

APPLICATION FOR

*THE E911 RURAL COUNTY GRANT
PROGRAM*

W Form 1A, incorporated by reference in Florida Administrative
Code Rule 60FF1-5.002 Rural County Grants, E911 Rural County
Grant Application, effective 1/1/2014

1.0 Purpose

The E911 Rural County Grant Program is to assist rural counties with the installation and maintenance of an Enhanced 911 (E911) system and to provide “seamless” E911 throughout the State of Florida.

2.0 Eligibility

The Board of County Commissioners in any county in the State of Florida with a population of less than 75,000 as per the most recent published data from the *Florida Association of Counties’ Directory* is eligible to apply for this grant program. Funding priorities are established in Addendum I.

3.0 Definitions

- A. Enhanced 911 (E911): As defined by Section 365.172(3)(i), Florida Statutes, and as referenced in the State E911 Plan under Section 365.171, Florida Statutes.
- B. E911 Maintenance: Means the preventative, routine and emergency maintenance required by the State E911 Plan, in order to maintain the E911 System in operable working condition.
- C. E911 System: Means the Public Safety Answering Point equipment, in accordance with the State E911 Plan, including 911 call routing, processing, mapping and call answering communications equipment.
- D. Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB): Means the independent organization that establishes and improves standards of accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local governments.
- E. Next Generation 911 (NG-911): Means the designation for an advanced 911 emergency communications system or service that provides a communications service subscriber with 911 service and, in addition, directs 911 emergency requests for assistance to appropriate public safety answering points based on the geographical location from which the request originated, or as otherwise provided in the State E911 Plan under Section 365.171, Florida Statutes, and that provides for automatic number identification and automatic location identification features and emergency data information through managed IP-based networks.
- F. Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP): As defined by Section 365.172(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and as referenced in the State E911 Plan under Section 365.171, Florida Statutes.

4.0 E911 Rural County Grant Program Calendar

	Spring Schedule	Fall Schedule
Counties submit Application	by April 1	by October 1
E911 Board Members evaluate applications	April – May	October – November
E911 Board votes on applications to fund at regularly scheduled meeting	April – June	October – December
E911 Board sends notification of funding and issues check to counties approved for funding	before June 30	before December 30
Implementation period	One year from receipt of award and funds.	One year from receipt of award and funds.
Expiration of the right to incur costs	Two years from receipt of award and funds.	Two years from receipt of award and funds.

5.0 General Conditions

- 5.1 Applications must be delivered to the following address:
State of Florida E911 Board
ATTN: E911 Board Administrative Staff
4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 135
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950
- 5.2 The applicant must provide one original of the pages for Application Form items 1 through 14 and the associated quotes. The grant application package must be postmarked or delivered on or before April 1 or October 1 of each year, dependent on the spring or fall application period. Failure to provide these documents will result in automatic rejection of the grant application. One scanned copy of the entire submitted package should also be provided on a CD-ROM, to ensure quality of the documents to be reviewed.
- 5.3 The E911 Board will not consider leasing of equipment unless the applicant can show that leasing rather than purchase will reduce total costs. Leasing costs should be calculated to account for only the first year warranty and maintenance costs and should not include upfront maintenance costs to reduce the lease amount.
- 5.4 All grant applications shall be accompanied by at least one complete quote for equipment or services, except for funding limitation item 6.3.7. Grant applications totaling \$35,000.00 or more must be accompanied by at least three written substantiated competitive complete quotes from different vendors. Complete quote submittals shall include a detailed scope of work, all pages included in the vendor proposal, breakdown of all costs including equipment and service deliverables. The E911 Board will compare the three quotes to any existing state contract in order to determine appropriate funding. Any county that has made a good faith effort to obtain at least three competitive quotes and has not been able to obtain the quotes can request E911 Board review based on substantiated proof of request for quotes or posting of the request with documentation of the limited responses.

