

## List of Federal Grants Funding Emergency Communications

### **Current (FY 2012) Grants that Fund Emergency Communications**

#### **Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) Program**

The primary goal of the AFG Program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. AFG funds have helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. At the time of this publication, the FY 2012 AFG Program Guidance and Application Kit is under development.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/index.shtm>

#### **Community Connect Grant Program**

The Community Connect Grant Program provides financial assistance to furnish broadband service in unserved, often isolated, rural communities. The grants are used to establish broadband service for critical facilities such as fire or police stations, while also providing service to residents and businesses. At the time of this publication, the FY 2012 application guide is under development.

**Agency:** USDA/Rural Development

**Website:** [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_commconnect.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html)

#### **Community Facilities Programs**

The Community Facilities Programs provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Water and environmental projects include water systems, waste systems, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities. Community facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives. At the time of this publication, the FY 2012 application guide is under development.

**Agency:** USDA/Rural Development

**Website:** [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF\\_CF.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html)

#### **Community Policing Development (CPD) Program**

CPD funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices that are national in scope. Applications must be submitted by **May 21, 2012, at 5:00 PM EDT**.

**Agency:** DOJ/COPS

**Website:** <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2450>

#### **Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)**

The COPS Office is offering funding through Purpose Area 1 Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) Hiring and Equipment/Training. This year \$27 million is available through Tribal grant programs administered by COPS to improve public safety and enhance community policing to federally recognize Tribal jurisdictions with established law enforcement agencies. Applications must be submitted by **April 18, 2012, at 9:00 PM EDT**.

**Agency:** DOJ/COPS

**Website:** <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2489>

#### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) State/Local Solicitations**

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. JAG funds may be used for State and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities. Applications must be submitted by **June 7, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT**.

**Agency:** DOJ/OJP

**Website:** <https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx#1>

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### **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**

The EMPG assists State and local governments in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Programs are no longer funded in FY 2012; however, costs that were previously allowed under these programs are allowable under EMPG. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/empg/index.shtm>**

### **Expansion of 911 Access Loan Program**

USDA offers an interim telecommunications loan program for financing the construction of interoperable, integrated public safety communications networks in rural areas. At this time, the FY 2012 application guide is under development.

**Agency: USDA/Rural Development**

**Website: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_911.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_911.html)**

### **Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants**

The FP&S Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants, which support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and reduce injury and prevent death. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/fpsgrants/index.shtm>**

### **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

The HSGP is comprised of three interconnected grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Programs. The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), Citizen Corps Program (CCP), Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP), Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP), and Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) that were previously funded under HSGP are no longer funded as separate grant programs, but costs previously allowable under these programs are allowable under FY 2012 HSGP. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm>**

### **Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreement**

The HPP enhances the ability of hospitals and health care systems to prepare for and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. This grant supports interoperable communications equipment, systems, training, and exercises. This is an extension of a previously-issued grant; eligible applicants are limited to those currently funded under the HPP Cooperative Agreement and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement. Applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency: HHS/ASPR/CDC**

**Website: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) (FOA #CDC-RFA-TP12-1201)**

### **Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR)**

The purpose of IPR is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies within the Amtrak rail system. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/amtrak/index.shtm>**

### **National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program**

The purpose of the NSSE Grant Program is to provide supplemental Federal assistance to State, local, tribal, and territorial governments for certain actual costs of providing emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE. Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis; contact FEMA for information.

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/nsse/>**

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### **Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**

The OPSG Program provides funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the U.S. borders. The OPSG is now a sub-grant of the DHS Homeland Security Grant Program. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#3>

### **Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)**

The purpose of the PSGP is to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm>

### **Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Grant Program**

The purpose of the PHER grant is to support and enhance the State and local public health infrastructure that is critical to public health preparedness and response. This grant supports interoperable communications equipment, systems, training, and exercises. This is an extension of a previously-issued grant; eligible applicants are limited to those currently funded under the HPP Cooperative Agreement and the PHEP Cooperative Agreement. Applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** HHS/ASPR/CDC

**Website:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) (FOA #CDC-RFA-TP12-1201)

### **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)**

The purpose of SAFER is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. At the time of this publication, the FY 2012 SAFER Program Guidance and Application Kit is under development.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/safer/index.shtm>

### **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**

The SHSP provides funds to build capabilities at the State and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in State homeland security strategies and initiatives in their State Preparedness Report. SHSP supports law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities, including those activities which support the development and operation of fusion centers. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#1>

