



Next Generation Warning System Grant Program

FY2023: September 30, 2023 through September 30, 2026

Application Form

CPB will announce Next Generation Warning System Grant Program (NGWSGP) award recipients beginning in the winter of 2024 through 2025 via a press release and/or email.

Applicants must attach the documents set forth in Section VI. Applications must be submitted to CPB's Grants Management System (GMS). For access to GMS, email ngws@cpb.org no later than 5:00 PM EST on September 5, 2024. Completed Applications must be submitted to CPB no later than: 5:00 PM EST on September 12, 2024.

The NGWSGP funds are limited, and the evaluation of applications will include a review by CPB. Projects provisionally selected for funding consideration will be submitted to and are contingent upon an Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review and approval by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For planning purposes this process can be lengthy and take between several weeks or several months depending on the project scope, sites involved, and other relevant factors. We expect a large number of applications and funding will not be sufficient to cover all proposed projects.

I. Applicant Facts & Eligibility

Contracting Entity Name and any Doing Business As (DBAs):

Licensee Name per Federal Communications Commission (if different):

Mailing Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Organization Website URL: _____

Organization Phone: _____

Station President/CEO Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

License Type: TV, Radio, or Joint _____

Unique Entity ID Number from Sam.gov (if applicable): _____

1. Are you an active recipient of CPB’s Community Service Grant?

Yes /No

If so, List your Grantee ID Number (The four digit assigned CSG# from CPB): _____

Only entities that meet the definition of “public broadcast entities” as defined in the [Communications Act of 1934, as amended \(47 U.S.C. §397\(11\)\)](#), are eligible to receive NGWS grant funding.

2. Do you meet this definition?

Yes /No

II. Project Impact – Priorities and Objectives

Applications will be evaluated by applying a system consistent with FEMA’s objectives and priorities in the FY23 NGWS NOFO.

NOFO Objectives

- Enhance capacity of local broadcast stations to receive, broadcast, and redistribute emergency alert messages from the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System using IPAWS Specification for Common Alerting Protocol (CAP);
- Implement upgrades to the NEXTGEN TV ATSC3 broadcast standard;
- Enhance technology infrastructure to ensure local public broadcast stations can launch new, enhanced broadcast services, that improve and expand the distribution of public alerts and warnings; and
- Expand the delivery and distribution of emergency alert messages from IPAWS to fill gaps in alert and warning delivery to people in underserved areas.

NOFO Priorities

- Advanced Technology for Public Broadcast Entities: Spending for upgrading television and radio stations: ATSC 3.0 or other NGWSGP technology for television and digital radio broadcast technology, equipment, and maintenance for capabilities that deliver emergency alert messages from IPAWS to people in underserved communities.
- Resilience-related Equipment for Public Broadcast Entities: Spending for emergency generators and related resilience equipment for stations primarily serving underserved communities.
- Training for Technology and Resilience: Spending for education and training in using NGWSGP and related technology to improve the distribution of emergency messages from IPAWS and in techniques to increase station resilience during emergencies.

3. How does your requested project meet the objectives and priorities above? Please summarize the project and its impact on the objectives and priorities.

III. Prioritization Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by applying a system consistent with FEMA's NGWS NOFO objectives and priorities:

Priority 1: Stations serving Tribal, rural, and/or underserved communities

Priority 2: Small stations and/or those that are a unique public media broadcaster in their coverage area

Priority 3: Other television and radio stations

4. In the space below, please write a narrative explaining each priority category your station serves, and how.

Within the above priority categories, Applications will be further evaluated for by the following:

- Age of equipment to be replaced
- Improved public safety service to be offered
- Dedicated project management resources/support available to the station
- Geographic area special risk factors (e.g., hurricane, tornado, wildfire, and predominant languages as a barrier)
- Partnerships with local/regional/state emergency management officials
- Lack of broadband in the broadcasting coverage area
- Lack of cellphone coverage in the broadcasting coverage area
- Does the broadcaster currently (or after completing the project) provide alerting and broadcasting in languages other than English? Or would support alerts to individuals in the Access and functional needs community?

5. In the space below, please write a narrative explaining each factor your station meets, and how.

IV. Scope of Work - Technical Application and Cost Proposal

6. Total Funds Requested: _____

7. Please detail your project scope and equipment requested to be installed or replaced. Highlight why you are requesting the items and the scale of the project.

