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LIST OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FUNDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:

POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY TO 911 PROJECTS

# overview

This list is derived from the annual [*List of Federal Financial Assistance Programs Funding Emergency Communications*](https://cisa.gov/publication/emergency-communications-grant-guidance-documents) and identifies federal financial assistance programs (i.e., grants, loans, cooperative agreements) that support emergency communications investments, **specifically noting any potential applicability to 911 projects**. Program materials may or may not mention 911 activities within allowable costs; however, through interpretation of federal grant office priorities, program objectives, and emergency communications-related costs (e.g., construction or renovation of communications centers and towers, purchase of communications systems and equipment, improvements that support statewide plans), this list identifies potential funding sources for 911 projects. **Consult the program’s Grants Officer for questions on 911 applicability**.

Periodic updates to the annual *List of Federal Financial Assistance Programs Funding Emergency Communications* will be posted on the [SAFECOM Funding website](https://cisa.gov/safecom/funding) as new programs are announced. Note that other opportunities may exist. Entities seeking funding should refer to the Federal Government website [Grants.gov](http://grants.gov/) to determine if other opportunities are available. In addition, refer to the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), as this is a summary of program information related to emergency communications and does not reflect all program requirements.

Entities that are applying for federal financial assistance for emergency communications projects should reference the latest annual [*SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants*](https://cisa.gov/publication/emergency-communications-grant-guidance-documents). The guidance provides general information on eligible activities, technical standards, and other terms and conditions that are common to most federal programs funding emergency communications. Note, recipients of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s preparedness grants must comply with SAFECOM Guidance, as required in its Appendix D. Other federal programs encourage entities to follow SAFECOM Guidance recommendations and best practices, specifically its guidance to applicants on:

* Recommendations for planning, coordinating, and implementing emergency communications projects;
* Emergency communications activities that can be funded through federal grants;
* Overview of emergency communications systems and capabilities; and
* Technical standards that facilitate interoperability.

SAFECOM Guidance and this list of federal financial assistance programs are developed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in collaboration with state, local, tribal, and territorial public safety agencies, as well as federal partners in the [Emergency Communications Preparedness Center](https://cisa.gov/ecpc). Direct any questions on this resource to CISA at [ECD@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:ECD@cisa.dhs.gov).

# Fiscal Years 2020/2021 Appropriations

Table 1: List of Federal Financial Assistance Programs Funding Emergency Communications:  
Potential Applicability to 911 Projects

| **Financial Assistance Program Description and Website** | | **Program Amount, Application Deadline, and Allocation Method** | | | **Eligible Applicants, Objectives, and Emergency Communications-related Allowable Costs** | | | **Potential Applicability to 911 Projects including Enhanced 911 and Next Generation 911 (NG911)** |
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| **Department of Agriculture (USDA)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Community Connect**  The Community Connect program serves rural communities where broadband service is least likely to be available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens. Projects funded by these grants will help rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the Internet.  <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants> | | **Program Amount:** Minimum grant request amount of $100,000 and maximum of $3,000,000 per application  **Application Deadline:** 12/23/2020  **Competitive:** Applicants will be carefully scored and prioritized to determine which projects should be selected for further development and funding; minimum 15% match is required | | | **Eligible Applicants:** State and local governments, federally-recognized Tribes, non-profits, for-profit corporations. Rural areas that lack existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream  **Objective:** Funds broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service  **Equipment:** Construction, expansion, improvement or acquisition of community center; broadband expansion, construction of communication towers | | | **NOFO Language:** Applications should include an analysis of the community-wide challenges and how the project proposes to address these issues, including public safety issues.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider integrating NG911 implementation activities into planning related to public safety efforts. |
| **Community Facilities**  Community Facilities programs provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas and towns up to 20,000 in population. Priority is given to health care, education, and public safety projects.  <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program> | | **Program Amount:** Graduated Scale  **Application Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round. Contact local office to discuss a specific project  **Competitive:** Applicants will be carefully scored and prioritized to determine which projects should be selected for further development and funding; varying match requirements | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities, counties, parishes, boroughs, special-purpose districts, non-profit corporations or associations, and Tribal governments  **Objective:** Funds the purchase, construction, or improvement of essential community facilities  **Planning and Organization:** Costs of acquiring interest on land  **Equipment:** Construction and development of hospitals, health clinics, schools, fire houses, community centers, and many other community-based initiatives | | | **NOFO Language:** Essential community facilities include public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, Community Facilities recipients should consider integrating NG911 implementation into planning related to public safety services, vehicles, or equipment. |
