LIST OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FUNDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

This list identifies federal financial assistance programs (i.e., grants, loans, cooperative agreements) that support emergency communications investments. Periodic updates will be posted on the SAFECOM Funding website as new programs are announced. Note that other opportunities may exist. Entities seeking funding should refer to the Federal Government website Grants.gov to determine if other opportunities are available. In addition, refer to the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), as this is a summary of program information related to emergency communications and does not reflect all program requirements.

In addition, this list is divided into two tables. Table 1 includes federal financial assistance programs funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (Public Law No. 116-94), other appropriations, and departmental discretion to offer funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Table 2 includes available funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which could support emergency communications investments. The CARES Act was signed by the President on March 27, 2020, and many programs have expedited application dates to quickly award funds (e.g., Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental applications were due by April 28, 2020). These programs include new funding opportunities provided by the CARES Act, as well as additional funds to existing grant programs dedicated to COVID-19 response activities.

Entities that are applying for federal financial assistance for emergency communications projects should reference the latest annual *SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants*. The guidance provides general information on eligible activities, technical standards, and other terms and conditions that are common to most federal programs funding emergency communications. Note, recipients of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's preparedness grants must comply with SAFECOM Guidance, as required in its Appendix D. Other federal programs encourage entities to follow SAFECOM Guidance recommendations and best practices, specifically its guidance to applicants on:

- Recommendations for planning, coordinating, and implementing emergency communications projects;
- Emergency communications activities that can be funded through federal grants;
- Overview of emergency communications systems and capabilities; and
- Technical standards that facilitate interoperability.

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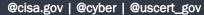
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Table 1. List of Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Financial Assistance Programs Funding Emergency Communications

Office	Financial Assistance Program Description and Website	Program Amount, Application Deadline, and Allocation Method	Eligible Applicants, Objectives, and Emergency Communications-Related Allowable Costs
Department of Agriculture (USDA)			
Rural Utilities Service (RUS)	**Community Connect** The Community Connect program serves rural communities where broadband service is least likely to be available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens. Projects funded by these grants will help rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the Internet.	**Program Amount:** Minimum grant request amount of $100,000 and maximum of $3,000,000 per application **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2019 **Competitive:** Applicants will be carefully scored and prioritized to determine which projects should be selected for further development and funding; minimum 15% match is required	**Eligible Applicants:** State and local governments, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofits, for-profit corporations. Rural areas that lack existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream **Objectives:** Funds broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service **Equipment:** Construction, expansion, improvement or acquisition of community center; broadband expansion, construction of communication towers
RUS	**Community Facilities** Community Facilities programs provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas and towns up to 20,000 in population. Priority is given to health care, education, and public safety projects.	**Program Amount:** Graduated Scale **Application Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round. Contact local office to discuss a specific project **Competitive:** Applicants will be carefully scored and prioritized to determine which projects should be selected for further development and funding; varying match requirements	**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities, counties, parishes, boroughs, special-purpose districts, nonprofit corporations or associations, and tribal governments **Objectives:** Funds the purchase, construction, or improvement of essential community facilities **Planning and Organization:** Costs of acquiring interest on land **Equipment:** Construction and development of hospitals, health clinics, schools, fire houses, community centers, and many other community-based initiatives
RUS	**Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)** The purpose of the DLT program is to fund telecommunications enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural areas. Funds may also be used to provide for communication upgrades between ambulances, emergency transportation vehicles, and medical facilities.	**Program Amount:** Minimum grant request amount of $50,000 and maximum grant request of $1,000,000 per application **Application Deadline:** First application period due 4/10/2020; second application period due 7/13/2020 **Competitive:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the NOFO; minimum 15% match is required	**Eligible Applicants:** Entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including most state and local governmental entities, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofits, for-profit businesses, and consortia of eligible entities **Objectives:** Funds rural communities use of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density **Equipment:** Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as broadband transmission facilities; audio, video and interactive video equipment; terminal and data terminal equipment; computer hardware, network components, and software; inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services **Personnel/Training:** Instructional programming that is a capital asset, technical assistance, and instruction for using equipment

