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Department of Transportation (DOT)	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)	911 Grant Program	N/A	<a href="http://www.911.gov/911grants.html">http://www.911.gov/911grants.html</a>	Yes	Yes	<i>Upcoming 2017</i>	N/A
Department of Justice (DOJ)	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	Community Oriented Policing Services Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (COPS/CTAS)	Tribes with a sworn force of 1-9 officers are eligible for <b>\$300,000</b> ; 10-20 officers are eligible for <b>\$600,000</b> ; 20+ officers are eligible for <b>\$1,000,000</b>	<a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2489">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2489</a>	Yes	Yes	*Applying for funding could include technology such as computer hardware and software, mobile data terminals, narrow-band radio upgrades, and dispatch and communication systems *Comprehensive victim assistance through phone equipment and response systems: emergency response—hotline services, call forwarding systems, rotating on-call cell phones	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, CTAS grantees may be eligible to integrate NG911 operations into victim assistance services. Emergency communications funds may be applied to purchasing phone equipment and emergency response systems, which include phone hotline services, call forwarding, and rotating on-call cell phones for victims support.
Department of Justice (DOJ)	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	Community Oriented Policing Services Community Policing Development (COPS/CPD)	Awards scaled between <b>\$100,000</b> and <b>\$1,000,000</b>	<a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2450">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2450</a>	Yes	Yes	Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, CPD grantees 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.
Department of Justice (DOJ)	Office of Justice Programs (OJP)	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)	Awards of at least <b>\$25,000</b> are 4 years in length; Awards less than <b>\$25,000</b> are 2 years in length	<a href="https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=59">https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=59</a>	Yes	Yes	*Projects support the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and are fully coordinated with the full-time Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) in the state of the project. As the central coordination point for their state's interoperability effort, the SWIC plays a critical role, and can serve as a valuable resource *First response training for gun violence	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, JAG grantees should consider integrating NG911 emergency response efforts when coordinating with local SWICs in the state. Additionally, plans for first response training on gun violence could be integrated into NG911 implementation or strategic planning if needed.
Department of Justice (DOJ)	Office of Justice Programs (OJP)/National Institute of Justice (NIJ)	National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Research Grants (Law Enforcement, Geospatial, Criminal Justice IT)	Varies	<a href="http://www.nij.gov/funding/current.htm">http://www.nij.gov/funding/current.htm</a>	Yes	Yes	None	Of the 36 NOFOs in FY2015, none directly relate to NG911. These are research/academic grants that may or may not have an emergency communications component.
Health and Human Services (HHS)	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)	Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)	\$228,500,000	<a href="http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/hpp/Pages/funding.aspx">http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/hpp/Pages/funding.aspx</a>	Yes	Yes	*CDC's recommended tiered strategy for capabilities include 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 • EMS information systems • Health alert networks • Patient tracking systems • 911 call centers and systems • Web-enabled emergency management communications systems • Credentialing systems	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, HPP grantees may consider integrating NG911 implementation into emergency operations coordination and information sharing systems as part of their projects. Systems that are eligible for HPP funds may overlap with systems that support NG911 efforts including EMS information systems, 911 call centers and systems, Web-enabled emergency management communications systems, and credentialing systems.