| **Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)**  The purpose of the DLT program is to fund telecommunications enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural areas. Funds may also be used to provide for communication upgrades between ambulances, emergency transportation vehicles, and medical facilities.  <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants> | | **Program Amount:** Minimum grant request amount of $50,000 and maximum grant request of $1,000,000 per application  **Application Deadline:** 6/4/2021  **Competitive:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the NOFO; minimum 15% match is required | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including most state and local governmental entities, federally- recognized Tribes, non-profits, for-profit businesses, and consortia of eligible entities  **Objective:** Funds rural communities use of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density  **Equipment:** Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as broadband transmission facilities; audio, video and interactive video equipment; terminal and data terminal equipment; computer hardware, network components, and software; inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services  **Personnel/Training:** Instructional programming that is a capital asset, technical assistance, and instruction for using equipment | | | **Application Guide Language:** The purpose of the DLT grant program is to deliver education or medical care between remote sites via telecommunications, not simply to furnish educational or medical technology.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider integrating NG911 strategic planning with efforts to increase education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope. |
| **Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program**  The Infrastructure Program provides long-term direct and guaranteed loans to qualified organizations for the purpose of financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of telephone lines, facilities, or systems to furnish and improve Telecommunications, 911, and Emergency Communications services in rural areas.  <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees> | | **Program Amount:** Graduated Scale  **Application Deadline:** Applications for this program are accepted through the General Field Representative year-round  **Competitive:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the NOFO | | | **Eligible Applicants:** State and local government entities, federally-recognized Tribes, non-profit corporations, and for-profit businesses  **Objective:** Funds construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas  **Planning and Organization:** Acquisitions and refinancing  **Equipment:** Improvement, expansions, and construction of 911 activities and services related to emergency response efforts | | | **NOFO Language:** Through this program, USDA will leverage public and private resources to speed the rural deployment of dual-use public safety/commercial wireless networks, address homeland security communications needs along America's rural international borders, and finance enhanced 911 capabilities for carriers and communities. Advantages include the ability to precisely locate rural wireless 911 calls, contact 911 via text message, or send emergency responders photos or videos of crime scenes or accidents. The program finances wireless upgrades for public safety and security.  **Interpretation:** Recipients should consider integrating NG911 strategic planning and implementation with efforts to enhance 911 capabilities. |
| **Department of Commerce (DOC)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Accelerate R2 Network Challenge**  The purpose of this program is to create a strategic nationwide network of organizations working to address disaster response and resiliency (R2) challenges with innovative technologies.  <https://www.eda.gov/oie/accelerate-r2/> | **Program Amount:** $1,000,000  **Application Deadline:** Letter of Intent by 1/8/2020 and application by 3/11/2020  **Formula-based:** A minimum of 50% matching requirement | | **Eligible Applicants:** State, Tribe, city, or other political subdivision of a state, an entity whose application is supported by a state or a political subdivision of a state, or a consortium of any of these entities  **Objectives:** Funds to create a nationwide network or networks that will enable and support innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and investors to bring transformative technologies into the response and resiliency markets  **Personnel:** Stakeholders such as first responders and public safety officials  **Equipment:** Nationwide network technologies | | | **NOFO Language:** The Accelerate R2 Network Challenge is a new grant program designed to connect stakeholders in the disaster response and resiliency industries across geographies to accelerate the pace at which startups, established corporations, and other organizations bring technological innovations into the market.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider creating innovative solutions for NG911 and first responders. | | |