### **Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)**

The purpose of the TSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm>

### **Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)**

The purpose of the THSGP is to provide funding directly to eligible tribes to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/thsgp/index.shtm>

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### **Tribal Justice System Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to Indian tribes in various areas such as assessing law enforcement radio coverage in tribal jurisdictions, including radio dead zones; linking tribes to existing resources for equipment; educating tribes on pricing for equipment/software; and other relevant information. Applications must be submitted by **May 31, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DOJ/BJA

**Website:** <https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx>

### **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)**

The UASI program focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. The UASI program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the National Preparedness Guidelines and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#2>

### **UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**

The UASI NSGP provides funding to support nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific UASI areas. The program promotes coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils. Applications must be submitted by **May 4, 2012, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/nsgp/index.shtm>

### **Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program**

The Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program provides grant funds to finance the installation of new transmitters to extend the coverage of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio system (NOAA Weather Radio) in rural America. Grant funds are available to facilitate the expansion of NOAA Weather Radio system coverage into rural areas that are not covered or are poorly covered. At the time of this publication, the FY 2012 application guidance is under development.

**Agency:** USDA/Rural Development

**Website:** [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\\_WeatherRadio.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_WeatherRadio.html)

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### Research Grants

#### **NIJ Research Grants (Law Enforcement, Geospatial, Criminal Justice IT)**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) awards grants and agreements for:

- **Research, development and evaluation.** NIJ funds physical and social science research, development and evaluation projects about criminal justice through competitive solicitations. The focus of the solicitations varies from year to year based on research priorities and available funding.
- **Forensic laboratory enhancement.** NIJ provides funding through formula and discretionary awards to reduce evidence backlogs and improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services.
- **Research fellowships.** NIJ funds two fellowships through annual solicitations. The focus of the solicitations varies from year to year.

**Agency:** DOJ/OJP

**Website:** <http://www.nij.gov/funding/welcome.htm>

#### **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program**

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. The annual solicitations consist of topics that are relevant to the Borders and Maritime Security, Chemical/Biological Defense, Cyber Security, Explosives, Human Factors/Behavioral Sciences, and Infrastructure Protection and Disaster Management Divisions.

**Agency:** DHS/S&T

**Website:** <https://sbir2.st.dhs.gov/portal/SBIR/>

### Past Grants and One-time Grants that Funded Emergency Communications

#### **Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP)**

BIDP is a one-time, competitive demonstration project that provided funding in FY 2011 to State, local, and tribal entities to develop and identify innovative approaches to improving interoperable emergency communications along and across U.S. international borders.

**Agency:** DHS/OEC

**Website:** [http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/gc\\_1261517564250.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/gc_1261517564250.shtm)

#### **Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP)**

The purpose of BIP is to award grants, loans, and loan/grant combinations for the purpose of facilitating broadband deployment in rural communities. As of September 30, 2010, all BIP applicants that received an award were notified.

**Agency:** USDA/RUS

**Website:** <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>

#### **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)**

The purpose of BTOP is to provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved and underserved areas of the U.S.; provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions, organizations that support vulnerable populations, or job-creating strategic facilities in economic development zones; improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies; and stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation. The Round 1 application period was from July 9, 2009 to August 10, 2009. The Round 2 application period was from February 15, 2010 to March 15, 2010.

**Agency:** Department of Commerce/NTIA

**Website:** <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>

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### **Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)**

The BZPP provided funding to increase the preparedness capabilities of jurisdictions responsible for the safety and security of communities surrounding high-priority pre-designated Tier 1 and Tier 2 critical infrastructure and key resource assets. Allowable costs under the BZPP are now allowable under the FY 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#5>

### **Citizen Corps Program (CCP)**

The CCP provided funding to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members and organizations in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. Allowable costs under the CCP are now allowable under the FY 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#5>

### **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grant Program**

COPS Technology grants provided funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems to assist State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. This program was defunded, however, some costs previously allowable under this program can be supported through other COPS Programs (see link below).

**Agency:** DOJ/COPS

**Website:** <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>

### **E911 Grant Program**

The purpose of the E911 Grant Program is to provide funding for the implementation and operation of Phase II enhanced 911 services and for migration to an Internal Protocol (IP)-enabled emergency network. In FY 2009, more than \$40 million in grants were awarded to 30 States and territories as authorized by the ENHANCE 911 Act. The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 authorized additional E911 grant funds that are yet to be announced.

