

Public funds may not be disbursed by the Authority without adoption of the approved budget and all receipts and disbursements shall be in strict accordance with the approved budget. The budget shall identify the programs of the Authority and allocate funds by the program. The budget and accounting system shall account for direct and overhead costs by program. The Board shall allocate these costs for each program with the adoption of the annual budget.

9.2 Funding of the Authority.

The monetary contribution of Members for the system backbone costs and annual operating costs shall be determined in accordance with the Lando formula which provides as follows:

MERA Apportionment Formula (for distribution of backbone costs):

- **Agency:** Each Member is identified by user type. The type corresponds to the Member's purpose, i.e., Police, Fire, Public Works, Transit, Land Management, Private Brigade, etc.
- **Coefficient:** A common number is applied to each user type depicting its approximate radio utilization compared to the other user types. The total user coefficients add up to 1 or 100%. The Coefficients are:

Police	=	.6
Fire	=	.25
Public Works	=	.1
Transit	=	.01
Land Management	=	.025
Private Brigade	=	.01
Unused	=	<u>.005</u>
TOTAL	=	1 or 100%
- **% of Population:** This ratio expresses the percentage of the Member's population to total county population.
- **% of Area:** This ratio expresses the percentage of the Member's area to the total county area.
- **C:** This is the Member's buy in cost (same for all members).
- **Members' Determinant:** (((% Population x 2) + % area) x Coefficient) + .005. The sum of the factors represents 100% of all the participating agencies Members by their type.
- **Apportioning Formula:** The Members' Determinant Factor divided by the sum of all Member factors equals the percentage to be applied to the total costs and determines the Member's cost.