| **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model**  The purpose of ET3 is to provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address emergency health care needs of Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries following a 911 call.  <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/et3> | | **Program Amount:** Up to $34,000,000; maximum award amount up to $1,175,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/11/2021  **Competitive:** Eligible projects scored based on criteria in the NOFO | | **Eligible Applicants:** State and local governments, their designees, or other entities that operate or have oversight over a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and are located in geographic regions where ambulance suppliers and providers have been selected to participate in the ET3 model  **Objective:** Fund Medical Triage Line integration into PSAPs in eligible regions  **Personnel:** Triage Line Staff and support staff  **Equipment:** Software/hardware required to implement a Medical Triage Line; other information technology infrastructure required to implement or expand upon a Medical Triage Line  **Training/Exercises:** Triage Line Staff training and development | | | **NOFO Language:** This intervention will test whether the establishment or expansion of Medical Triage Lines integrated with the PSAP can reduce inappropriate use of emergency ambulance services and increase efficiency in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider incorporating NG911 solutions into PSAP and Medical Triage Line planning. | |
| **Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)**  HPP purpose is to strengthen and enhance the acute care medical surge capacity through the maintenance and growth of strong health care coalitions. The goals of health care preparedness and response capabilities include: 1) Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness; 2) Health Care and Medical Response Coordination; 3) Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery; and 4) Medical Surge.  <https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/hpp/Pages/default.aspx> | | **Program Amount:** Up to $231,500,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/3/2019\*; non-competitive continuation of funding opportunities available for recipients  **Formula-based:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement | | **Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city, or township, and special district governments  **Objective:** Funds to build acute care medical surge capacity  **Personnel:** Staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises  **Planning:** Engage emergency communications stakeholders in planning; develop assessments and inventories  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises | | | **NOFO Language:** HHS recommended a tiered strategy for improving capabilities in Tier 1, Public Health Preparedness Capabilities, which include: Responder Safety and Health; Emergency Operations Coordination; Emergency Public Information and Warning; and Information Sharing. Examples of information sharing systems that contribute to the incident common operating picture include but are not limited to the following: bed tracking systems, emergency medical services information systems, health alert networks, patient tracking systems, 911 call centers and systems, web-enabled emergency management communications systems, and credentialing systems.  **Interpretation:** HPP recipients should consider integrating NG911 implementation into emergency operations coordination and information sharing systems. | |
| **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)**  PHEP purpose is to strengthen and enhance the capabilities of state, local, and territorial public health systems to respond effectively (e.g., mitigate the loss of life and reduce the threats to the community’s health and safety) to evolving threats and other emergencies, and improve the readiness of the public health system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health emergency response systems.  <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/phep.htm> | | **Program Amount:** Up to $622,850,000; average award of $10,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 3/17/2020; non-competitive continuation of funding opportunities available for recipients  **Formula-based:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement | | **Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city, or township, and special district governments  **Objective:** Funds to advance development of effective public health emergency management and response programs  **Personnel:** Staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises  **Planning:** Whole community planning for all populations, including tribal engagement  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises; Continuity of operations and administrative preparedness plans tested via tabletop exercises  **Equipment:** Personal protective equipment | | | **NOFO Language:** PHEP funding will ensure recipients continue to develop and sustain effective public health emergency management and response capability according to standards described in the[*Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities: National Standards for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Public Health*](https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/00_docs/CDC_PubHlthPrepCap_Oct2018_508_Cap7.pdf). These standards provide a framework to ensure that recipients, based on the PHEP logic model, apply findings from their jurisdictional risk assessments, capability self-assessments, and after-action reports to inform their strategic priorities and direct jurisdictional preparedness investments.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider integrating NG911 strategic planning and implementation into emergency operations coordination and information sharing systems. | |