Health and Human Services (HHS)	Center for Disease Control (CDC)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$611,750,000	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/coopagreement.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/coopagreement.htm</a>	Yes	Yes	*CDC's recommended tiered strategy for capabilities include 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 • EMS information systems • Health alert networks • Patient tracking systems • 911 call centers and systems • Web-enabled emergency management communications systems • Credentialing systems	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, PHEP grantees may consider integrating NG911 implementation into emergency operations coordination and information sharing systems into their projects. PHEP investments made on EMS information systems, 911 call centers and systems, Web-enabled emergency management communications systems, and credentialing systems may overlap with NG911 efforts.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Rural Utilities Service (RUS)	Community Connect	\$13,000,000	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants</a>	Yes	Yes	Grant applications include an analysis of the challenges of the following criteria, laid out on a community wide basis, and how the project proposes to address these issues, including public safety issues	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, <b>Community Connect grantees may integrate NG911 activities into planning related to public safety efforts.</b>
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Rural Utilities Service (RUS)	Community Facilities	Graduated Scale	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program</a>	Yes	Yes	<b>Public safety services</b> such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, <b>Community Facilities grantees may integrate NG911 activities into planning related to public safety efforts</b> such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Rural Utilities Service (RUS)	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan - Expansion of 911	Graduated Scale	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees</a>	Yes	Yes	<b>This program helps rural communities improve public safety through enhanced 911 capabilities. Advantages for rural residents, business and institutions</b> include the ability to precisely locate rural wireless 911 callers in an emergency, contact 911 via text message, or send emergency responders real-time photos and video of accidents and crime scenes. To finance facilities and equipment which expand, improve or provide:  Access to 911 services; Interoperable emergency communications, including multi-use networks that provide on-demand and real-time commercial or transportation information services in addition to emergency communications services; Homeland security communications; Transportation safety communications; Location technologies used outside an urbanized area	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, <b>this grant contains 911 response efforts. Recipients of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan can integrate NG911 strategic planning with efforts to enhance 911 capabilities to support activities</b> such as locating rural wireless 911 callers in an emergency, 911 text messaging, or sending emergency responders real-time photos/videos of accidents and crime scenes.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Science and Technology (S&T)	Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)	S&T SBIR Phase 1: <b>\$100,000</b> Phase 2: <b>\$750,000</b> DNDO SBIR Phase 1: <b>\$150,000</b> Phase 2: <b>\$1,000,000</b>	<a href="https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&amp;mode=form&amp;id=a591b70cee17b77ebda2c70e67b144ce&amp;tab=core&amp;cvview=0">https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&amp;mode=form&amp;id=a591b70cee17b77ebda2c70e67b144ce&amp;tab=core&amp;cvview=0</a>	Yes	Yes	To enable first responders to communicate seamlessly, a <b>next generation communications system must include the following features:</b> multimedia (support emergency responder's requirement for voice, data and video services); user friendly (auto detection, connection and configuration of wearable sensors and tools, including an array of available wireless communication devices); scalable (can incorporate new devices by using standard communication protocol); streamlined (automatically select the optimum communication network medium for communication); resilient (store and forward information when communication resources are congested or unavailable); ruggedized (able to withstand different extreme environmental conditions); weight and size (must be wearable in lightweight, compact enclosure); and availability (battery will support a minimum of 8 hours of emergency response operation).	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, <b>eligible investments made under SBIR may overlap with the strategic planning efforts for NG911</b> because it provides funding for next generation communications systems. Additionally, this grant allows for research on cyber security attacks, as well as different tools, techniques, and policies that would help mitigate cyber security attacks.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	\$306,000,000	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant">http://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant</a>	Yes	Yes	Equipment: Requested equipment should enhance the safety and/or effectiveness of firefighting, rescue, and/or the enhancement of emergency medical services provided by fire based EMS and/or nonaffiliated EMS organizations.	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, <b>AFG funding for emergency response efforts that protect public safety and enhance operations of the firefighting, rescue, and EMS provided by fire based organizations may be integrated into NG911 planning and activities.</b> Although, the equipment listed are protective gear and not necessarily systems for emergency response.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Fire Prevention and Safety (AFG/FP&S)	\$34,000,000	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants">http://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants</a>	Yes	Yes	None	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. <b>The FP&amp;S grant program does not align with NG911 priorities</b> because its objectives are focused on enhancing the safety of firefighters through fire prevention and education, fire code enforcement, fire and arson investigation, and firefighter safety and health programming and prevention efforts.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)	\$350,100,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114436">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114436</a>	Yes	Yes	* <b>Supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal</b> by responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident * <b>Communications plans:</b> Developing and updating Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP); * <b>Evacuation planning:</b> Developing/enhancing evacuation plans, including plans for alerts/warning, crisis communications, pre-positioning of equipment for areas potentially impacted by mass evacuations, sheltering, and re-entry.	NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, <b>EMPG grantees can incorporate NG911 strategies including investments for GIS Data and cybersecurity enhancement equipment</b> into emergency communications efforts. Additionally, grantees can include NG911 activities in the SCIP and evacuation plans for the state and local jurisdictions.

