

60FF-5.005 Emergency Grants.

The E911 Emergency Grant program is a grant program establishing an expedited schedule for approval of grants, provided to assist counties with the emergency restoration of Enhanced 911 throughout the State of Florida resulting from natural and man-made disasters or events.

(1) Eligibility: Any Board of County Commissioners in the State of Florida.

(2) General conditions:

(a) Each County applying for Emergency grant funds shall complete and submit W Form 5A, "Application for the E911 Emergency Grant Program," effective 7/1/2009, which is incorporated herein by reference and which may be obtained from the E911 Board office at the following address:

State of Florida E911 Board
ATTN: Administrative Assistant
4050 Esplanade Way
Building 4030 – Suite 160
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950.

The applicant must provide the original grant application.

(b) The E911 Board will approve grants for leased equipment only if the applicant county can demonstrate that a lease agreement would be financially beneficial to the grant program as a whole.

(c) Equipment procurement shall be based on the county's purchasing requirement and the applicable State purchasing requirements specified in Chapter 287, F.S., and the requirements of Section 112.061, F.S.

(d) Grant applications totaling \$25,000.00 or more must be accompanied by at least three written competitive quotes from different vendors. 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 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. Sole source funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Justification and documentation for sole source funding should be provided with this application. Sole source funding will be approved if provided in accordance with Chapter 287, F.S., 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 should be provided with the application.

(e) Priorities for awarding of grants will be determined by the E911 Board.

(f) The E911 Board may approve funding salary requests on an annual basis.

(g) No grant money will be awarded to be used for the purpose of paying call takers' salaries.

(h) Two or more rural counties may apply for a joint grant, but each county must complete and submit W Form 5A as requested and indicated.

(i) Grant funds shall be deposited in a bank account maintained by the grantee county, and each grant shall be assigned a unique accounting code designation for deposits, disbursements, and expenditures. All E911 Emergency Grant funds in the account shall be accounted for separately from other grantee funds. Grant funds including accrued interest may be used only between the beginning and ending dates of the grant, unless an extension is requested and authorized by the E911 Board. Extension of time will not be granted unless the county submits an executed contract for the grant equipment and/or services, or demonstrates good cause for failure to execute a contract during the grant period.

(j) Grantee counties must submit quarterly reports to the E911 Board, summarizing the expenditures and activities of the grant funds. The reports are due 30 days after the end of the reporting period, which ends September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. In lieu of submitting a signed quarterly Grant Budget/Expenditure Report

form, the updated form can be e-mailed to the Board’s administrative/technical staff. The quarterly and final reports will be considered late if not received by the Board Staff prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting after the due date.

(k) At project completion, a final report shall be submitted based on the same reporting periods described above. The County shall determine the final completion date based on the final payment date or the initiation date of the warranty period. Final supporting documentation including copies of all expenditures and corresponding invoices shall be submitted within 90 days of the final report.

(l) Grant funds are not transferable to any other entity. If equipment purchased using grant funds is sold or transferred within three (3) years of the end of the grant period, the grantee county must return the grant funds to the E911 Board on a pro-rata basis.

(m) 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.

(3) E911 Emergency Grant Program Schedule – Following the natural and man-made disasters or events and submission of the grant application, the E911 Board will hold an emergency meeting in accordance with Uniform Rules 28-102.003, F.A.C., for the purpose of acting upon emergency matters affecting the public health, safety or welfare.

	Schedule
Counties submit Application	Event
Board Members evaluate applications	Within 5 days
Board votes on applications to fund at regularly scheduled meeting	Within 5 days
Board sends notification of funding and issues check to counties approved for funding	Within 10 days
Implementation period	One year from receipt of award and funds.

Specific Authority 365.172(6)(a)11. FS. Law implemented 365.172(6)(a)3.b., 365.173(2)(g), 365.173(2)(i) FS. History–
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