

**Jackson County 911 Fund Grant Program****Proposal for 2025 Solicitation and Award Process****Prepared for:** Jackson County Legislature**From:** County Executive Frank White, Jr.**Date:** July 7, 2025**Subject:** Revised Grant Program Structure for Use of 911 Funds Pursuant to §§ 190.455 & 190.460, RSMo**I. Overview and Legal Authority**

Jackson County collects 911 service fees under the authority of two Missouri statutes:

- **§ 190.455, RSMo (Monthly Subscriber Fee):** Authorizes a \$1 monthly fee on landline and mobile communication services. Revenues must be used solely for the purpose of funding 911 service in such county.
- **§ 190.460, RSMo (Prepaid Wireless Emergency Telephone Service Charges):** Permits a surcharge on prepaid devices collected at the point of sale. These funds are remitted by the Missouri Department of Revenue and can be used for a broader array of capital improvements or costs related to 911.

Pursuant to voter approval and Jackson County's Charter, these funds are held in trust by the County for the benefit of all residents and first responder agencies. A structured, transparent grantmaking process ensures lawful and equitable use.

**II. 2025 Timeline and Funding Amounts**

The 2025 grant round will support implementation and enhancement of NG911 infrastructure in Jackson County. The process is designed to balance urgency, rigor, and accountability.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Solicitation Released</b>	August 15, 2025
<b>Applications Due</b>	September 30, 2025
<b>Initial Compliance Review Completed</b>	October 10, 2025

Milestone	Date
Public Hearings with County Legislature	October 20–30, 2025
Final Scoring and Recommendations Submitted	November 7, 2025
Legislative Approval of Awards	November 17, 2025

- **Total Available for 2025:** Up to **\$4.5 million**
- **Max Award Per Entity:** **\$400,000**
- **Minimum Award Suggested:** \$50,000 (to reduce administrative burden)

**Note:** Unallocated funds may be reserved to offset MARC systemwide regional 911 fees or carried forward to future cycles, subject to legislative approval.

### III. Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be public entities that provide or support emergency dispatch services within Jackson County:

- Municipal or county law enforcement agencies
- Fire protection districts
- Municipal EMS or fire-based emergency services
- Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) (Define)

### IV. Eligible Projects and Priorities

All projects must support the deployment, maintenance, or enhancement of **Next Generation 911 (NG911)** services, with alignment to the following six goals:

1. **Accurate Call Routing** – Implementation of GIS-based call routing systems.
2. **Multimedia Communications** – Capacity to receive images, video, and text.
3. **Advanced Mapping** – Real-time telecommunicator map tools.
4. **Cybersecurity & Disaster Recovery** – Redundant, secure system upgrades.
5. **Interoperability Across State Lines** – Seamless call transfers with Kansas and Missouri PSAPs.

6. **Customized Local Solutions** – Modernization aligned with jurisdiction-specific needs.

*Any other needs legally eligible under...*

## V. Project Requirements

Funded applicants must:

- **Enable Text-to-911** within 6 months of project completion.
- **Ensure Telecommunicator Training** meets state and federal minimums within 120 days of deployment.
- **Comply with NG911 Standards:** All systems must align with NENA i3 architecture and be compatible with MARC or other regional networks.

*Request only \$100K*

## VI. Review and Award Process

Jackson County will partner with the **Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)** to ensure technical accuracy and objective evaluation of proposals. A scoring rubric will be finalized before the application window opens.

### Review Steps:

1. **Compliance Review** – County staff ensure eligibility and completeness.
2. **Technical Evaluation** – MARC staff review proposals for NG911 alignment.
3. **Public Hearings** – Each applicant may present to the Legislature.
4. **Scoring and Ranking** – Based on criteria including:
  - Alignment with NG911 goals
  - Urgency and impact
  - Regional benefit or interoperability
  - Budget justification and readiness
5. **Legislative Approval** – County Legislature maintains final decision-making authority.

## **VII. Submission Instructions**

1. **Review Eligibility and Requirements** at [[www.jacksongov.org](http://www.jacksongov.org)].
2. **Prepare Narrative Proposal** (max 5 pages) addressing:
  - Problem statement and goals
  - Technical approach
  - Partners or collaborations
  - Budget and timeline
  - Maintenance and sustainability plan
3. **Submit Online** via County's Procurement Portal by 5:00 p.m., September 30, 2025.
4. **Required Attachments:**
  - Budget spreadsheet
  - Letters of support (if regional)
  - Vendor quotes
  - Map or visuals (optional)