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RUS	**Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program** The Infrastructure Program provides long-term direct and guaranteed loans to qualified organizations for the purpose of financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of telephone lines, facilities, or systems to furnish and improve Telecommunications, 911, and Emergency Communications services in rural areas.	**Program Amount:** Graduated Scale **Application Deadline:** Applications for this program are accepted through the General Field Representative year-round **Competitive:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the NOFO	**Eligible Applicants:** State and local government entities, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofit corporations, and for-profit businesses **Objectives:** Funds construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas **Planning and Organization:** Acquisitions and refinancing **Equipment:** Improvement, expansions, and construction of 911 activities and services related to emergency response efforts
Department of Commerce (DOC)			
Economic Development Administration in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)	**Accelerate R2 Network Challenge** The purpose of this program is to create a strategic nationwide network of organizations working to address disaster response and resiliency (R2) challenges with innovative technologies.	**Program Amount:** $1,000,000 **Application Deadline:** Letter of Intent by 1/8/2020 and application by 3/11/2020 **Formula-based:** A minimum of 50% matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** State, tribe, city, or other political subdivision of a state, an entity whose application is supported by a state or a political subdivision of a state, or a consortium of any of these entities **Objectives:** Funds to create a nationwide network or networks that will enable and support innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and investors to bring transformative technologies into the response and resiliency markets **Personnel:** Stakeholders such as first responders and public safety officials **Equipment:** Nationwide network technologies
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)			
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)	**Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)** HPP's purpose is to strengthen and enhance the acute care medical surge capacity through the maintenance and growth of strong health care coalitions. The goals of health care preparedness and response capabilities include: 1) Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness; 2) Health Care and Medical Response Coordination; 3) Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery; and 4) Medical Surge.	**Program Amount:** Up to $231,500,000 **Application Deadline:** FY 2019 applications were due 5/3/2019; FY 2020 application period to be announced **Formula-based:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city, or township, and special district governments **Objectives:** Funds to build acute care medical surge capacity **Personnel:** Staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises **Planning:** Engage emergency communications stakeholders in planning; develop assessments and inventories **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises

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Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** PHEP's purpose is to strengthen and enhance the capabilities of state, local, and territorial public health systems to respond effectively (e.g., mitigate the loss of life and reduce the threats to the community's health and safety) to evolving threats and other emergencies, and improve the readiness of the public health system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health emergency response systems.	**Program Amount:** Up to $622,850,000 **Application Deadline:** 3/17/2020 with remaining application components by 5/15/2020 **Formula-based:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants**: State, county, city, or township, and special district governments **Objectives**: Funds to advance development of effective public health emergency management and response programs **Personnel**: Staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises **Planning:** Whole community planning for all populations, including tribal engagement **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises; Continuity of operations and administrative preparedness plans tested via tabletop exercises **Equipment:** Personal protective equipment
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)			
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	**Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)** EMPG assists state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards. The intent is to provide grant funding to assist state emergency management agencies in obtaining the resources required to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation.	**Program Amount:** $355,100,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Formula-based:** Amounts for each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; 50% match is required	**Eligible Applicants:** State Administrative Agency (SAA) of states/territories or Emergency Management Agency **Objectives:** Funds activities that address cybersecurity and building and sustaining core capabilities **Planning and Organization:** Developing/updating Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan, Tactical Interoperability Communications Plans, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, Stakeholder Preparedness Review, and Continuity of Operations **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); construction/renovation of communication towers

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FEMA	**Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) / State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)** SHSP supports the implementation of risk driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets set in urban area, state, and regional Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review process, which inform planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.	**Program Amount:** $415,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/30/2020 **Formula-based:** Targeted allocation ranges for each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; awards will be allocated based on risk and anticipated effectiveness	**Eligible Applicants:** SAAs of states/territories; SAA must pass through 80% to local units of government **Objectives:** Funds to build/sustain core capabilities; continuity of operations; cybersecurity enhancements; law enforcement/terrorism prevention **Planning and Organization:** Develop whole community partnerships; program management; intelligence analysts **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises related to emergency communications, special events **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; information technology (IT); maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); emergency supplies
FEMA	**Homeland Security Grant Program / Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)** UASI program addresses the unique risk driven and capabilities-based planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas based on the capability targets identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review process.	**Program Amount:** $615,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/30/2020 **Formula-based:** Targeted allocation ranges for each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; awards will be allocated based on risk and anticipated effectiveness	**Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of eligible areas listed in the NOFO; SAA must pass through 80% to local units of government in the designated UASI **Objectives:** Funds to build/sustain core capabilities; continuity of operations; cybersecurity enhancements; law enforcement/terrorism prevention **Planning and Organization:** Develop whole community partnerships; program management; intelligence analysts **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises related to emergency communications, special events **Equipment:** Cybersecurity enhancements, interoperable communications; IT; maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); emergency supplies
FEMA	**Homeland Security Grant Program / Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)** OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders. This includes travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.	**Program Amount:** $90,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/30/2020 **Competitive:** States eligible to apply are listed in the NOFO	**Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of selected OPSG applicant; SAA must pass through 100% to selected local units of government **Objectives:** Funds support to U.S. border security **Personnel:** 50% cap **Planning and Organization:** Coordination among jurisdictions, disciplines, various levels of governments (e.g., travel, per diem, overtime) **Equipment:** Emergency equipment and vehicles, data systems

