

New York State 2014-15 PSAP Operations Grant Program

New York State Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Services
Office of Interoperable and Emergency
Communications

Program Overview

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant Program allows for State support to counties for eligible public safety call-taking and dispatching expenses.

The Enacted State Budget for 2014 -15 appropriates **\$10 million** *“For the provision of grants to counties for costs related to the operations of public safety dispatch centers to be distributed pursuant to a plan developed by the commissioner of homeland security and emergency services and approved by the director of the budget. Such plan may consider such factors as population density and emergency call volume.”*

Program Overview

PSAP Operations Grant Program is **NOT** a replacement for the “old” Local Enhanced Wireless (LEW) 9-1-1 Grant Program.

The main purpose of LEW 9-1-1 Grant Program was to accomplish Phase II capability in PSAPs across NY State and award distribution was based strictly on county population.

PSAP Operations Grant is a *reimbursement grant* and designed to sustain ongoing operations and improvements of PSAPs in NY State and seeks an equitable distribution of funding among counties based on quantifiable elements and relevant metrics.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

All counties and City of New York are eligible to apply, as long as they meet Tier 1 – Eligibility Requirements criteria listed in the grant application. Here are examples of Tier 1 criteria:

- Continuity of operations with State Agencies and other jurisdictions
- Non-proprietary technologies and compliance with current standards
- Participation in NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program
- Compliance with M/WBE and EEO requirements during procurement process.

How PSAP Operations Grant is Distributed?

- Non-competitive
- Distributed by formula

The formula takes into account a set of criteria reflective of a county's operational scope, workload, demographic elements, emergency services call metrics, progress made in deploying new technology and adherence with State and national guidelines for emergency communications.

- Most statistics are available from certifiable sources, therefore there is minimal burden on counties to produce the data.

Formula Elements

- County population (4 base tiers: \$50,000, \$65,000, \$85,000 and \$100,000)
- Land area of the county (formula)
- County crime index (formula)
- PSAP call volume index (formula)
- PSAP incidents/events recorded in CAD index (formula)
- County has consolidated PSAP(s) (programmatic criteria addition)
- County is implementing or already implemented NG-911 Technologies (programmatic criteria addition)

Award Distribution

- The letter was mailed and e-mailed to all Counties with information about this program and their tentative award amounts based on existing statistics.
- Final award amount might vary depending on quantity of submitted applications and data submitted by counties in their application.
- All \$10 million will be distributed to counties submitted applications.
- County MUST submit an application in order to receive an award.

PSAP Operations Grant Timeline

Applications Deadline
September 26, 2014

Award Distribution Announcement
mid-October, 2014

Grant Performance Period
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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