

Improved Communications for Emergency Response (ICER)

FY2009 Request: \$4,000,000
Reference No: 45174

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Systems

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 07/01/2013

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The State has been notified by our Congressional delegation of a new interoperable emergency communications grant to states starting in SFY2009 and continuing for a minimum of five years. The intent is to provide funding that will build on the one-time Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant to ensure implementation of the state's Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The impact of this funding is directly related to the Division's Performance Measure to "Improve emergency response and recovery to disaster and terrorism prediction, threats and events."

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000		\$16,000,000
G/F Match	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000		\$4,000,000
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
20% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

New project, no prior funding history

Project Description/Justification:

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The State has been notified by our Congressional delegation of a new interoperable emergency communications grant to states starting in SFY 2009 and continuing for a minimum of five years. We are in receipt of the committee report that outlines the possible appropriation and minimum allocations to states. The intent is to provide funding that will build on the one-time Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant to ensure implementation of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and thereby improve emergency communications among states, regions, and the nation and in some instances international border communities. The impact of this funding is directly related to the Division's Performance Measure to "Improve emergency response and recovery to disaster and terrorism prediction, threats and events" and will enhance the end result of "Reduced loss of life and property and rapid recovery from terrorism and disaster events."

The Committee Report outlines \$1,600,000,000 over five years, and allocates a minimum to each state with increases for risks and threats. Alaska will likely receive \$3,200,000 per year based on historical risk and threat determinations. The ICER Grant Program will also likely require the same 20% in-kind/soft match of \$800,000 as was required in the PSIC Grant Program.

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The ICER Grant will provide for improved statewide emergency communications for which Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) program is a potential applicant. The requirement of this grant, as with the PSIC Grant, is to supplement efforts underway and not supplant programs currently funded by the State.