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FEMA	**Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)** IBSGP provides funding to owners and operators of intercity bus systems located within the UASI-eligible Urban Areas, to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.	**Program Amount:** $2,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Competitive:** Eligible applicants must complete a vulnerability assessment and develop a security plan	**Eligible Applicants:** Private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus in UASI jurisdiction **Objectives:** Funds the prevention of threatened or an actual act of terrorism **Planning and Organization:** Governance integration **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises **Equipment:** Facility security; vehicle/drive security, interoperable emergency communications equipment
FEMA	**Intercity Passenger Rail-Amtrak (IPR) Program** IPR Program provides funding to the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.	**Program Amount:** $10,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Cooperative Agreement between FEMA and Amtrak:** All funds are awarded to Amtrak	**Eligible Applicants:** Private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus in UASI jurisdiction **Objectives:** Funds transportation infrastructure security activities and the strengthening of governance integration for the Amtrak System **Planning:** Security plans; protocols; education; outreach **Training and Exercises:** Crew communication and coordination; emergency preparedness drills and exercises **Equipment:** Related to interoperable communications, maintenance and sustainment, construction / renovation of communication towers
FEMA	**Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)** NSGP-UASI ($50,000,000): Provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the UASI-eligible areas. NSGP-State ($40,000,000): Provides funding for nonprofit organizations located outside of FY 2020 UASI-designated Urban Areas. NSGP promotes coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.	**Program Amount:** $90,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/30/2020 **Competitive:** Nonprofit organizations may receive funding following a competitive review process	**Eligible Applicants:** SAA on behalf of nonprofit organizations within eligible UASIs; SAA must obligate 100% to selected nonprofit organizations **Objectives:** Funds the building of core capabilities, cybersecurity, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment-based developments and governance integration **Planning:** Development and enhancement of security plans and protocols; development or further strengthening of security assessments; emergency contingency plans; evacuation/shelter-in-place plans **Training:** Security-related training courses and programs **Equipment:** Physical security and inspection/screening systems **Maintenance and Sustainment:** Warranties; repair or replacement costs; upgrades; user fees **Construction and Renovation:** With restrictions meeting prior written approval

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FEMA	**Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)** PSGP provides funding to port authorities, facility operators, and State and local agencies required to provide security services to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans.	**Program Amount:** $100,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Competitive:** Port areas will be selected for funding through a competitive review process; Recipients must provide at least 25% match either cash or in-kind contribution, for all public sector and non-governmental, nonprofit recipients; Private, for-profit recipients must provide at least 50% match either cash or in-kind contribution	**Eligible Applicants:** Entities covered by an Area Maritime Security Plan **Objectives:** Funds enhancements to port-wide maritime security risk management, domain awareness, improvised explosive device and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive prevention, protection, response and supporting recovery capabilities; cybersecurity; port resilience and recovery **Planning and Organization:** Security plans and protocols enhancements **Training/Exercises:** Training and awareness campaigns; port-wide planning, training, and exercises **Equipment:** Interoperable communications for Maritime Domain Awareness
FEMA	**Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)** TSGP directly supports transportation infrastructure security activities. It is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures to strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.	**Program Amount:** $88,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Competitive:** Eligible transit agencies are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible urban areas	**Eligible Applicants:** Publicly owned operators of public transportation **Objectives:** Funds public transportation systems to improve governance integration and enhance cybersecurity **Planning and Organization:** Security plans and protocols; regional communications enhancement **Training/Exercises:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training and exercises **Equipment:** Related to interoperable communications; maintenance and sustainment (e.g., upgrades, user fees, warranties); emergency supplies
FEMA	**Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)** THSGP supports the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities to enable tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.	**Program Amount:** $15,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2020 **Competitive:** Selected tribes may receive funding following a competitive peer review process; No match requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized tribes **Objectives:** Funds homeland security initiatives for tribes **Personnel:** 50% cap **Planning and Organization:** Prioritizing needs; updating preparedness strategies; allocating resources across stakeholder groups and levels of government; implementing standardized resource management concepts **Equipment:** Related to communications, emergency supplies **Maintenance and Sustainment:** Upgrades, user fees, warranties **Construction and Renovation:** Communication towers

