Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority

FY2026 Grant Program Guideline Changes (Approved 08.07.2025)

<u>**PURPOSE**</u>

In 2016 the Oklahoma legislature passed HB 3126. This legislation authorizes the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority to administer grants for the purpose of:

1. Assisting public agencies with funding for consolidation of facilities or services;
2. Deployment of Phase II or successor technology;
3. Development of NG911 regional emergency service networks;
4. Other purposes the Authority deems appropriate and necessary.

The goal of the grant program is to provide the highest quality of 9-1-1 services to the citizens of Oklahoma.

<u>**APPLICATION DEADLINES/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**</u>

Rolling Deadlines: Grant applications may be submitted at any time. Applicants can track the application progress in EMGrants. Typical processing time is 60-90 days. Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2026 or until funding is depleted. Period of Performance: The period of performance for the FY2026 Grant Program is July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027. Grant projects must be completed and closed out no later than June 30, 2027.

<u>**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**</u>

Only governing authorities of a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) will be eligible to apply for this grant as authorized by O.S. §63-2864.5. All applicants must also be an eligible entity of local government or tribal organization as defined in 47 CFR §400.2 to apply for the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority grant. Eligible entities include primary PSAPs including:

1. City, County, and Tribal Governments;
2. City or County Fire Departments;
3. City or County Law Enforcement Agencies;
4. Councils of Governments (COGs);
5. Public Districts, Public Trusts, and Public Authorities;
6. Other governmental entities that provide 9-1-1 services.

Please note: Only GIS grants can be requested unless the PSAP's local GIS data has been uploaded to the State repository.

<u>**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**</u>

The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority has determined that the following projects will qualify for consideration for grant funding. Funding can be used for the purpose of developing a plan, purchasing equipment, hardware or software, procurement of services to create a final product, or payment of one-time expenses related to the following:

1. <u>**Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**</u> – Creation, maintenance, or improvement of GIS maps to meet or exceed the OK Geographic Information NG911 and Addressing Standard as outlined in State contract (SW1177), including any hardware and/or software needed. <u>**Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) GIS**</u> – this may include hardware, software or aliasing necessary to ensure that the location received during a 911 call matches the location within the CAD system, this only includes the initial cost and not the maintenance of the CAD GIS components or periodic updates.

2. **Consolidation** – Consolidation or virtual consolidation of call centers; **Capital Improvement Projects (eligible as part of a Consolidation Only)** – including new buildings, additions, or renovations of existing buildings (maximum allowed State contribution is $250,000). **Radio Tower (eligible as part of a Consolidation Only)** – located at the 911 center that is necessary to ensure the call is delivered (including toning) to the proper police, fire and/or EMS.

3. **NG9-1-1 Deployment** – Development or deployment of NG9-1-1 technology to meet the State NG9-1-1 deployment plan. This includes NG9-1-1 recording equipment and Call Handling Equipment (CHE). For all CHE requests, funding is limited to a maximum of $100,000 per position for a five (5) year cost funded at 80% state/20% local match. Also, a total amount (maximum) of $2.5 million per grantee can be awarded per year.

4. **Training & Protocols** – Call taker training and certification; 9-1-1 administrator training; Protocols, including necessary hardware and software.

5. **Shared Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)** – CAD systems that are deployed at a regional level, GIS centric and are shared (used to transfer and communicate 9-1-1 caller information between PSAPs or the originating PSAP to a secondary PSAP or standalone dispatch center). The chosen CAD must be Emergency Incident Data Object (EIDO) (i3) capable; a universal hub or data sharing server/cloud services that is used to share data between CAD systems. Custom, one off, CAD to CAD interfaces do not qualify for this category.

6. **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)** – Tools and/or technology necessary to mitigate any gaps within COOP necessary to mitigate the downtime in the delivery of 9-1-1 call processing. (PSAP must submit their current COOP to qualify for this category).

7. **Radio Consoles** – Radio consoles and necessary radios needed by the console to transmit 911 calls to the local or state radio system; **Encoding or Toning Equipment** necessary to deliver the call to the proper police, fire and EMS agency.

