

Questions and Answers – RFA Comment Period

This document consists of questions received regarding 2013-14 PSAP Grant RFA during the comment period. Questions have not been altered, except to provide clarity and anonymity to counties.

#	Question	Answer
1	Does “consolidated” mean that we cover all of county/agencies?	Definition of “consolidation” is provided on page 4 of 2013-14 PSAP Instructions. For the purpose of the RFA, consolidation is defined as merging (physical or virtual) two or more PSAPs into a primary PSAP with management structure and resources serving the same population and jurisdictions previously served.
2	2013-14 PSAP PSAP Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancements RFA states “consolidation and enhancement”. Are the enhancements for consolidated locations or can a standalone county apply for the enhancements?	Counties that do not propose consolidation in their application are eligible to apply for 2013-14 PSAP Sustainment Grant, which may include improvements, providing application contains permissible costs.
3	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points-Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancement Grant: Can applications be in excess of the 500K limit? (In light of the DHSES right to change the limit)?	No, the maximum amount is \$500,000.
4	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points-Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancement Grant: Are services costs associated with system enhancements (CAD upgrades, GIS) prohibited?	Service cost associated with system enhancements are permitted as part of the consolidation process. Examples of permissible costs are listed in Part IV, Section 1 of 2013-14 PSAP RFA Instructions. Please refer to instructions for more details.
5	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points-Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancement Grant: When applying as a “Regional initiatives” model, that comprise multiple counties, does the “host applicant” aggregate the request for funding? Even if the request exceeds the 500K limit?	Yes, a county (i.e. “host applicant”) can submit an application for projects that include multiple counties PSAPs. A county can submit only one application for 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points-Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancement Grant. An application cannot exceed \$500,000 maximum amount.

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6	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant: Is software licensing eligible expense?	Software licensing is eligible expense for the performance period of the grant. Examples of permissible costs are listed in Part IV, Section 1 of 2013-14 PSAP RFA Instructions. Please refer to instructions for more details.
7	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant: Can applications be in excess of the 100K limit? (In light of the DHSES right to change the limit)?	No, the maximum amount is \$100,000.
8	In reference of 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant: Can Counties apply as a "Regional initiatives" model that comprises multiple counties? If yes, does the "host applicant" aggregate the request for funding? Even if the request exceeds the 100K limit?	County can submit an application for projects comprised of multiple counties PSAPs. A county, however, can submit only one application for 2013-14 Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant. An application cannot exceed \$100,000 maximum amount.
9	The County is at the start of an upgrade to our CAD System and the installation of an RMS System that will be accessed by all County Law Enforcement agencies and the NYS Police. Both systems will be integrated for real time data sharing. What are the permissible cost(s) that the county has already committed to? (Setup, costs, hardware, maintenance, etc...) The county has already paid out money for hardware and setup costs. This project is not bonded.	Based on the information provided in the question, these types of expenses are deemed permissible by the RFA. Examples of permissible costs are listed in Part IV, Section 1 of 2013-14 PSAP RFA Instructions. Please reference instructions for more details. If described project is part of the consolidation, county is eligible to apply for 2013-14 PSAP Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancements Grant, which has provisions for reimbursements to counties for prospective and retrospective costs, going back to no earlier than April 2010. If county is applying for 2013-14 PSAP Sustainment Grant, only prospective costs during performance period of the grant will be eligible for reimbursement.

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10	<p>With respect to the 2013-2014 PSAP Grant in both the PSAP Consolidation, Improvements and Enhancements Grant AND the PSAP Sustainment Grant on Page 10, the last bullet under "1. Permissible Costs" reads "Funds may be used for the purpose of developing, conducting and attending 9-1-1 in-service training" then the 2nd bullet under "2. Non-Permissible Costs" reads "Salaries."</p> <p>Thus, are we permitted to pay salaries (either overtime or backfill) of those who attend a 9-1-1 in-service training?</p>	<p>Expenses of developing, conducting and attending the 9-1-1 in-service training are permissible; however salaries are not permissible expense, including salaries of those attending 9-1-1 in-service training.</p>