- 5.5 If the grant application does not exceed the threshold amount of \$195,000, the county can initiate a request for approval for sole source funding. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Justification for sole source funding shall be provided with the application. Sole source will be approved if provided in accordance with Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, or with provision of a letter from the county's purchasing department that the project is a sole source procurement based on the county's purchasing requirements, which shall be provided with this grant application.
- 5.6 Rather than submitting multiple application requests for maintenance, all eligible maintenance requests should be combined into a single application request and include a breakdown of the individual components of the E911 system maintenance costs that are requested for funding assistance in the application. Grant applications for maintenance, where the county obtained a grant or utilized county funds to purchase equipment and obtained three competitive quotes for the first year of maintenance, or met the requirements of General Conditions items 5.4 or 5.5, are not required to provide three written quotes with an application for an additional year of maintenance.
- 5.7 All maintenance requests should include on the vendor's quote for service the beginning and ending term for each maintenance request. Grant awards will be limited to maintenance contracts beginning prior to or within the maintenance cycle of the grant program. Spring cycle maintenance requests should be submitted for maintenance beginning May through October. Fall cycle maintenance requests should be submitted for maintenance beginning November through April.
- 5.8 Applicants requesting items from different funding priorities should complete a separate application for each priority. See Addendum I - Funding Priorities for the E911 Rural County Grant Program for a listing of funding priorities. Items from the same funding priorities should be combined in the same application and shall comply with General Condition items 5.4 and 5.5.
- 5.9 Should two or more rural counties jointly apply for a grant, each county will be required to complete and submit a grant application detailing the funds requested and the county responsible for the funds. In addition one combined grant application detailing the entire project and a memorandum of understanding of all counties involved **shall be submitted**. The combined grant application shall comply with General Condition items 5.4 and 5.5.
- 5.10 Procurement shall be based on the county's purchasing requirements and the applicable State purchasing requirements, including Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. All travel and associated per diem costs proposed shall be in compliance with General Conditions item 6.3.8.
- 5.11 Funding application requests must include a scope of work that clearly establishes the tasks to be performed. The applications shall include all tasks that are required for successful completion of the project. The project shall be divided into quantifiable units of deliverables that shall be received and accepted in writing by the county before payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and must specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

- 5.12 Funding requests must include all necessary costs required for full implementation of the proposed solution including that of any third party. Should the county grant application request or grant award be less than the projected cost of the equipment or service, the county should provide verification of the ability to fund the difference. Pricing submitted cannot be contingent upon “yet to be” determined fees for products and services by the proposer or any other third party required for implementation.

6.0 Limitation on Use of Funds

- 6.1 Only eligible expenses for E911 service listed in Section 365.172(9), Florida Statutes, (Appendix I) that are not specifically excluded in this application will be funded.
- 6.2 Specifically excluded E911 expenses:
- 6.2.1 Salaries and associated expenses for 911 coordinators and call takers or other 911 personnel will not be funded.
 - 6.2.2 Wireline database costs from the Local Exchange Carrier, vehicle expenses, outside plant fiber or copper cabling systems, consoles, workstation furniture and aerial photography expenses will not be funded.
- 6.3 Funding limitations are specified on the following items:
- 6.3.1 Equipment maintenance and warranty costs will not be funded on more than an annual basis.
 - 6.3.2 Grant funding shall be limited to eligible equipment maintenance and warranty costs for a primary PSAP and one other PSAP per county; either a primary, a secondary or a backup.
 - 6.3.3 Grant funding shall be limited to eligible mapping maintenance and warranty costs for a primary PSAP and one other PSAP per county; either a primary, a secondary or a backup.
 - 6.3.4 Grant funding for customer premise equipment shall be limited (per grant cycle) to eligible expenditures for a primary PSAP only.
 - 6.3.5 Selective router equipment costs are limited to the primary PSAP system and are limited to one per county.
 - 6.3.6 Training cost funding is limited to new system & equipment training.
 - 6.3.7 Training conference and meeting funding opportunities shall be limited and include meetings and training conference fees, travel, lodging and expenses for either the Florida Spring or Fall Meeting and training conference that is scheduled within one year following the grant award. The funding request is limited to county 911 coordinator attendance only. A quote is not required for this request; however, the estimated costs should be based on actual projected travel costs. All remaining unused travel funds