| **Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)**  SEDS is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities.  <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-NA-1906>  A separate SEDS opportunity is available for Alaska Native village governments that are central to social and economic self-sufficiency in Alaska. Program amounts and application requirements vary but have the similar intent to support community-driven projects.  <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-NK-1902> | | **Program Amount:** Minimum grant request amount of $100,000 and maximum grant request of $400,000, per application  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 applications due 6/30/2021; FY 2022 applications due 5/23/2022; FY 2023 applications due 5/22/2023  **Competitive:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the funding announcement; minimum 20% match is required | | **Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized tribes and other tribal entities, as described in the funding announcement  **Objective:** Funds to promote social and economic self-sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Pacific Islanders from American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  **Planning:** Planning and coordinating emergency response services within the community and with state and local governments to protect against acts of nature and other catastrophic events, such as floods and hazardous materials exposure  **Development:** Developing or enhancing community-based initiatives to protect the community from external threats and reduce insecurity, violence, and crime | | | **SEDS NOFO Language:** SEDS supports projects that develop and implement culturally appropriate strategies to meet the social service needs and well-being of Native Americans. The program also funds projects that increase the ability of tribal and Alaska Native villages and territorial governments to exercise local control and decision-making, and to develop and enforce laws, regulations, codes, and policies that reflect and promote the interests of community members.  **SEDS-Alaska NOFO Language:** SEDS-Alaska specifically supports emergency preparedness and response projects that aim to, among other items, increase communications. The program also supports technology infrastructure projects, which can include internet connectivity and broadband planning.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider integrating NG911 implementation and strategic planning into emergency response and law enforcement systems. | |
| **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**  EMPG assists state, local and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards. The intent is to provide granting funding to assist state emergency management agencies in obtaining the resources required to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/emergency-management-performance> | | **Program Amount:** $355,100,000 with $100,000,000 in available supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); funding opportunities are separated by region  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021 for both EMPG and ARPA supplemental funding  **Formula-based:** Amounts for each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; 50% match is required | | | **Eligible Applicants:** State Administrative Agency (SAA) of states/territories or Emergency Management Agency  **Objective:** Funds activities that address cybersecurity and building and sustaining core capabilities  **Planning and Organization:** Developing/updating Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), Tactical Interoperability Communications Plans, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and Continuity of Operations (COOP)  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises  **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); construction/renovation of communication towers | | | **NOFO Language:** EMPG’s allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas described in the National Preparedness Goal. DHS requires recipients to prioritize grant funding to demonstrate how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, EMPG recipients should consider integrating NG911 strategic planning into emergency management efforts. Additionally, EMPG recipients should include NG911 activities in the SCIP, THIRA/SPR, COOP, and other plans. |
| **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) / State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**  SHSP supports the implementation of risk driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets set in urban area, state, and regional THIRA and SPR process, which inform planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security> | | **Program Amount:** $415,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Formula-based:** Targeted allocation rangesfor each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; awards will be allocated based on risk and anticipated effectiveness | | | **Eligible Applicants:** SAAs of states/territories; SAA must pass through 80% to local units of government **Objectives:** Funds to build/sustain core capabilities; continuity of operations; cybersecurity enhancements; law enforcement/terrorism prevention  **Planning and Organization:** Develop whole community partnerships; program management; intelligence analysts  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises related to emergency communications, special events  **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; information technology (IT); maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); supplies | | | **NOFO Language:** Recipients investing in emergency communications must describe how activities align to the SCIP; as well as coordinate with their Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and/or Statewide Interoperability Governance Body (SIGB) when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. SHSP recipients must spend a minimum of 7.5 percent on enhancing cybersecurity.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients may integrate NG911 efforts into emergency communications activities that focus on responding to mass casualty incidents or catastrophic events and acts of terrorism. Investments in mobile and portable electronic countermeasure systems, specialized communications devices for point-to-point communications, and cybersecurity projects, may overlap with NG911 implementation. |