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Areas Security Initiative (HSGP/UASI)	\$580,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114411">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114411</a>	Yes	Yes	*Recipients investing in emergency communications must describe how activities align to their Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Recipients must 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 to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems *Supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal by responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident *Mass casualty preparedness must be conducted in collaboration with state/city/local health departments that administer Federal funds from HHS to enhance the integration of local emergency management, public health, and health care systems into a coordinated, sustained local capability to respond effectively to a mass casualty incident or a response to catastrophic events and acts of terrorism.	Although NG911 is not specifically mentioned, UASI grantees may integrate NG911 efforts into emergency communications activities that focus on responding to mass casualty incidents or catastrophic events and acts of terrorism. To implement these activities, investments can be made in mobile and portable electronic countermeasure systems, specialized communications devices for point to point communications, cybersecurity projects, and GIS data gathering, all of which may overlap with carrying out NG911 implementation. These activities must align with the SCIP and be coordinated with the SWIC.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Homeland Security Grant Program Operation Stonegarden (HSGP/OPSG)	\$55,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114411">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114411</a>	Yes	Yes	*Supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal by responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident *Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.	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.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)	\$10,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114448">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114448</a>	Yes	Yes	None	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, THSGP funds can 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.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP)	\$20,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114442">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114442</a>	Yes	Yes	*Supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal by responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, NSGP funds as the program prioritizes spending on efforts to respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)	\$87,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114446">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114446</a>	Yes	Yes	*TSGP funds may be used for the following types of planning activities: <input type="checkbox"/> Development and enhancement of security plans and protocols <input type="checkbox"/> Development or further strengthening of security assessments, including multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional partnerships and conferences to facilitate planning activities <input type="checkbox"/> Hiring of full or part-time staff and contractors or consultants to assist with planning activities (not for the purpose of hiring public safety personnel) *A coordinated response plan that establishes procedures for appropriate interaction with state and local law enforcement agencies, emergency responders, and Federal officials in order to coordinate security measures and plans for response in the event of a terrorist attack or other major incident *Methods to mitigate damage within a public transportation system in case of an attack on the system, including a plan for communication and coordination with emergency responders *Funds can be used for interoperable equipment	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, <b>TSGP investments to enhance security plans, protocols, and assessments may be integrated into NG911 coordination and implementation.</b> Additionally, qualified interoperable equipment that can be used for NG911 efforts include specialized communications devices for point to point communications. Funds for cybersecurity developments may also qualify for certain NG911 projects.
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*	Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)	\$3,000,000	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114438">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114438</a>	Yes	Yes	*Supports the achievement of the National Preparedness Goal by responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; *Other Authorized Expenditure Guidance: Emergency communications technology that focuses on theft prevention, real-time bus inventory, tracking, monitoring, and locating technologies; Coordinating with local police and emergency responders to address the response to and recovery from a catastrophic event and/or a terrorist attack; *Developing assessments or security plans that include, as appropriate: <input type="checkbox"/> Identification and evaluation of critical assets and infrastructure, including platforms, stations, terminals, and information systems <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of vulnerabilities to those assets and infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of gaps in physical security; passenger and cargo security, the security of programmable electronic devices, computers, or other automated systems which are used in providing over-the-road bus transportation; alarms, cameras, and other protection systems communications systems and utilities needed for over-the-road bus security purposes, including dispatching systems; emergency response planning; and employee training	While NG911 is not specifically mentioned, <b>NG911 efforts may overlap with IBSGP projects that include emergency communications technology</b> that focuses on theft prevention, real-time bus inventory, tracking, monitoring, and locating technologies. Additionally, coordination between local police and emergency responders to address the response to and recovery from a catastrophic event or a terrorist attack, as well as investments for GIS data gathering and cybersecurity developments, could also be integrated into NG911 activities.