cannot be utilized for other purposes and shall be returned to the E911 Board. Application requests are limited to one per grant cycle; however, funding for attendance to both meetings in one year is allowable, based on separate grant cycle award and availability of grant program funding.

- 6.3.8 The allowable grant funding for travel expenses is limited to the authorized amounts established in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and the Department of Financial Services Guidelines for State Expenditures. Allowable costs for daily per diem shall not exceed \$186.00.

7.0 Approval and Award

- 7.1 The E911 Board will review each application for compliance with the requirements of terms and conditions.
- 7.2 Grant awards will be withheld for any county that has a grant with a past-due quarterly report or past-due final documentation and closeout of previous rural county grant awards.
- 7.3 Applications will be awarded based upon the priorities set by the E911 Board as listed in Addendum I - Funding Priorities for the E911 Rural County Grant Program.
- 7.4 The E911 Board will adjust the amount awarded to a county based upon the availability of funds, eligibility of requested items, published quotes, increased effectiveness of grant funds, minimum system requirements for performing the needed E911 function as specified in the State E911 Plan, or documented factors provided in the grant application submission.
- 7.5 Any county that requires Board of County Commissioner approval of the grant program funding, prior to commencement of the project, shall notify the E911 Board in Application Form item #10. Grant funds for approved grant applications will be held until the county provides written notification to the E911 Board of the Board of County Commissioners approval of the project prior to the funds being disbursed from the E911 Trust Fund.
- 7.6 Any conditional hold, for documentation submittal referenced in 7.2 and 7.5, is limited to the last regularly scheduled E911 Board meeting application vote established in the grant program calendar.

8.0 Financial and Administrative Requirements

- 8.1 Grant funds shall be deposited in an interest bearing account maintained by the grantee, and each grant shall be tracked using a unique accounting code designator for deposits, disbursements and expenditures assigned by the county. All grant funds in the account maintained by the grantee shall be accounted for separately from all other funds. Accounting shall be consistent with GASB 31 financial reporting.
- 8.2 Grant funds, including accrued interest, can only be used between the beginning and ending dates of the grant term, unless the E911 Board authorizes an extension.

- 8.3 The right to incur costs under this grant expires two years from receipt of award and funds. The grantee may not incur costs for payment with grant funds past the expiration date.
- 8.4 On grant awards of \$100,000.00 or more, any interest generated must be spent as part of this project or the earned interest shall be returned to the E911 Board. Utilization of the earned interest funds shall be authorized through an approved Request for Change Form and expenditure documentation shall be included in the final report. On grant awards of \$100,000.00 or less, any interest generated can be spent as part of this project or used for other allowable E911 expenditures listed in Section 365.172(9), Florida Statutes.
- 8.5 Responsibility for grant funding and any failure to perform the minimum level of service required by the grant application and the application scope of work cannot be transferred under any circumstances from the County. Failure to perform the scope of work or expenditure of funds for other than allowable 911 costs as stated in the grant application shall require the county to return the awarded funds to the E911 Board.
- 8.6 Responsibility for property and equipment obtained under a grant cannot be transferred under any circumstances. If a sale or transfer of such property or equipment occurs within five years after a grant ends, funds must be returned to the E911 Board on a pro rata basis.
- 8.7 The grantee agrees that any improvement, expansion or other effect brought about in whole or part by grant funds will be maintained for a minimum of five years or thereafter until the effective replacement date of the system.