8. Check all boxes below that apply to the project you are requesting:

- HD Radio Transition, Update or Expansion
- NextGen TV Transition, Update or Expansion
- Air chain Resiliency Update or Expansion
- New Broadcasting Coverage Area Expansion
- Generator/Power supply or back up power infrastructure
- New or Replacement of Broadcasting Tower
- Training On Advanced Broadcast Technologies or Emergency alerting
- Equipment that would expand alerting accessibility or language(s)
- Other _____

9. If you need support to determine the scope of your project or you need implementation support, would you like to be considered for technical assistance with scope development of your project and evaluation of your air chain (pending funding availability)?

Yes /No

If yes, you are required to elaborate below:

10. NGWS Equipment Form: Is it complete? Yes /No

11. Informational Quote(s): Attached? Yes

Applications must include a complete Informational Quote(s) for each item requested which may be provided by vendor, cut sheets from the internet, serves quotes or other similar documents. These quotes are for informational purposes only and are not part of project procurement.

Label the Informational Quotes with the Item number associated reference on the Equipment Form

12. Coverage Map: Attached? Yes

13. Do you have site control of the equipment installation location(s) for at least the next five years?

Yes /No

Please explain the ownership arrangement for each site, for example: long term lease, shared tower, ownership:

14. What is the primary language you currently use to broadcast alerts? Do you currently send alerts in other languages? If so, identify which languages. Will you be able to submit alerts in other languages after completing the purposed project?

Current primary alerting language: _____

Additional alerting languages: _____

New language(s) for broadcasting alerts after implementing the proposed project:

15. Will the project replace any covered* telecommunications equipment?

Yes /No

Please elaborate: _____

* Covered Equipment includes telecommunications equipment manufactured by or with components from a federal restricted list of companies or their subsidiaries. See Section 889 of the [John McCain Act](#) which includes but is not limited to the Federal Communications Commission [covered list](#) of manufactures.

16. Please elaborate on your plan to implement the project and address the following, projects must be completed by September 30, 2026:

- What is the timeline and major milestones for implementing the project? For example, procurement, installation, testing and project management?
- *REMINDER: Grant funds cannot be used to cover the cost of staff positions.*

17. Describe your existing relationship(s) with IPAWS alerting authorities and any other relationships with emergency alerting networks in your community.

V. Grant Compliance and Requirements

The NGWSGP will include grants management and procurement compliance through Federal Uniform Guidance, FEMA regulations, and prohibitions on the purchase of certain telecommunications equipment through the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act.

18. What are your organization’s procurement guidelines and are they compliant with your state and federal guidelines? If your organization’s procurement guidelines are not consistent with guidelines for procurements with federal grant funds, would your organization’s policy prevent you from complying with federal requirements? *If your organization does not have procurement guidelines, you may adopt CPB’s guidelines found here: [Procurement Guidelines](#)*

Please elaborate:

19. Have you submitted current financials and risk assessment documents to CPB as an active Community Service Grant (CSG) recipient?

Yes /No

If “No,” please attach the following risk assessment documents with your Application packet:

- Audited financials for FY22, FY23
- Audited current capital equipment inventory.
- Current full time staff list and board members
- Organization Chart
- Incorporation as a nonprofit entity with IRS
- Current proof of insurance (as applicable)

VI. Application Documents Requirements Checklist

All application materials below should be submitted as 2 files:

- Attachment 1: A compiled PDF file, including the following:
 - a. This application form
 - b. Proof of pricing of all items listed on the equipment form (informational quotes, pricing cutsheets, etc.) Label the items with the item numbers from the equipment form.
 - c. A coverage map
- Attachment 2: Equipment form in Excel, with completed line-item budget and site location details
- *Risk assessment documents (if CPB does not have current CSG documents)*
 - *Audited financials for FY22, FY23*
 - *Audited current capital equipment inventory.*
 - *Current full time staff list and board members*
 - *Organizational chart*
 - *Incorporation as a nonprofit entity with IRS*
 - *Current proof of insurance (as applicable)*

VII. Applicant Signature

By signing this application, I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____