| **Homeland Security Grant Program / Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)** UASI program addresses the unique risk driven and capabilities-based planning, organization, equipment, training, exercise needs, of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas based on the capability targets identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review process.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security> | | **Program Amount:** $615,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Formula-based:** Targeted allocation rangesfor each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; awards will be allocated based on risk and anticipated effectiveness | | | **Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of eligible areas listed in the NOFO; SAA must pass through 80% to local units of government in the designated UASI  **Objectives:** Funds to build/sustain core capabilities; continuity of operations; cybersecurity enhancements; law enforcement/terrorism prevention  **Planning and Organization:** Develop whole community partnerships; program management; intelligence analysts  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises related to emergency communications, special events  **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; IT; maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); emergency supplies | | | **NOFO Language:** Recipients investing in emergency communications must describe how activities align to the SCIP, as well as coordinate with their (SWIC and/or SIGB when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. UASI recipients must spend a minimum of 7.5 percent on enhancing cybersecurity.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients may integrate NG911 efforts into emergency communications activities that focus on responding to mass casualty incidents or catastrophic events and acts of terrorism. Investments in mobile and portable electronic countermeasure systems, specialized communications devices for point-to-point communications, cybersecurity projects, and GIS data gathering, may overlap with NG911 implementation. |
| **Homeland Security Grant Program / Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**  OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States’ borders along routes of ingress from international borders. This includes travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security> | | **Program Amount:** $90,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive:** States eligible to apply are listed in the NOFO | | | **Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of selected OPSG grant recipient; SAA must pass through 100% to selected local units of government  **Objectives:** Funds support to U.S. border security  **Personnel:** 50% cap  **Planning and Organization:** Coordination among jurisdictions, disciplines, various levels of governments (e.g., travel, per diem, overtime)  **Equipment:** Emergency equipment and vehicles, data systems | | | **NOFO Language:** OPSG supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal by funding enhancements for responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, OPSG investments to increase operational, material, and technological readiness of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies may be integrated into NG911 activities to ensure timely response to catastrophic incidents. |
| **Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)**  IBSGP provides funding to owners and operators of intercity bus systems located within the UASI-eligible Urban Areas, to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/intercity-bus-security> | | **Program Amount:** $2,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive:** Eligible applicants must complete a vulnerability assessment and develop a security plan | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus in UASI jurisdiction  **Objectives:** Funds critical infrastructure hardening and physical security enhancements to support transit operators serving the Nation’s highest-risk metropolitan areas  **Planning and Organization:** Governance integration  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, andevaluatetraining and exercises  **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, facility security; vehicle / driver security, construction and renovation projects | | | **NOFO Language:** Investments that address one of the three national priority areas (enhancing cybersecurity; enhancing the projection of soft targets/crowded places; or addressing emerging threats), along with enduring needs for planning, training and awareness, and exercises.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, NG911 strategic planning and implementation may overlap with IBSGP projects to protect critical transportation infrastructure and travelling public from acts of terrorism, and to increase the resilience of the transit infrastructure. |
| **Intercity Passenger Rail-Amtrak (IPR) Program**  IPR Program provides funding to the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/intercity-passenger-rail-amtrak> | | **Program Amount:** $10,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Cooperative Agreement between FEMA and Amtrak:** All funds are awarded to Amtrak | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus in UASI jurisdiction  **Objectives:** Funds transportation infrastructure security activities for the Amtrak System  **Planning:** Security plans; protocols; education; outreach  **Training and Exercises:** Crew communication and coordination; emergency preparedness drills and exercises  **Equipment:** Related to interoperable communications, maintenance and sustainment, construction / renovation of communication towers | | | **NOFO Language:** IPR priorities include: 1) Enhancing cybersecurity; 2) Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places; and 3) Addressing emerging threats. Likewise, there are several enduring security needs that crosscut the homeland security enterprise. The following are second-tier priorities that help recipients implement a comprehensive approach to securing critical transportation infrastructure: 1) Effective planning; 2) Training and awareness campaigns; 3) Equipment and capital projects; and 4) Exercises.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, NG911 strategic planning and implementation activities may be eligible. |