9.0 Grant Reporting Procedures

- 9.1 Grantees will be required to submit quarterly reports summarizing all expenditures and status of the grant project. Quarterly reports shall include an updated Application Form item #12 Budget/Expenditure Report and a completed Appendix III Quarterly Report Form.
- 9.1.1 Reporting will begin at the conclusion of the first full quarter after the award. The report periods will end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year. Reports are due within 30 days of the ending report period.
- 9.1.2 Earned interest shall be reported cumulatively and included with each quarterly report.
- 9.1.3 Updated reports and associated information should be e-mailed to E911Board-ElectronicGrantReports@dms.myflorida.com.
- 9.2 At project completion, a final report shall be submitted based on the same reporting requirements described in grant reporting item 9.1. The county shall determine the final completion date based on the final payment date, or the initiation date of the warranty period. Final documentation including copies of all expenditures and corresponding invoices shall be submitted within 90 days of the final report.

- 9.3 No changes or departures from the original request are authorized unless approved in writing by the E911 Board. Such requests shall be submitted using the form attached in Appendix II, Request for Change Form. Any unauthorized change shall require the return of grant funds, plus any interest accrued.
- 9.3.1 Time extension requests will not be granted unless the county has executed a contract for the grant equipment and/or services, or demonstrates good cause for failure to execute a contract within twelve months of award. Good cause documentation shall include a new project timeline schedule.
- 9.3.2 Time extensions shall be limited to a maximum of one additional year when approved by the E911 Board.
- 9.3.3 Request for Change forms and associated information should be e-mailed to E911Board-ElectronicGrantReports@dms.myflorida.com.
- 9.4 The Appendix III Quarterly Report Form shall inform the E911 Board of significant impacts to grant supported activities. Significant impacts include project status developments affecting time schedules and objectives, anticipated lower costs or producing beneficial results in addition to those originally planned. Additionally, problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the timely completion of the award must be reported. The disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
- 9.5 The county's Board of County Commission chairperson shall be notified when overdue quarterly reports or final reports are not received before the next E911 Board meeting following the month after the end of the quarter in which they are due.
- 9.6 Funding continuance will be based on timely submission of quarterly reports.
- 9.7 Final document submission and close-out of a grant does not affect the E911 Board's right to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of an audit or financial review. The county shall remain obligated to return any funds expended that do not comply with the terms and conditions of the grant award.

County _____

STATE OF FLORIDA E911 BOARD
E911 GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Total Amount Requested: _____

Project Title: _____

1. Board of County Commissioners Chair: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: () Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

2. County 911 Coordinator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: () Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

3. Federal Tax ID Number: _____

County _____

COUNTY INFORMATION
USE 12 POINT FONT OR LEGIBLE HAND PRINTING

4. County Fact Information

- A. County _____
- B. Population _____
- C. Total Number of Incoming Nonwireless Trunks _____
- D. Total Number of Incoming Wireless Trunks _____
- E. Number of PSAP's _____
- F. Number of Call Taker Positions per PSAP _____
- G. Total Volume of 911 Calls _____
- H. What equipment is needed to maintain the Enhanced 911 system?

- I. What equipment is requested in this grant application?

- J. Financial Information:
 - 1.) What are the current annual costs for your E911 system (circuits, customer records hardware and software, etc.) not including maintenance?

 - 2.) What are the current annual costs for maintenance of items included in 1.)?

5. Describe your county's existing E911 system. Include specific information on existing system equipment upgrades and when the installation of this equipment was completed.

