WEBINAR

2027 Transition to 911 and Next Generation 911 (NG911)

Overview of application-based funding intake

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



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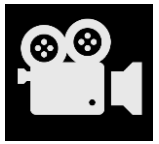
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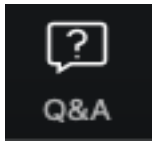
AGENDA

1. Housekeeping
2. Background and intent
3. 2027 Application-based funding
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   - Eligibility
   - Categories and grant maximums
4. Eligible Activities under Category 1 and Category 2
5. Contact information and questions

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BACKGROUND & INTENT



BACKGROUND

Funding announced in February 2023:

- $60 million to UBCM
  - More than $36 million was allocated to eligible recipients, including all local governments and Treaty First Nations in BC under the 2023 allocation-based funding.
  - The 2025 and 2026 intakes were application-based.
  - Approximately $7.5 million is now available for the 2027 Transition to 911 and Next Generation 911 application-based funding.
- Administered by UBCM on behalf of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

INTENT

The primary intent of the 2027 intake:

- Support the establishment of three-digit 911 dialing services in communities in BC where appropriate connectivity exists and where the community currently relies on ten-digit emergency numbers.
- In addition, if funding is available, to support local preparedness for the implementation of NG911 and to provide funding to eligible applicants to support the transition and operational readiness of existing 911 services to NG911, in compliance with the CRTC Mandate.

2027 APPLICATION-BASED FUNDING



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Intake opened September 14, 2026 and closes November 13, 2026.
- Application process:
  - Starts with LGPS Online Application Tool (Step 1)
  - Submission of Application Worksheet and required attachments (Step 2)
- Adjudication process:
  - Intake is expected to be competitive
  - Applicants will be advised of the status of their application within 90 days of the application deadline

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Eligible applicants limited to:
  - Local governments (municipalities and regional districts).
  - First Nations in BC.
  - Modern Treaty First Nations with treaties that are in effect.
  - Indigenous National Governments with the authority for lands and resources in BC.
  - Legally incorporated society-run fire departments that are in good standing and Improvement Districts that operate a fire protection service (Category 2 only).

GRANT MAXIMUMS

- Category 1: up to $250,000
- Category 2: up to $45,000
- Regional Projects:
  - Funding requests from two or more eligible applicants for regional projects may be submitted as a single application for eligible, collaborative projects.
  - The maximum funding available would be based on the number of eligible applicants included in the application.
  - It is expected that regional projects will demonstrate cost-efficiencies in the total grant request.



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Category 1 activities: Refer to Table 1 in Program Guide.
- Category 2 activities: Refer to Table 2 in Program Guide.
- Must be new or a subsequent phase of a project, and clearly distinct from any activities funded under any of the previous intakes for this funding stream (including allocation-based intake from 2023).
- Applicants may only apply under ONE category of funding.

CATEGORY 1

Category 1: *To qualify for funding, proposed activities must support the establishment of three-digit 911 dialing services in communities in BC where appropriate connectivity exists that currently rely on ten-digit emergency numbers.*

- This is the **primary intent** of the 2027 intake and funding will be prioritized to projects in this category.

Eligible activities include:

- **Public education:** Must be specific to current 911 and emergency dialing services and transition to three-digit 911 dialing services.
- **Planning for development of three-digit 911 dialing services**.
- **Legal and contract costs for development of three-digit 911 dialing services.**

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CATEGORY 1 continued

- **Mapping and GIS for development of three-digit 911 dialing services**.
- **Civic addressing and signage**: Proposed activities must be based on datasets established for NG911 and are limited to correcting deficiencies found during NG911 mapping and/or GIS assessments.
- **Fire dispatch radio connections**: Limited to the purchase and installation of fire dispatch radio connection equipment only as identified by the secondary PSAPs that will be providing fire dispatch. Documentation from the secondary PSAP of radio connection requirements will be required.
- **Capacity for eligible existing primary and secondary PSAPs that are expanding to onboard net new 911 service areas.**



CATEGORY 2

Category 2: *To qualify for funding, proposed activities must support local preparedness for the implementation of NG911 and transition and operational readiness of existing 911 services to NG911, in compliance with the CRTC Mandate.*

- This funding is for communities that have three-digit 911 dialing services.

Eligible Activities include:

- **Public education**: Must be specific to NG911, including information related to increased opportunity for better location identification, voice, real time text (RTT), and sending image/video to 911.
- **Legal and contract costs for migration to NG911 only.**
- **Mapping and GIS.**

CATEGORY 2 continued

- **Training:** for staff, local agencies, etc. including development of training materials.

- **Civic addressing and signage:** Proposed activities for addressing and signage must be based on datasets established for NG911 and are limited to correcting deficiencies found during NG911 mapping and/or GIS assessments.

- **Purchase and installation of Mobile Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) agents**: Must be installed in fire department vehicle(s) owned by the eligible applicant, provided the Mobile CAD agent is compatible with NG911-enabled capabilities.

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TIPS AND TRICKS

- **Pre-application**: UBCM program staff are available to answer questions or concerns prior to the submission of an application.
- **Application**: Table 1 and Table 2 provide a list of all the activities that are eligible for funding. Also read the section on Ineligible Activities for further information.
- A letter of support from the Band Manager, CAO, or CFO for applications from a single applicant requesting less than $50,000 in funding can now be submitted in place of a resolution.
- Regional applications and grant requests over $50,000 require formal resolutions.
- **In progress:** Interim Report Form (extensions, amendments, and progress payments).
- **Reporting:** Final Report Form will soon be available on the UBCM website. The final reporting requirements are listed in the *Program and Application Guide*.
- Program staff are always available to answer questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GeoBC has been named as Provincial GIS Data Aggregator

- Data will flow through GeoBC to Network Providers (e.g., TELUS)
- BEFORE assembling your data, contact GeoBC at GeoBCinfo@gov.bc.ca
- Focus on Site/Structure Address Point Data (SSAP)
- **NG911 GeoHub:** ng911gisdata.gov.bc.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information or questions,

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QUESTIONS