| **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**  NSGP-UASI ($90,000,000): Provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the UASI- eligible Areas.  NSGP-State ($90,000,000) Provides funding for nonprofit organizations located outside of FY 2018 UASI-designated Urban Areas.  NSGP promotes coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security> | | **Program Amount:** $180,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive**: Nonprofit organizations may receive funding following a competitive review process | | | **Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of nonprofit organizations within eligible UASIs; SAA must obligate 100% to selected nonprofit organizations  **Objectives:** Funds physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. NSGP also seeks to integrate preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts  **Planning:** Development and enhancement of security plans and protocols; development or further strengthening of security assessments; emergency contingency plans; evacuation/shelter-in-place plans  **Training:** Security-related training courses and programs  **Equipment:** Target hardening, physical security enhancements, and inspection and screening systems | | | **NOFO Language:** DHS is focused on forging partnerships to strengthen information sharing and collaboration in each of these priority areas (i.e., enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places; effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; and exercises) and looking for NSPG recipients to remove barriers to communication and cooperation with DHS and other federal agencies.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, NG911 strategic planning and implementation activities may be eligible. |
| **Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)** PSGP provides funding to port authorities, facility operators, and state and local agencies required to provide security services to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans.  <https://www.fema.gov/port-security-grant-program> | | **Program Amount:** $100,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive:** Port areas will be selected for funding through a competitive review process; Recipients must provide at least 25% match either cash or in-kind contribution, for all public sector and non-governmental, nonprofit recipients; Private, for-profit recipients must provide at least 50% match either cash or in-kind contribution | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Entities covered by an Area Maritime Security Plan  **Objective:** Funds enhancements to port-wide maritime security risk management, domain awareness, improvised explosive device and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive prevention, protection, response and supporting recovery capabilities; cybersecurity; port resilience and recovery  **Planning and Organization:** Security plans and protocols enhancements  **Training/Exercises:** Training and awareness campaigns; port-wide planning, training, and exercises  **Equipment:** Interoperable communications for Maritime Domain Awareness | | | **NOFO Language:** PSGP provides funds to state, territorial, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, NG911 activities may be eligible for PSGP funds as the program prioritizes spending on efforts to respond quickly to catastrophic incidents. Qualified interoperable equipment that can be used for NG911 efforts include specialized communications devices for point-to-point communications. Investments on GIS systems are also eligible, which would support emergency communications activities under NG911. Funds for cybersecurity developments may also overlap with NG911 projects. |
| **Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)** TSGP directly supports transportation infrastructure security activities. It is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures to strengthen the Nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/transit-security> | | **Program Amount:** $88,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive:** Eligible transit agencies are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible urban areas | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Publicly owned operators of public transportation  **Objective:** Funds public transportation systems to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience  **Planning and Organization:** Security plans and protocols; regional communications enhancement  **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises  **Equipment:** Related to physical security enhancements and cybersecurity of security cameras, security screening equipment, access control, sensors, badge readers, etc. | | | **NOFO Language:** TSGP supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. In assessing the national risk profile, three areas attract the most concern: 1) Enhancing cybersecurity; 2) Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places; and 3) Addressing emerging threats. The following are second-tier priorities that help recipients implement a comprehensive approach to securing critical transportation infrastructure: 1) Effective planning; 2) Training and awareness campaigns; 3) Equipment and capital projects; and 4) Exercises.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, TSGP investments to enhance security plans, protocols, and assessments may be integrated into NG911 strategic planning and implementation. |
| **Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)**  THSGP supports the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities to enable Tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/tribal-homeland-security> | | **Program Amount:** $15,000,000  **Application Deadline:** 5/14/2021  **Competitive:** Selected Tribes may receive funding following a competitive peer review process; No match requirement | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized Tribes  **Objectives:** Funds homeland security initiatives for Tribes  **Personnel:** 50% cap  **Planning and Organization:** Prioritizing needs; updating preparedness strategies; allocating resources across stakeholder groups and levels of government; implementing standardized resource management concepts  **Equipment:** Related to communications, emergency supplies  **Maintenance and Sustainment:** Upgrades, user fees, warranties  **Construction and Renovation:** Communication towers | | | **NOFO Language:** THSGP provides funding directly to eligible Tribes to strengthen capacities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, THSGP funds may be applied to mobile and portable electronic countermeasures systems, specialized communications devices for point-to-point communications, GIS data gathering, and cybersecurity developments that may support NG911 implementation. |
