actions and/or education. 8) Administer compliance actions such as warnings and NOPV's related to violations of damage prevention law. 9) Act as expert witness during formal Public Service Board hearings related to contested cases of damage prevention law probable violations.10) Perform outreach activities to municipalities, public works departments, utilities and underground facility operators related to Vermont damage prevention law compliance, increased commitment to damage prevention, one call center participation and promotion of damage prevention best practices.
25	WASHINGTON	Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	1	Grantee will use funds to partially fund the personnel costs for enforcement activities of the damage prevention program at the UTC. The grant will be used for UTC activities directly associated with the Compliance Investigator hired to investigate excavation related damaged governed by Washington Underground Utilities Law.
			\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	2	Grantee will use funds to support the administrative activities of the Safety Committee. Without this funding, the volunteer members of the Safety Committee would be forced to determine how to coordinate the receipt and distribution of each parties materials for the review hearings. Followed by composing the letters and referral documents with the background materials to the UTC for review and formal action.
26	WYOMING	Public Service Commission of Wyoming	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee with Wyoming Association of Broadcasters (WAB) will enter into a contract to run two months of PSAs throughout the state. The WAB, through its member radio stations, provides statewide coverage and will run the PSAs throughout the state. Grantee would like to run the PSAs in May and again in August or September to promote One-Call of Wyoming throughout the construction season. Past experience has shown it is beneficial to provide the "Call Before You Dig" message again later in the year as a reminder to excavators and the public to utilize the One-Call system.
<b>Total Grant award</b>			<b>\$ 1,319,442.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,942.00</b>		