**Agency:** DOT/NHTSA

**Website:** <http://www.911.gov/>

### **Emergency Management Performance Grants Supplemental (EMPG Supplemental)**

The EMPG supplemental provided an additional \$50 million in FY 2007 to assist State and local governments to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.federalgrants.com/FY-2007-Emergency-Management-Performance-Grants-Supplemental-7980.html>

### **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program**

The EOC Grant Program provided funding to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. This program provided funding for construction or renovation of a State, local, or tribal government's principal EOC. Allowable costs under the EOC Program are now allowable under the FY 2012 EMPG.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/empg/index.shtm>

### **Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP)**

The DLSGP provided funding to prevent terrorism by reducing fraud and improving the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents that States and territories issue. Allowable costs under the DLSGP are now allowable under the FY 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/dlsgp/index.shtm>

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### **Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP)**

The FRSGP provided funding to freight railroad carriers and owners of railroad cars to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. FRSGP was defunded in FY 2011.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2010/fy10\\_frsgp\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2010/fy10_frsgp_guidance.pdf)

### **Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)**

IECGP provided funding to State, local and tribal entities for governance, planning, training and exercises to carry out initiatives to improve interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. IECGP was defunded in FY 2011; however, allowable costs under IECGP are now allowable under the FY 2012 HSGP Program.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA/OEC

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm>

### **Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)**

The IBSGP provided funding to create a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism. IBSGP was defunded in FY 2011.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2010/fy10\\_ibsgp\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2010/fy10_ibsgp_guidance.pdf)

### **Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)**

The MMRS program provides funding to States to support the integration of local emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated and sustained local response capability to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. MMRS was defunded in FY 2011; allowable costs under MMRS are now allowable under the FY 2012 HSGP.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#4>

### **Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) (ARRA)**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional funding for the PSGP to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index09.shtm>

### **Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program**

The PSIC Grant Program provided one-time funding in FY 2007 to States and territories to enable and enhance public safety agencies' interoperable communications capabilities.

**Agency:** Department of Commerce/NTIA

**Website:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/psic>

### **Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)**

The REMS grant program provided FY 2010 funds to local educational agencies to establish an emergency management process that focuses on reviewing and strengthening emergency management plans, within the framework of the four phases of emergency management (Prevention-Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery).

**Agency:** Department of Education/REMS

**Website:** <http://rems.ed.gov>

### **Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)**

RCPGP provided funding to enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in selected RCPGP sites. RCPGP supports coordination of regional all-hazard planning for catastrophic events, including the development of integrated planning communities, plans, protocols, and procedures to manage a catastrophic event. RCPGP was defunded in FY 2012.

**Agency:** DHS/FEMA

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/rcp/>

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### **Rural Fire Assistance Outreach (RFA)**

RFA provided funding in FY 2010 to increase local firefighter safety and enhance the fire protection capabilities of Rural Fire Departments (RFD) by providing basic wildland firefighting supplies and equipment to qualifying RFDs for initial and extended attack at the local level.

**Agency: Department of the Interior/Office of Wildland Fire Coordination**

**Website: <http://www.nifc.gov/index.html>**

### **State Health Information Exchange (HIE) Cooperative Agreement Program**

The State HIE grant provided funding in FY 2010 to enhance and expand HIE services to reach all health care providers in an effort to improve quality and efficiency of health care. This program will build from existing efforts to advance regional and State level HIE while moving toward nationwide interoperability.

**Agency: HHS/ONCHIT**

**Website: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1336&mode=2&cached=true>**

### **Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) (ARRA)**

ARRA TSGP specifically will focus on the use of visible, unpredictable deterrence through the funding of Operational Packages for canine teams, mobile explosives detection screening teams, and Anti-Terrorism Teams both due to their effectiveness in reducing risk to transit systems and their potential for job creation.

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/arra/index.shtm#2>**

### **Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP)**

The COPS TRGP provided funding in FY 2009 directly to Federally Recognized Tribal jurisdictions with established law enforcement agencies. TRGP Hiring grants were for entry-level salaries and benefits for newly-hired or rehired career law enforcement officers. TRGP-Equipment/Training grants provided funding for background investigations, training, uniforms, basic issue equipment, technology, and vehicles for tribal law enforcement agencies.

**Agency: DOJ/COPS**

**Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/e1009-TRGP.pdf>**

### **Trucking Security Program (TSP)**

The TSP provided FY 2009 funds to adopt and implement security measures outlined in the Transportation Security Administration's voluntary security action items for transporting Tier I Highway Security-Sensitive Materials.

**Agency: DHS/FEMA**

**Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsp/index.shtm>**