| **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**  AFG supports firefighters and emergency response personnel by providing critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.  <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters> | | **Program Amount:** FY 2021 program amount to be announced  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 application period to be announced  **Competitive:** Cost share is based on population | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and state fire training academies  **Objectives:** Procurement of critically needed equipment necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards  **Planning and Organization:** Prioritizing community needs; reduce the risk of special hazards  **Equipment:** Project 25 interoperable communications equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources | | | **NOFO Language:** Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment. Recipients investing in emergency communications must ensure their projects support the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan for their state.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, applicants can invest in systems which focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters. |
| **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)**  The SBIR program is a congressionally mandated small business set-aside designed to stimulate technological innovation and foster small business and private sector commercialization of innovations derived from federal Research and Development.  <https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/sbir> | | **Program Amount:** Up to $150,000  **Application Deadline:** 1/15/2021; Additional application periods to be announced  **Competitive:** Each grant proposal was evaluated on relevance of the specific concept as it relates to SBIR topics | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses  **Objectives:** Funds research to develop new processes, products, and technologies in support of the missions of the U.S. Government  **Research and Development:** Consist of topics relevant to Artificial Intelligence to Augment the 911 Telecommunicator Function; Non-Invasive "Breathalyzer" Detection System to Screen for Presence of Viral Respiratory Infections; 5G & Wifi6 Coexistence for Secure Federal Networks; Improved Curved Transparent Ceramic Structural Components; Vehicle Infectious Diseases Protection; Amphibious XTV for Ice Rescue; Software Supply Chain Identification for Compiled Binary Executables; Intelligent Document Design: Combating Industry Trends that Incentivize Weak Security; High Throughput Non-Ionizing Screen Capability for Identifying Contraband; Screening Sensor Technology as part of Passenger Checked Luggage; Fieldable multiplex detection of Biothreats | | | **NOFO Language:** Identify a commercially viable technical design to process, analyze, and share multimedia video sent from 911 callers; augment the 911 Telecommunicator function by reducing burden and workload and to efficiently share relevant multimedia content with emergency responders.  **Interpretation:** NG911 technology is mentioned in this year’s SBIR topics; investments may support integrating artificial intelligence into NG911 systems to assist in responding to 911 voice calls and incorporating multimedia into 911 call processing |
| **Department of Justice (DOJ)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development (CPD)**  CPD program advances the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.  <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>cpd | | **Program Amount:** FY 2021 program amount to be announced  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 application period to be announced  **Competitive:** Awards or cooperative agreements granted to projects related to public safety topics | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies  **Objectives:** Funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies  **Personnel:** Law enforcement  **Training:** Travel-related costs  **Equipment:** Technology, supplies | | | **NOFO Language:** The COPS Office is aware that some rural communities have limited financial and technological resources to train their law enforcement personnel, often extending beyond the availability of equipment, and that funding constraints can make it impracticable to send officers and deputies to attend quality training as travel costs alone can take a toll on a small agency’s budget.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, CPD recipients may integrate NG911 activities into planning related to community policing through partnerships, organizational management and systems, and problem- solving techniques to develop and test innovative systems. |
| **COPS CPD Microgrants**  CPD Microgrants funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, the development of innovative community policing strategies, guidebooks, and promising practices that are national in scope and responsive to the solicitation topic requirements.  <https://cops.usdoj.gov/cpd> | | **Program Amount:** FY 2021 program amount to be announced  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 application period to be announced  **Competitive:** Awards or cooperative agreements granted to projects related to public safety topics | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies  **Objectives:** Funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies  **Personnel:** Staff for project activities, contractors  **Training:** Travel-related costs  **Equipment:** Technology, supplies | | | **NOFO Language:** CPD funding is used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, CPD recipients may integrate NG911 activities into planning related to community policing through partnerships, organizational management and systems, and problem- solving techniques. These efforts can address public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. |
