



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program
ALLOWABLE COST MATRIX

Allowable costs under the PSIC Grant Program *may* include, but are not limited to, the types of activities that are checked “✓” below. Note: Some of the activities listed below would constitute allowable costs only under certain circumstances depending on how the activities resulting in the costs are described in the individual proposal. For example, recipients cannot interpret “public safety education and outreach” to apply to activities unrelated to public safety interoperable communications activities. An allowable cost activity must be (1) included in the OMB Circular A-87 and (2) related to the PSIC Grant Program.

These activities are aligned with those described in other DHS grant guidance (e.g., Homeland Security Grant Program) to provide eligible PSIC applicants with a comparison of allowable activities. For additional PSIC information, please refer to the PSIC Program Guidance and Application Kit, which is located at <http://ntia.doc.gov/psic>.

Program Activities	Allowable
Planning and Coordination Costs	
Public education and outreach	
Public safety education and outreach	✓
Develop and implement homeland security support programs and adopt ongoing DHS National Initiatives	
Develop and enhance plans and protocols	✓
Develop or conduct assessments	✓
Establish, enhance, or evaluate Citizen Corps related volunteer programs	
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contract/consultants to assist with planning activities (not for the purpose of hiring public safety personnel fulfilling traditional public safety duties) as it relates to PSIC	✓
Conferences to facilitate planning activities	✓
Materials required to conduct planning activities	✓
Travel/per diem related to planning activities	✓
Overtime and backfill costs (IAW operational Cost Guidance)	
Organizational Activities	
Overtime for information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities (up to 25 percent of the allocation)	
Reimbursement for select operational expenses associated with increased security measures at critical infrastructure sites incurred during periods of DHS-declared Code Orange	
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contractors for emergency management activities	
Hiring of contractors/consultants for participation in information/intelligence analysis and sharing groups or fusion center activities (limited to 25 percent of the allocation)	
Acquisition Costs	
Develop requirements definition and analysis	✓
Collect asset inventory	✓
Conduct technology alternatives and feasibility analyses	✓
Develop system design (e.g., engineering or site surveys)	✓



Equipment Categories¹	
Personal Protective Equipment	
Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation Equipment	
CBRNE Operational Search and Rescue Equipment	
Information Technology	✓
Cyber Security Enhancement Equipment	✓
Interoperable Communications Equipment	✓
Detection Equipment	
Decontamination Equipment	
Medical Supplies and Limited Pharmaceuticals	
Power Equipment	✓
CBRNE Reference Materials	
CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles	✓
Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment	
Physical Security Enhancement Equipment	
Inspection and Screening Systems	
Agriculture Terrorism Prevention, Response, and Mitigation Equipment	
CBRNE Response Watercraft	
CBRNE Aviation Equipment	
CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment	
Intervention Equipment	
Other Authorized Equipment	
Deployment Costs²	
Install and build-out communications system infrastructure	✓
Distribute portable and mobile equipment	✓
Develop deployment and standard operating procedures	✓
Develop fleetmap for local and statewide interoperability	✓
Conduct system acceptance testing	✓
Conduct certification and accreditation	✓
Manage interoperability assets through inventorying equipment	✓
Develop service-level agreement(s) and payment, including operations and maintenance considerations	✓
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Activities	
O&M costs of equipment such as Land Mobile Radio, service fees for cellular and satellite-enabled equipment and related communications service	✓
Personnel and fringe benefit costs, but only for new personnel (such as project manager) whose position(s) directly relates to the PSIC Investment.	✓
Utilities costs, supplies, repair and replacement costs	✓
General logistics support costs	✓
Cost of contract support to provide life-cycle operations and maintenance	✓
Salaries, benefits and overtime for existing employees, sworn officers, grant writers and other staff who do not directly contribute to the implementation of the project	
Office expenses such as phones, vehicle costs, office rental, furniture and equipment, office supplies and indirect charges	
Construction and Renovation Activities³	

¹ For additional information regarding equipment categories, please refer to the DHS Authorized Equipment List, which is located at <http://www.rkb.mipt.org>.

² Deployment is an allowable cost within the PSIC Grant Program. Deployment includes O&M, as well as construction and renovation activities.

³ NTIA National Environmental Policy Act requirements will be adhered to for all allowable PSIC construction and renovation activities.



Erect communications towers as part of an interoperable communications infrastructure construction-based project, subject to all applicable laws, regulations, and licensing requirements	✓
Construct or enhance an equipment shelter as part of an interoperable communications infrastructure construction-based project, subject to all applicable laws, regulations, and licensing requirements	✓
Retrofit a dispatch center as part of an interoperable communications infrastructure construction-based project, subject to all applicable laws, regulations, and licensing requirements	✓
Training (including Exercises) Costs⁴	
Overtime and backfill costs, including expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel, participating in interoperable communications related training and exercises as it relates to PSIC	✓
Training workshops and conferences	✓
Design, Develop, Conduct and Evaluate an Exercise	✓
Exercise planning workshop	✓
Implementation of HSEEP	
Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants	✓
Travel	✓
Supplies	✓
Tuition for higher education	
Other items	
Management & Administrative Costs	
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants to assist with the management of the respective grant program, application requirements, compliance with reporting and data collection requirements, including the development of operating plans as it relates to PSIC	✓
Development of operating plans for information collection and processing necessary to respond to NTIA/NPD data calls	
Overtime and backfill costs associated with PSIC	✓
Travel	✓
Meeting related expenses	✓
Authorized office equipment	
Recurring expenses such as those associated with cell phones and faxes during the period of performance of the grant program	
Leasing or renting of space for newly hired personnel during the period of performance of the grant program	

⁴ Training is an allowable cost within the PSIC Grant Program. Training requires that public safety agencies understand how to use the interoperable communications equipment, and that exercises and drills take place to validate the effectiveness of the communications system to ensure efficient and effective interoperable communications is in place. Based on this definition, training includes exercises as an allowable activity.