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FEMA	**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)** AFG supports firefighters and emergency response personnel by providing critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.	**Program Amount:** $315,000,000 **Application Deadline:** FY 2019 applications due 3/20/2020; FY 2020 application period to be announced **Competitive:** Cost share is based on population	**Eligible Applicants:** Fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and state fire training academies **Objectives:** Procurement of critically needed equipment necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards **Planning and Organization:** Prioritizing community needs; reduce the risk of special hazards **Equipment:** Project 25 interoperable communications equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources
FEMA	**Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants** FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.	**Program Amount:** $35,000,000 **Application Deadline:** FY 2019 applications due 5/29/2020; FY 2020 application period to be announced **Competitive:** 5% cost share required of non-federal cash or in-kind contributions	**Eligible Applicants:** Fire departments and national, regional, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit fire organizations, and other organizations such academic, public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions **Objectives:** Fulfill fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development **Training:** Educate or train personnel in the area of public education **Equipment:** Arson investigation equipment, surveillance equipment, and media equipment
FEMA	**Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)** The SAFER program assists local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards	**Program Amount:** $350,000,000 **Application Deadline:** FY 2019 applications due 5/15/2020; FY 2020 application period to be announced **Competitive:** No cost share or matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** Fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations **Objectives:** Hiring and recruitment of additional firefighters to improve staffing levels **Organization:** Increasing the number of firefighters capable of safely responding to emergencies **Training:** Recruitment, firefighter and emergency response training **Equipment:** Personal protective equipment
FEMA	**Emergency Management Baseline Assessment Grant (EMBAG)** EMBAG helps to ensure jurisdictions have accredited emergency management programs and certified professionals through voluntary national-level standards and peer review assessment processes to identify the capacity and shortfalls, as well as develop a path to compliance.	**Program Amount:** $825,000 **Application Deadline:** 5/4/2020 **Formula-based:** No cost share or matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit organizations and institutes of higher education **Planning:** Funds to support assessment and accreditation or certification of emergency management programs **Training/Exercises:** Provides training needed for assessors to complete the assessment of emergency management programs

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Science & Technology Directorate	**Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) 20.1** The SBIR program is a congressionally mandated small business set-aside designed to stimulate technological innovation and foster small business and private sector commercialization of innovations derived from federal research and development.	**Program Amount:** Phase I awards are limited to $100,000; Phase II awards are limited to $750,000; Phase III awards are unlimited **Application Deadline:** Pre-solicitation by 12/17/2019 and proposal submission by 1/22/2020 **Competitive:** Each grant proposal will be evaluated on relevance of the specific concept as it relates to SBIR topics	**Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses **Objectives:** Funds research to develop new processes, products, and technologies in support of the missions of the U.S. Government **Research and Development:** Consist of topics relevant to the Next Generation 911 Multimedia Content Analysis Engine Capability for the Emergency Communications Cyber Security Center; Remote Sensor Data Protection and Anti-Spoofing; Digital Paging over Public Television; Soft Targets and Crowded Places Security; In-building Coverage Analysis System (ICAS) Using Existing First Responder's Radio and Smartphone; Handheld Advanced Detection/Imaging Technology System; Enhanced Explosives and Illicit Drugs Detection by Targeted Interrogation of Surfaces; Urban Canyon Detection Tracking and Identification of Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles; Machine Learning Module for Detection Technologies; Innovative Technologies for Next Generation of Sample Collection Media; Development and Evaluation of Nucleic Acid-Based Assays to Accelerate Biohazard Detection
Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention	**Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program** TVTP provides funding to protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties with the following priorities: establishing and enhancing local prevention frameworks with an emphasis on threat assessment and management capabilities; preventing domestic terrorism; and innovative solutions for preventing targeted violence and terrorism.	**Program Amount:** $10,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 6/17/2020 **Competitive:** No cost share or matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** State, local, and tribal governments, nonprofits, and institutions of higher education **Objectives:** Strengthen societal resistance against the drivers of violent extremism and ensure broad awareness of the threat of terrorism and targeted violence; counter terrorists and violent extremists' influence online; develop prevention frameworks; and develop and implement recidivism reduction programming **Planning and Organization:** Implementation of plans for training hotline counselors and protocols for threat response **Training/Exercises:** Efforts that raise awareness of the threat of targeted violence and terrorism
Department of Justice (DOJ)			
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	**Community Policing Development (CPD)** CPD program advances the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.	**Program Amount:** Up to $5,600,000 available **Application Deadline:** 4/14/2020 **Competitive:** Awards or cooperative agreements granted to projects related to public safety topics	**Eligible Applicants:** Local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies **Objectives:** Funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies **Personnel:** Law enforcement **Training:** Travel-related costs **Equipment:** Technology, supplies