| **COPS Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)**  CTAS seeks to improve public safety and victim services in Tribal communities. The program provides federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues and to apply for funding.  <https://cops.usdoj.gov/ctas> | | **Program Amount:** Available funding ranges from $150,000 to $4,800,000  **Application Deadline:** 3/30/2021  **Competitive:** Applications focus on: enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent youth substance abuse, address violence against women, serve crime victims, and support other efforts to combat crime | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized Tribes or Tribal consortiums  **Objectives:** Funds implementation of community policing and meets the most serious needs of law enforcement in Tribal Nations  **Personnel:** Staff for technical assistance, law enforcement officers  **Training:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training  **Equipment:** Uniforms, basic issue equipment, technology, and vehicles | | | **NOFO Language:** Applying for funding could include technology such as computer hardware and software, mobile data terminals, narrowband radio upgrades, and dispatch and communication systems.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, CTAS funds may be applied to purchasing communications systems as part of NG911 implementation. |
| **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**  JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.  <https://www.bja.gov/jag/> | | **Program Amount:** JAG Program awards are calculated using violent crime data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 application period to be announced  **Formula-based**: JAG awards are based on a statutory formula in the solicitation | | | **Eligible Applicants:** Local government units; federally-recognized Tribes; law enforcement district; judicial enforcement district established under state law  **Objectives:** Funds law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams  **Personnel:** Technical assistance, contractual support  **Training:** Develop and deliver trainings  **Equipment:** Supplies, information systems for criminal justice  **Research and Development:** Criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities | | | **NOFO Language:** Funds may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems related to criminal justice.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, JAG recipients should consider integrating NG911 strategies to improve functioning of the criminal justice system where applicable. |
| **Strategies in Policing Innovation (SPI) Program**  SPI funds support to reduce crime and improve the functionality of the criminal justice system, specifically through support for innovative and evidence-based policing practices, more effective information sharing, and multi-agency collaboration.  <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17028> | | **Program Amount:** FY 2021 program amount to be announced  **Application Deadline:** FY 2021 application period to be announced  **Competitive:** SPI applicants must focus on promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices | | | **Eligible Applicants:** State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as their fiscal agent, federally recognized tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions, and a tribal consortium  **Objectives:** Funds innovative ideas and evidence-based programming in police agencies in order to foster effective and consistent collaborations to increase public safety, and use technology, intelligence, and data in innovative ways  **Personnel:** New law enforcement personnel, overtime, data analysis support  **Equipment:** Software or hardware technology purchases | | | **NOFO Language:** Funds may be used to implement technology-driven justice information-sharing solutions at the state, local, territorial, and tribal levels that result in significant cost and time savings and enhance criminal justice policies and practices that promote public safety and reduce crime.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, SPI recipients should consider integrating innovative NG911 technology strategies to improve operational challenges and reduce violent crime. |
| **Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime**  The purpose of this program is to provide funding to organizations that demonstrate innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology in innovative ways to interact directly with crime victims and/or to provide information, referrals, crisis assistance, and longer-term help.  <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2021-91005> | | **Program Amount:** Up to $4,500,000; maximum award amount up to $1,500,000  **Application Deadline:** 6/14/2021  **Competitive:** Applications scored based on criteria in the NOFO | | | **Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city, or township governments; federally recognized tribal governments; tribal organizations; nonprofits with and without a 501(c)(3) status other than institutions of higher education; private, public, and state controlled institutions of higher education; other entities as specified in the NOFO  **Objectives:** The objective of this program is to identify gaps in technology that can be enhanced by building the organization’s technological capacity to increase access and provide timely victim services that are sustainable, safe, and align with Office for Victims of Crime Model Standards  **Personnel:** Staff required to operate, update, and maintain the proposed platform or service; staff engage in coalition-building activities regarding the use of technology  **Training:** Training and technical assistance on the purpose and use of the technology  **Equipment:** Technology development and maintenance | | | **NOFO Language:** The goal of this program is to develop innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology to improve response, services, and access for victims of crime.  **Interpretation:** While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, recipients should consider integrating innovative NG911 technology strategies to improve response for victims of crime. |

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