

Oct 21st: NECP Webinar on Funding Emergency Communications

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Public safety organizations are constantly faced with the dilemma of how to fund their emergency communications capabilities. Data from the SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS) confirms this by demonstrating that 66% of public safety organizations have insufficient or no funding for the operations or maintenance of network systems. While this statistic is staggering, there are resources (e.g., personnel, educational materials, and websites) available to maximize grant funding. In general, a variety of funding mechanisms are required to build, improve, expand, and support communications to meet the needs of the community and stay ahead of emerging technologies.

This webinar assists participants with identifying funding mechanisms to support emergency communications projects. Join the webinar to learn about:

- Where to find Federal grant guidance and opportunities that support emergency communications activities
- Who to work with, such as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinators, to prioritize communications needs and coordinate applications for federal financial assistance that align with the National Emergency Communications Plan
- How to develop a diverse portfolio of funding mechanisms to sustain emergency communications systems

Gaps Identified by the SNS

76% of public safety organizations report that they don't have enough funding for capital investments in emergency communications network systems

57% of organizations report using grants to fund emergency communications; fewer organizations, **31%** use discretionary funding and **only 16%** use bonds, specialized taxes, or fees

Only 6% report having sufficient funding for emergency communications needs beyond the current budget cycle

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