8. **ADA Compliant Equipment** – Furniture/chairs necessary to provide the proper ergonomics to reduce on the job injuries related to the stationary sitting common in 24/7 call centers; **ADA Compliant Structural Modifications** – modifications to existing structures such as entrances, ramps, doorways, and restrooms to allow access for physically disabled employees.

9. **Cybersecurity Penetration Testing** – To offer PSAPs comprehensive guidance and remediation strategies in preparation for the deployment of NG911 in Oklahoma. Penetration testing (pen testing) is a controlled and authorized simulation of a cyberattack on systems, networks, or applications. The main objective is to help organizations identify security weaknesses that can be exploited my malicious actors in a controlled environment.

MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT
No in-kind match will be accepted - the match must be monetary (cash) unless the applicant demonstrates the inability to provide matching funds. A 20% cash match of the total project cost is required for all grant categories with the following exceptions: (1) GIS and Training & Protocols grants are funded 100% with no match required; (2) Capital improvement (see Eligible Projects - Consolidation) expenses require a 50% local cash match; maximum State contribution is $250,000 for capital improvement expenses. (Note: Non-capital improvement related expenses for Consolidation projects require a 20% cash match).

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES*

The following are **NOT** eligible for funding through the 9-1-1 Management Authority grant program:

1. Costs to operate 9-1-1 systems; purchase and/or maintenance of radios unless the radio is necessary to connect to the radio consoles in order to transmit 911 calls to local or state radio system.
2. In field radios/subscriber units (Mobile and Portable radios).
3. Radio infrastructure outside of the items specifically related to consolidation or the components of the radio consoles listed under Eligible Projects (above); this includes repeaters, combiners, towers, radio tower buildings, etc.
4. Construction/capital improvement projects not related to consolidation and/or outside of construction projects listed in Eligible Projects.
5. Purchase of buildings; building operating costs including rent, utilities.
6. Purchase of vehicles; vehicle maintenance costs.
7. Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS/NCIC).
8. General administrative costs including salaries and wages.
9. Purchases or purchase agreements entered into prior to grant award.
10. Costs associated with any college or university degree, such as tuition, fees, etc.
11. Costs associated with prizes; fundraising events/expenses.
12. Outside of the state of Oklahoma travel expenses (except in rare cases).
13. Grant writer fees.
14. Fines/penalties/taxes; offsetting of debt; legal or audit fees; lobbying expenses.
15. Food/refreshments.
16. Decoding equipment used by field responders.
17. Cybersecurity vulnerability assessments, which are completed by the OK911MA Cybersecurity Specialist upon request.

*This list is not all-inclusive, final determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority.

GRANT FUNDING LIMITATIONS

1. For all grant categories, only the first year of maintenance, warranty or system support will be considered for funding; future years are ineligible for funding. Additionally, the applicant must demonstrate the ability to maintain the project financially in future years.
2. Grant funding is available for one (1) time purchases only. Additionally, the applicant must demonstrate the ability to maintain any data, mapping, addressing, equipment expenses after the grant has ended.
3. Only after an award has been made and a State & Local Agreement (SLA) has been signed by the OEM Director and the local authorized contact may funds be expended by the applicant.
4. Applicants may submit no more than one (1) application per category per fiscal year.
5. No general planning excluding consolidation, administration, or promotional activities will be funded.
6. Assets funded by this grant must located on property either owned by or leased to the applicant or partnering entity.
7. Successful applicants will be required to submit a change request in EMGrants for approval prior to any changes being made to the project.
8. Funding Limitation – A total amount (maximum) of $2.5 million per grantee can be awarded per year.

GIS GRANT REQUIREMENTS

GIS grant funding must be used to bring GIS data to the OK Geographic Information NG9-1-1 and Addressing Standard for uploading into the State 9-1-1 repository. PSAPs that want to partner with an eligible governing body as defined within these guidelines may also be approved for a grant for GIS remediation services, hardware, software and maintenance.

All GIS applicants are required to use one of the vendors listed on Oklahoma State contract SW1177 that have been vetted by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority as a result of competitive bidding. All GIS applications should include a minimum of two quotes from the vendors listed on State contract.