6. Describe the scope of work for the proposed project including any goal(s) and objectives. Include the tasks to be performed as part of the project. Provide scope of work in quantifiable units of deliverables that shall be received and accepted. For each deliverable specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

- 7. Justification of the need for the proposed project. Provide detailed information on the existing system's condition including a detailed justification for any system with an expected remaining life of less than 1 year.**
- 8. Describe why your county will not be able to complete this project without this grant funding.**
- 9. Briefly describe how this grant project would be in concurrence with the State E911 Plan.**
- 10. Describe the required steps with an anticipated time schedule with procurement and payment milestones and a total project completion date.**
- 11. Sole source justification (if applicable).**

Prepare an itemized Grant Budget (“Line Item” breakdown should include separated systems, i.e.; E911 System, logging recorder, centerline mapping, etc. and services items). The completed form shall be used to complete quarterly report requirements, listing expenditures and revisions {if any} in appropriate columns. If there is insufficient space, please include details in an attachment. **Budget costs should match requested vendor quote.**

For Grant Period Ending:	<input type="checkbox"/>	March 31	<input type="checkbox"/>	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	September 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	December 31	Year:		FINAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Proposed Budget					USE FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS	
Line Item	Unit Price (\$)	Quantity	Total Cost (\$)		Revised Budget	Total Expenditure for Grant Period
A. Systems (Hardware, Software, Equipment & Labor)						
	Total System Items					
B. Services (Training, Maintenance and Warranty Items)						
	Total Service Items					
Applied County Carry Forward or other Funding (if applicable)						
Grant Request Total						

USE FOR ALL REPORTS	
Total Amount of Grant Awarded	
Total Interest for Grant Period	
Final Completion Date:	

Signature, County 911 Coordinator

County _____

13. Assurances

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The grantee accepts all grant terms and conditions. Grantee understands that grants are contingent upon the availability of funds.

DISCLAIMER: The grantee certifies that the facts and information contained in this application and any attached documents are true and correct. A violation of this requirement may result in revocation of the grant and return of all grant funds and interest accrued (if any), pursuant to the E911 Board authority and any other remedy provided by law.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS: The grantee understands and accepts that the notice of award will be advertised on the Florida E911 website.

MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION: The grantee agrees that any improvement, expansion or other effect brought about in whole or part by grant funds, will be maintained. No substantial changes or departures from the original proposal shall be permitted unless the E911 Board gives prior written authorization. Any unauthorized change will necessitate the return of grant funds, and accrued interest (if any) to the E911 Board.

Failure to utilize grant funds as represented may jeopardize eligibility to be considered for future funding.

14. Authority

I hereby affirm my authority and responsibility for the use of funds requested.

SIGNATURE – CHAIR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE

Printed Name

WITNESS

DATE

Appendix I

NO requests for funding will be acknowledged for any items not specified in Section 365.172, Florida Statutes, Emergency communication number “E911”; paragraph (9) (shown below).

Section 365.172(9), Florida Statutes

AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES OF E911 FEE.—

(a) For purposes of this section, E911 service includes the functions of database management, call taking, dispatching, location verification, and call transfer.

(b) All costs directly attributable to the establishment or provision of E911 service and contracting for E911 services are eligible for expenditure of moneys derived from imposition of the fee authorized by this section. These costs include the acquisition, implementation, and maintenance of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) equipment and E911 service features, as defined in the Public Service Commission's lawfully approved 911 and E911 and related tariffs or the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of other E911 equipment, including call answering equipment, call transfer equipment, ANI controllers, ALI controllers, ANI displays, ALI displays, station instruments, E911 telecommunications systems, visual call information and storage devices, recording equipment, telephone devices and other equipment for the hearing impaired used in the E911 system, PSAP backup power systems, consoles, automatic call distributors, and interfaces, including hardware and software, for computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems, integrated CAD systems for that portion of the systems used for E911 call taking, network clocks, salary and associated expenses for E911 call takers for that portion of their time spent taking and transferring E911 calls, salary and associated expenses for a county to employ a full-time equivalent E911 coordinator position and a full-time equivalent mapping or geographical data position and a staff assistant position per county for the portion of their time spent administering the E911 system, training costs for PSAP call takers, supervisors, and managers in the proper methods and techniques used in taking and transferring E911 calls, costs to train and educate PSAP employees regarding E911 service or E911 equipment, including fees collected by the Department of Health for the certification and recertification of 911 public safety telecommunicators as required under s. 401.465, and expenses required to develop and maintain all information, including ALI and ANI databases and other information source repositories, necessary to properly inform call takers as to location address, type of emergency, and other information directly relevant to the E911 call taking and transferring function. Moneys derived from the fee may also be used for next-generation E911 network services, next-generation E911 database services, next generation E911 equipment, and wireless E911 routing systems.