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COPS	**Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants** CPD Microgrants funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, the development of innovative community policing strategies, guidebooks, and promising practices that are national in scope and responsive to the solicitation topic requirements.	**Program Amount:** Up to $2,300,000 available **Application Deadline:** 3/11/2020 **Competitive:** Awards or cooperative agreements granted to projects related to public safety topics	**Eligible Applicants:** Local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies **Objectives:** Funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies **Personnel:** Law enforcement **Training:** Travel-related costs **Equipment:** Technology, supplies
COPS	**Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)** CTAS seeks to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. The program provides federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues and to apply for funding.	**Program Amount:** Tribes with a sworn force of 1-9 officers are eligible for $500,000; 10-20 officers are eligible for $700,000; 20+ officers are eligible for $900,000 **Application Deadline:** 2/25/2020 **Competitive:** Applications must focus on: enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent youth substance abuse, address violence against women, serve crime victims, and support other efforts to combat crime	**Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized tribes or tribal consortiums **Objectives:** Funds implementation of community policing and meets the most serious needs of law enforcement in tribal nations **Personnel:** Staff for technical assistance, law enforcement officers **Training:** Develop, deliver, attend, and evaluate training **Equipment:** Uniforms, basic issue equipment, technology, and vehicles
COPS	**COPS Hiring Program (CHP)** CHP is designed to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officers.	**Program Amount:** Up to $400,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 3/11/2020 **Competitive:** Awards or cooperative agreements granted to projects related to public safety topics	**Eligible Applicants:** State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority **Objectives:** Provides funding to hire and re-hire entry level career law enforcement officers in order to preserve jobs, increase community policing capacities and support crime prevention efforts **Personnel:** Law enforcement officers approved full-time, entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of newly hired or rehired sworn career law enforcement officers hired or rehired on or after the award start date

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Office of Justice Programs (OJP)	**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program** JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.	**Program Amount:** JAG Program awards are calculated using violent crime data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation **Application Deadline:** 5/11/2020 **Formula-based:** JAG awards are based on a statutory formula in the solicitation	**Eligible Applicants:** Local government units; federally-recognized tribes; law enforcement district; judicial enforcement district established under state law **Objectives:** Funds law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams **Personnel:** Technical assistance, contractual support **Training:** Develop and deliver trainings **Equipment:** Supplies, information systems for criminal justice **Research and Development:** Criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities
OJP	**Strategies in Policing Innovation (SPI) Program** SPI funds activities to reduce crime and improve the functionality of the criminal justice system, specifically through support for innovative and evidence-based policing practices, more effective information sharing, and multi-agency collaboration.	**Program Amount:** Up to $7,000,000 available **Application Deadline:** 5/12/2020 **Competitive:** SPI applicants must focus on promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices	**Eligible Applicants:** State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as their fiscal agent, federally-recognized tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions, and a tribal consortium **Objectives:** Funds innovative ideas and evidence-based programming in police agencies in order to foster effective and consistent collaborations to increase public safety, and use technology, intelligence, and data in innovative ways **Personnel:** New law enforcement personnel, overtime, data analysis support **Equipment:** Software or hardware technology purchases
Department of Transportation (DOT)			
Federal Railroad Administration	**Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)** CRISI leverages private, state, and local investments to support safety enhancements and general improvements to infrastructure for both intercity passenger and freight railroads. This program aims to improve railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger and freight rail chokepoints; enhance multi-modal connections; and lead to new or substantially improved intercity passenger rail transportation corridors.	**Program Amount:** $311,772,500 **Application Deadline:** 6/19/2020 **Competitive:** Minimum 20% match requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** State governments, Class II or Class III railroads, Amtrak and other rail carriers **Objectives:** Funds rail safety projects such as grade crossing enhancements, rail line relocations, and technology improvements **Training:** Rail safety training and implementation of Positive Train Control systems **Equipment:** Intercity passenger rail equipment, back office systems; wayside, communications, and onboard hardware equipment; software; equipment installation; spectrum; system testing

