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States and U.S. Territories Receive \$40 Million in Grants to Improve 911 Services

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) today announced more than \$40 million in grants to help 911 call centers across the country improve the ability to locate people calling from wireless and internet connected telephones.

"Reaching a 911 operator can make the difference between life and death," U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said. "These grants will give states and territories the opportunity to improve their 911 systems, enhance safety and help save countless lives across America."

"A majority of emergency 911 calls are now coming from wireless and Internet-connected telephones," said Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. "These grants will help first responders locate where these calls are made and to ensure that help arrives quickly."

The grants, authorized by the ENHANCE 911 Act were available to all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. territories.

The funds could be used to implement advanced technologies to deliver 911 calls with automatic crash location information as well as evacuation alerts to people using wireless services, warning them of dangerous situations such as a bridge being washed out or a toxic spill.

Below is the list of grants recipients.

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Grant awards:

Alabama	\$950,000.00
American Samoa	\$200,000.00
Arizona	\$1,250,725.39
Arkansas	\$594,060.05
California	\$4,346,352.77
Colorado	\$487,500.00
Connecticut	\$792,125.65
Florida	\$2,669,728.30
Indiana	\$1,563,140.00
Iowa	\$1,333,456.30
Kansas	\$385,450.00
Kentucky	\$1,165,593.68
Maryland	\$955,680.53
Massachusetts	\$1,051,135.47
Michigan	\$1,699,999.99
Minnesota	\$1,744,926.44
Missouri	\$1,694,889.24
Montana	\$871,597.80
Nebraska	\$484,000.00
New Hampshire	\$642,948.39
New Mexico	\$888,893.68
North Dakota	\$912,722.58
Oklahoma	\$1,396,871.63
Pennsylvania	\$2,478,157.16
Puerto Rico	\$500,000.00
South Dakota	\$910,365.39
Tennessee	\$1,499,557.54
Texas	\$5,390,760.71
Virginia	\$1,000,000.00
Washington	\$1,464,362.35

(Not all states and territories applied for funding.)