



MISSOURI 911 SERVICE BOARD

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Information on:

- Applying for grant and loan funding from the Missouri 911 Service Board
- Approved project and award priority areas
- Improving 911 services in your counties and promoting cost-savings
- Forming strategic networks to share 911 technology, equipment & services

Timeline

- **May 12, 2020:** Notice of Opportunity Announced
- **May 21, 2020:** Applications Opened
- **June 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m. CDT):** Application Deadline
- **July 31, 2020:** Target deadline for notification of approved applications

Background

- HB 1456 (2018) established the Missouri 911 Service Board Trust Fund & Missouri 911 Financial Assistance Program to improve 911 services in Missouri
- Grant and Loan Program is administered by the Missouri 911 Service Board
- Statute 650.330, RSMo outlines:
 - Eligible applicants
 - Program funding objectives
 - Eligible uses for funds
 - Program Administration

Eligible Applicants

- **Eligible Applicants:**

- Counties
- Sikeston & City of St. Louis

- **911 Services Authority:** any county or city governing body, or elected emergency services board to which the board remits prepaid wireless emergency services charges deposited in the Fund under section 190.260.3(5).

- While the county will be the “applicant” for funds, applications must be completed by the county’s 911 Services Authority who will be implementing the application project.

- **Joint applications are encouraged**

- Written and signed MOU must be submitted with these applications – Sample on board website

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants:

- Completed Annual PSAP Survey
- Can demonstrate the ability to operate and sustain 911 services beyond the life of the loan or grant
- For loans only, can provide at least 50% in matching funds

Award Amount and Restrictions

- Board can award grants, loans, or a combination – up to \$250,000 per **application**
 - Applicants indicate preference for a grant, loan or combination of the two
 - Board determines the breakdown of grants and/or loans, as well as board interest rate and payback period, for each award
- Grant awards have no required match or payback
- Loans require a 50% match for TOTAL project amount

Grant vs. Loan

	GRANT	LOAN	COMBINATION
Your contribution	You contribute no funds to the project	You contribute at least 50% of your project budget	You contribute a portion of the dollars needed for a project, but not 50%
Award provided by board	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$250,000 (actual project budget may exceed this amount)	Up to \$250,000

Loan Match Example

- Applicant has \$200,000 and proposes a **\$400,000 Project**
 - Applicant requests \$200,000 from the Board
 - Applicant provides \$200,000 themselves
 - Applicant must submit financial records and other documents or information demonstrating that the applicant or 911 Services Authorities are able to provide at least 50% of the funding for the project
 - For joint applications, matching funds are not required to be divided equally

Loan Match Example

- Applicant has \$750,000. Applicant proposes a **\$1,000,000 Project**
 - Applicant requests \$250,000 loan from the board
 - Applicant provides \$250,000 match
 - Applicant must submit financial records and other documents or information demonstrating that the applicant or 911 Services Authorities are able to provide at least 50% of the funding for the *loan portion* of the project
 - For joint applications, matching funds are not required to be divided equally

Loan Match Example (Combination)

- Applicant has \$100,000. Applicant proposes a **\$300,000 Project**
 - Applicant requests \$200,000 from the Board
 - \$100,000 in Grant
 - \$100,000 in Loans
 - Applicant can provide \$100,000 themselves
 - Applicant must submit financial records and other documents or information demonstrating that the applicant or 911 Services Authorities are able to provide at least 50% of the funding for the *loan portion* of the project
 - For joint applications, matching funds are not required to be divided equally

Program Funding Objectives

- Implementation of 911 services in counties of the state without 911 equipment or to improve existing 911 systems;
- Promotion of consolidation of public safety answering points, where appropriate;
- Mapping and addressing all county locations;
- Ensuring primary access and texting abilities to 911 services for disabled residents;
- Implementation of initial emergency medical dispatch services, including prearrival medical instructions, in counties where those services are not offered as of the date the application is submitted; and
- Development and implementation of an emergency services internet protocol network that can be shared by all public safety agencies.

Program Award Priority Areas

- Include one or more public safety answering points (“PSAPs”) located in a jurisdiction with a 911 service level of basic (defined by the Board to mean “No 911 equipment”);
- Consolidate two or more PSAPs;
- Consolidate 911 services within a [defined region](#);
- Move one or more PSAPs up one or more service levels;
- Meet the NENA i3 Solution Standard for Emergency Services IP Network;
- Become NG9-1-1 compatible;
- Include purchasing 911 communications equipment, including but not limited to 911 trunking equipment, workstations with 911 answering equipment, software, dispatch systems, and radio systems, that is currently non-existent (versus replacement of existing 911 communications equipment);
- Add Text-to-911 (defined as the ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency call takers from a mobile phone or device).

Eligible Fund Uses

Non-Exhaustive List:

- Capital expenses, i.e. building, facility, equipment costs
- Operating expenses, i.e. research, development, administrative costs
- Training resources
- Matching funds for federal reimbursement grants

Project Duration and Other Requirements

Applicants or their 911 Services Authorities must:

- Complete proposed project in **one year** of assistance being remitted
- Report to the board within 30-days of funds being remitted, and then on a quarterly basis
- Submit a final project report

Application Contents: Proposal Narrative

- Proposal Narrative
 - Names & Primary Contact Information
 - Funding Request Detail
 - Funding Objectives
 - Personnel Information
 - Approach to Service
 - Signature and Certification

Application Contents: Technical Assistance Report

Detailed budget proposal and justification for the total cost of the project

1. Financial records
2. Written certification that the governing bodies of the applicants have approved the applicants entering into a project agreement

Application: Signed Forms

- **MOU for Joint Applications** - This is required for joint, or multi-applicant projects.
- **Resolution for Governing Body Approval of Submission of Project Applications** - Required for all applications.
- **Resolution for Applicants and 911 Service Authorities** - Required for all applications.
- **Resolution for Governing Body Approval Project Agreement with Missouri 911 Service Board**- Required for all approved projects.
- **Project Agreement - Applicants, 911 Service Authorities, MO 911 Service Board** - Required for all approved projects.

Application Submissions

Applications and accompanying materials should be submitted to the Board by electronic mail sent to admin@Missouri911.org by 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 30, 2020.

Q & A

Q: Please explain in detail what Purchasing 911 communications equipment "radio Systems" means. Is this new or in addition to a current system in operations? Such as adding to a simulcast system to further the coverage within a county area?

A: This could be an eligible purchase if you could demonstrate that the equipment were improving your 911 services.

Q & A

Q: The room that houses our 911 system (server room) stays too hot and it has been advised that we need an air conditioner in the room. It would need to be a "Mini-split" unit, which is around \$6500. Would this be allowed on this grant?

A: Yes, but priority is given to applications that meet the "program award priority areas"

Q & A

Q: If there are two PSAPs in a county, do they need to consolidate in order to receive funds?

A: No, but priority is given to applications that propose projects that meet the "program award priority areas"

Q & A

Q: If a city and county have agreed to a shared services agreement/consolidation plan but an ambulance district within the vicinity won't join forces, will that city/county combination be less likely to be eligible for Missouri 911 Service Board funding or to have its consolidation plan approved?

A: Not necessarily, so long as the project can appropriately demonstrate how it can improve an area's 911 service area.

Q & A

Q: Can a city apply for funding from Missouri 911 service board or must applications be received only from counties?

A: The only cities eligible to apply are Sikeston and the City of St. Louis. If you are a city or PSAP then you will have to work with your county to apply.



For questions visit: <https://www.missouri911.org/grants-and-funding-opportunities>

Or email: admin@missouri911.org