The CARES Act includes over $2.2 trillion in economic relief to the public and private sector for emergency assistance and healthcare response due to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. Within the CARES Act, Division B: Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations, provides supplemental funding for new and existing federal grant programs. Table 2 provides a summary of supplemental funding with potential applicability to emergency communications, listed by federal department and agency.

Table 2. List of Emergency Communications-Related CARES Act Grants

Office	Financial Assistance Program Description and Website	Funding, Application Deadline, and Allocation Method	Eligible Applicants and Emergency Communications-Related Allowable Costs
Department of Agriculture			
Rural Utility Service	**Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)** DLT funds telecommunications enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies that extend educational and medical applications into rural areas. Funds may also be used to provide for communication upgrades between ambulances, emergency transportation vehicles, and medical facilities.	**Funding:** $25,000,000 in supplemental program funding; available until expended **Application Deadline:** First application period was due 4/10/2020; second application period due 7/13/2020 **Allocation Method:** Eligible projects are selected based on specific criteria in the NOFO; minimum 15% match is required	**Eligible Applicants:** Entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including most state and local governmental entities, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofits, for-profit businesses, and a consortium of other eligible entities **Allowable Costs:** Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as broadband transmission facilities; audio, video and interactive video equipment; terminal and data terminal equipment; computer hardware, network components, and software; inside wiring and similar infrastructure; instructional programming
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)			
Wireline Competition Bureau	**COVID-19 Telehealth Program** COVID-19 Telehealth Program provides immediate support to health care providers responding to the pandemic by fully funding their telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services.	**Funding:** $200,000,000 in supplemental funds **Application Deadline:** FCC released application guidance on 4/8/2020; rolling application period **Allocation Method:** Funds via the System for Award Management	**Eligible Applicants:** Health care providers with an eligibility determination from the Universal Service Administrative Company for each health care provider site included in the application **Allowable Costs:** Telecommunications services including voice and broadband; information services software, platforms, and equipment; internet connected devices and equipment
Department of Health and Human Services			
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response	**Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)** HPP's purpose is to strengthen and enhance the acute care medical surge capacity through the maintenance and growth of strong health care coalitions.	**Funding:** $250,000,000 in supplemental program funding, available until 9/30/2024 **Application Deadline:** Supplemental and FY 2020 application period to be announced **Allocation Method:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city, or township, and special district governments **Allowable Costs:** Funds to build acute care medical surge capacity; staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises; engage emergency communications stakeholders in planning; develop assessments and inventories

