



Grant Program Overview:

DPS-ECN 9-1-1 Grant Program

February 4, 2020

Introduction

In 2019, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Emergency Communication Networks (DPS-ECN) applied for and was awarded a grant funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The 9-1-1 Grant Program is intended to advance next generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) projects and initiatives administered by state, tribal, and/or territories. In turn, 9-1-1 call centers nationwide will be able to upgrade equipment and operations so that citizens, first responders, and 9-1-1 call takers can use digital, IP-based, broadband-enabled technologies to coordinate emergency responses.

As the designated recipient of the 9-1-1 Grant Program funding, DPS-ECN is solely responsible for administering the distribution of the grant funds to support selected 9-1-1 projects and initiatives across the state. DPS-ECN will engage stakeholders at the state, tribal, regional, and local levels to identify eligible grant funded projects.

Available Funding

- **GIS Data Collection:** Approximately \$2.87 million in grant funding (\$1.72 million in federal funds plus a required 40 percent match provided by DPS-ECN totaling \$1.15 million) is available for eligible jurisdictions to complete all phases of NG 9-1-1 GIS data preparation on or before the first quarter of 2021. These funds will be distributed to each eligible jurisdiction by DPS-ECN based on a formula developed by the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo), who is our contracted project partner.
- **Call Handling Equipment:** DPS-ECN has approximately \$1.62 million in grant funding (\$973,289 in federal funds plus a required 40 percent match provided by DPS-ECN totaling \$648,859) available to support the purchase and installation of upgraded NG 9-1-1 compliant call handling equipment in selected public safety answering points (PSAPs). Funding will be distributed to selected PSAPs based on the following criteria:
 - Implementation of a NG 9-1-1 capable call handling platform.
 - Demonstrated financial need.
 - Participation in shared service agreements with other PSAPs.
- **CAD-to-CAD interoperability:** DPS-ECN has approximately \$150,000 in grant funding (\$90,000 in federal funds plus a required 40 percent match provided by DPS-ECN totaling \$60,000) available to support a host region in evaluating the feasibility of implementing a statewide CAD-to-CAD interoperability solution.

NOTE: There are no local or regional cost share or match requirements associated with the DPS-ECN 9-1-1 grant program funding.

Allowable Expenses

DPS-ECN has identified the following categories of allowable expenses for the DPS-ECN 9-1-1 grant program funding that will be available to selected recipients:

- **GIS Data Collection:** Allowable expenses include the reimbursement of costs associated with the collection of GIS data to support the creation of a statewide dataset that will be provisioned in a NG 9-1-1 statewide system.
 - Note: Data collection must adhere to the hybrid data model as outlined in the [FAQ](#) and [Validation](#) documents that DPS-ECN has previously shared.

- Call Handling Equipment: Allowable expenses include the reimbursement of costs associated with purchasing and installing upgraded NG 9-1-1 compliant call handling equipment in selected PSAPs.
- CAD-to-CAD interoperability: Allowable expenses include the reimbursement of costs associated with a feasibility project for a statewide CAD-to-CAD interoperability solution.

Ineligible Expenses

DPS-ECN has identified the following ineligible expenses for DPS-ECN 9-1-1 grant funded projects:

- Costs to operate legacy 9-1-1 systems.
- Recurring costs related to NG 9-1-1 system operation (maintenance agreements, licensing fees, etc.).
- Activities related to construction.
- Independent verification and validation (IV&V) testing for product, service, and system purchases.

Application Process

The attached application form should be used for all funding requests related to the DPS-ECN 9-1-1 grant program.

- Enter relevant information in Section 1, 2, and 3 on the application form.
- Print and sign the application form.
- Forward the application to your regional grant coordinator for review and signature.
- Scan the completed application form and submit it to DPS-ECN at ecn@state.mn.us no later than Friday, April 3, 2020.
 - GIS Data Collection: Please include 'GIS Grant Application' in the subject line and include any supporting documentation (vendor quotes, etc.) associated with the funding request as separate attachments.
 - Call Handling Equipment: Please include 'Call Handling Grant Application' in the subject line and include any supporting documentation (vendor quotes, etc.) associated with the funding request as separate attachments.
- Retain original copies of the application form and supporting documentation for your records.

Resources

The following DPS-ECN staff are available to assist with questions or concerns related to the DPS-ECN 9-1-1 grant program:

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DPS-ECN 9-1-1 Grant Program Application

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Requesting Entity:		
Requesting Entity Point of Contact:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Email:	
Signature:		Date:
Requesting ECB/ESB Region:		
Regional ECB/ESB Point of Contact:		
Telephone:	Email:	
Signature:		Date:

SECTION 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
<input type="checkbox"/> GIS Data Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Call Handling Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

NOTES:

- This section should include a brief description of:
 - The project objectives, outcomes, and/or deliverables.
 - How the project will improve 9-1-1 capabilities within the jurisdiction/region.
 - Key project milestones and the projected timeline for achieving them.
- If necessary, include additional information regarding the project's, scope, purpose, and/or justification as a separate attachment.

SECTION 3: PROJECT BUDGET	
Description	Amount
Total Project Cost	

NOTES:

- Include copies of vendor/contractor/consultant quotes and other supporting documents as separate attachments.

SECTION 4: APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Received by DPS-ECN	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Reviewed by DPS-ECN	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Application APPROVED / DENIED by DPS-ECN (circle one)	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Notified of Grant Award Status	Date:
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