Throughout the duration of the grant, the vendor shall provide monthly written reports to the local PSAP regarding the progress of the mapping project. The progress report will indicate the percent complete of mutually pre-determined milestones and tasks. The following milestones shall be included: assessment, centerline, map point, polygons, validation using the State tool, and upload or delivery of completed work to the state. The vendor's recommended milestones and associated tasks should be included in the vendor's quote. The agency reserves the right to include additional milestones and/or tasks prior to the finalization of a contract. The agency must include this milestone progress information in the required quarterly reports. Final payment is contingent upon all milestones being completed.

GIS applicants are eligible to apply for one year maintenance costs from their state approved vendor.

CYBERSECURITY GRANT REQUIREMENTS

All Cybersecurity applicants are required to use one of the vendors listed on Oklahoma State contract SW1042 (see SW1042 here: Central Purchasing: Division of Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) - Solicitations). The state cybersecurity vendors are: Go Security Pro; CBIZ Risk & Advisory Services; Elegant Enterprise Wide Solutions; Soft Stages; and True Digital Security. All Cybersecurity applications should include a minimum of two quotes from the vendors listed on State contract. All cybersecurity applicants must define the scope of the project. The penetration test may include but not limited to: internal network(s), external network(s), wireless network(s), social engineering, web applications, and mobile apps.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION & AWARD PROCESS

The 9-1-1 grant is a competitive grant. If the submitted grant application package does not meet the requirements set forth in these guidelines, the grant application will not be considered. Failure to comply

with any of the required application steps may disqualify the application from funding. Applications shall be submitted online through EMGrants and contain the following:

1. Project narrative, including an explanation of how this project will achieve compliance with the goals and objectives of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority;
2. Explanation of proposed method of funding the cash match requirement;
3. Project timeline (milestones);
4. Most recent fiscal year PSAP budget;
5. Resolution from the Local Governing Authority;
6. Vendor Quote(s);
7. Vendor Brochure(s);
8. Local 9-1-1 Deployment Plan – if deploying initial E911 Phase II;
9. **GIS Applications Only** – a signed GIS Memorandum of Understanding between the applicant and the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority is required if not already on file. All GIS applications must also include a signed commitment from the GIS remediation provider to comply with all technical requirements of state contract SW1177 as stated in its RFP;

10. **Consolidation Applications Only** – consolidation grant applicants must provide the information listed in the Master Plan for Deployment checklist. If requesting a Radio tower at the 911 center location, an independent coverage study must be included showing the current radio coverage for the County on each necessary frequency needed for primary and backup operations.

11. **Training Grant Applications Only** – training grant applicants must submit a Training Grant Questionnaire found at (www.ok.gov/911) with all Training grant applications.

Grant awards are made solely at the discretion of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority. The Authority may choose to modify the amount of any grant request. Each applicant will be notified via EMGrants of the Authority's funding decision for each grant application.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT
The 9-1-1 Grant Program is a reimbursement grant. Invoices must be paid up front by the awardee Funds will be reimbursed only with confirmation that invoices have been paid in full. Proof of payment documentation required to receive reimbursement includes: (1) copies of the front **and** back of canceled checks; or bank statements; and invoices.

Applicants generally must have a minimum of $5,000 in reimbursable expenses in order to request a reimbursement (payment); however, final closeout payment may be less than $5,000. For project awards less than $5,000, applicants must request one draw for the total amount of the project. Reimbursement requests will generally be processed within seven (7) business days; however, please allow up to twelve (12) weeks to receive payment.

All grant funding reimbursed to the PSAP must be deposited in the account that has been designated by the governing body to carry out the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act as required by State Statute 63-2868.C.

63-2868.C. states, "Money remitted to public agencies pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and any money otherwise collected by any lawful means for purposes of providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone services shall be deposited in a separate 9-1-1 emergency telephone service account established by a public agency or its governing body to carry out the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act.

Prior to applying for a grant, please ensure that you have the following: (1) EIN number; (2) updated SAM.gov registration; and (3) a state Vendor Number for EFT direct deposit. All grant awardees must enroll in the Oklahoma State Treasury EFT (direct deposit) system in order for payments to be made.

ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION
To register for access or to log in to the online application system, OEMGrants, go to ok.emgrants.com.

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