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Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** PHEP's purpose is to strengthen and enhance the capabilities of state, local, and territorial public health systems to respond effectively to evolving threats and other emergencies, and to improve the readiness of the public health system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health emergency response systems.	**Funding:** $1,500,000,000 in supplemental program funding, available until 9/30/2024 **Application Deadline:** FY 2020 applications were due 3/17/2020 prior to CARES Act; supplemental and FY 2021 application periods to be announced **Allocation Method:** Cooperative agreement is awarded to states or consortium of states with 10% matching requirement	**Eligible Applicants**: State, county, city, or township, and special district governments **Allowable Costs:** Staff to assist with planning, training, and exercises; whole community planning for all populations, including tribal engagement; continuity of operations and administrative preparedness plans tested via tabletop exercises; personal protective equipment
CDC	**Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response** This emergency funding opportunity is designed to fund federally-recognized tribes that contract or compact with the Indian Health Service. The funding supports tribal public health emergency response to COVID-19.	**Funding:** $40,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 5/31/2020 **Allocation Method:** Notice of award will include a pre-determined base funding amount, calculated by the CDC	**Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized tribes, tribal organizations, consortia of federally-recognized tribes, or their bona fide agents **Allowable Costs:** Emergency operations and coordination; health information technology; surveillance and epidemiology; laboratory capacity; communications guidance and information sharing; procurement of supplies and equipment; restoration of communications to pre-event functioning; development of improved plans; establishment of emergency operations centers, incident management systems, and continuity of operations plans
Health Resources and Services Administration	**Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response** This emergency funding opportunity provides support to help federally-recognized tribes prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 in rural communities.	**Funding:** $15,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 5/6/2020 **Allocation Method:** Applications will be scored based on criteria provided in the NOFO	**Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized tribes, tribal organizations, urban Native American health organizations, and health service providers to tribes **Allowable Costs:** Establishing testing sites; purchasing test kits; implementing telehealth activities; purchasing personal protective equipment and supplies; hiring or training health care providers and personnel to provide care for COVID-19 patients. While communications are not specifically mentioned in the NOFO, recipients should consider integrating activities into planning related to public safety efforts
Department of Homeland Security			
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)** AFG supports firefighters and emergency response personnel by providing critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.	**Funding:** $100,000,000 in supplemental program funding, available until 9/30/2021 **Application Deadline:** Supplemental and FY 2020 application periods to be announced **Allocation Method:** Cost share is based on population	**Eligible Applicants:** Fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and state fire training academies **Allowable Costs:** Protective gear; emergency vehicles; training and other resources for operations and safety; regional projects; Project 25-compliant interoperable communications equipment

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FEMA	**Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S)** EMPG-S program provides funds to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies with preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	**Funding:** $100,000,000 **Application Deadline:** 4/28/2020; required work plan must be submitted by 7/30/2020 **Allocation Method:** Amounts for each state/territory are listed in the NOFO; 50% match is required	**Eligible Applicants:** State Administrative Agency of states/territories or Emergency Management Agency **Allowable Costs:** Funds activities for preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus, including: planning; organization; equipment; training; hiring consultants/ contractors to assist with training and planning; domestic travel; rental of real property; supplies; construction and renovation; maintenance and sustainment
FEMA	**Public Assistance (PA) Grants** PA grants assist communities in responding to and recovering from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. It provides funding for permanently restoring community infrastructure.	**Funding:** Up to $45,000,000,000 in supplemental funding, available until expended **Application Deadline:** Rolling application period **Allocation Method:** Minimum 25% cost share is required	**Eligible Applicants:** States, federally-recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations **Allowable Costs:** Funds labor, equipment, materials, contract work, as well as direct and indirect administrative costs
Department of the Interior			
Office of Insular Affairs	**Technical Assistance Program (TAP)** TAP provides funding for short-term, non-capital projects. Priorities include: accountability, financial management, economic development, education, energy production, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and cultural resources, capacity building, public safety/emergencies, health initiatives, and invasive species management.	**Funding:** $55,000,000 in supplemental program funding, available until 9/30/2021 **Application Deadline:** FY 2020 applications due 5/1/2020; supplemental funding has been awarded to insular area governments **Allocation Method:** Applications will be scored based on criteria provided in the NOFO	**Eligible Applicants:** Non-federal entities such as local government agencies and institutions of higher education in U.S. territories **Allowable Costs:** Public safety and emergencies; disaster assistance; information technology
Department of Justice			
Office of Justice Programs	**Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program** This emergency funding opportunity is designed to help public safety agencies respond to the challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19.	**Funding:** $850,000,000 in supplemental program funding, available until expended **Application Deadline:** 5/29/2020 **Allocation Method:** Grants will be made based on NOFO and OJP Grant Application Resource Guide	**Eligible Applicants:** States, territories, units of local government, and federally-recognized tribal governments that were eligible for funding under the FY 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program **Allowable Costs:** Overtime; equipment, including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment; hiring; supplies such as gloves, masks, sanitizer; training; travel expenses; addressing medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers

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