(c) The moneys may not be used to pay for any item not listed in this subsection, including, but not limited to, any capital or operational costs for emergency responses which occur after the call transfer to the responding public safety entity and the costs for constructing, leasing, maintaining, or renovating buildings, except for those building modifications necessary to maintain the security and environmental integrity of the PSAP and E911 equipment rooms.

Appendix II

Request for Change

Name of County: _____

BUDGET LINE ITEM	CHANGE FROM	CHANGE TO
TOTAL	\$	\$

Justification For Change:

_____ Signature of Authorized Official	_____ Date
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For E911 Board use only.

Approved: Yes ☐ No ☐

_____ E911 Board's Authorized Representative	_____ Date
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Appendix III

Quarterly Report

County:

Grant Number:

Report Date:

Project Status Update:

Problems/Delays:

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Addendum I

Funding Priorities for the E911 Rural County Grant Program

The criteria for determining acceptability for disbursement of funds from the State of Florida E911 Rural County Grant Program will be made on a **PRIORITY** basis. There will be seven (7) priorities as identified below:

PRIORITY 1: Rural counties with E911 Phase II Primary PSAP systems that require immediate system replacement to maintain enhanced 911 status or when the expected remaining life of the system is less than 1 year.

PRIORITY 2: Rural counties with E911 Phase II systems that require maintenance or warranty agreements for maintaining enhanced 911 status. This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through b:

- a: E911 System Maintenance (pertaining exclusively to items listed in Priorities 4a-h only)
- b: E911 Map Maintenance (pertaining exclusively to items listed in Priority 6a only)

PRIORITY 3: Rural counties requesting Florida Coordinator's meeting and training conference funding, limited to the county 911 coordinator, for either a spring or fall cycle.

PRIORITY 4: Rural counties with E911 Phase II Primary PSAP systems that require new or replacement of critical or necessary hardware or software for maintaining E911 Phase II status. This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through h:

- a: Hardware and software for Customer Premise Equipment
- b: Lightning Protection Equipment
- c: Uninterruptible Power Supply Equipment
- d: E911 Voice Recording Equipment
- e: County E911 Standalone ALI Database Equipment
- f: E911 Map Display Equipment
- g: New additional 911 Call Taker Position Equipment
- h: Net clock

PRIORITY 5: Rural counties with E911 Phase II Systems requesting consolidation of E911 PSAPs, which decreases the number of Primary or Secondary PSAPs in the county by a minimum of one.

PRIORITY 6: Rural counties with E911 Phase II Systems that require mapping services necessary for maintaining E911 Phase II Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This may include the following, listed in order of funding priority a through b:

- a: E911 Map System Equipment - E911 map generation hardware and software licensing is limited to components for two stations
- b: GIS Centerline, point generation and map accuracy services

PRIORITY 7: Rural counties with E911 Phase II systems that require allowable E911 expense items that are not defined in Priorities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 to maintain a complete E911 system.

Regional E911 system project requests related to systems, equipment and maintenance will be considered the highest priority within each priority category.

Grants awards will be funded in order of priority assigned. Total funding for any priority may be adjusted based on the remaining funds available, the number of applications and the anticipated requests in the next funding cycle. The acceptability for disbursement of funds from the State of Florida E911 Rural County Grant Program for any E911 expense items not expressly provided for in Priorities above shall be determined at the discretion of the E911 Board pursuant to its authority under Sections 365.172 and 365.173, Florida Statutes.