

Grant Program Summary
FFY2009 Interoperable Emergency Communications
Grant Program (IECGP)

Washington State Emergency Management Division
Homeland Security Section

Available Funding – Nationally: \$ 48,575,000
WA State Allocation: \$ 1,185,623 (\$996,731 in FFY08)
Performance Period: 24 months
State Application Deadline: January 13, 2009

Eligibility: Local, regional, tribal jurisdictions and state agencies.

Purpose: Provides funding for governance, planning, training and exercise, and equipment to carry out initiatives to improve interoperable emergency communications.

Key differences from FFY2008:

- Equipment purchases are allowable if the following priorities have been met:
 - Leadership and governance and common operational planning and protocols;
 - Emergency responder skills and capabilities development through training and exercise.
- 25% cost share, cash/in-kind requirement for equipment purchases only.

Grant specific requirements:

- Activities must be integral to interoperable emergency communications and must be aligned with the goals, objectives and initiatives identified in the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
- NIMS compliant.

Application process and timeline:

- November 12, 2008 – Grant announcement released statewide
- December 10, 2008 – Applications due to WA EMD by 5:00 p.m.
 - Submission to: hls.reporting@emd.wa.gov
- December 18, 2008 – SIEC members review and prioritize applications
- December 19, 2008 – Applications returned to EMD for compilation of statewide application
- January 13, 2009 – Submission of state application to FEMA/DHS

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