



Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project

Who is eligible for this grant?

EMS providers with patient transport vehicles and hospitals in Iowa's ISICS Region 1 – Boone County, Carroll County, Calhoun County, Dallas County, Greene County, Grundy County, Hamilton County, Hardin County, Jasper County, Marshall County, Polk County, Poweshiek County, Story County, Tama County, Warren County, Webster County.

Why is only Region 1 part of this project?

The grant award amount of \$1.8 million and the timeline of 2 years were both factors that limited the scope of the project. Any future grant opportunities or funds that become available will be actively pursued to further this project for regions 2-6.

What resources are provided by the iMED grant?

\$1.8 million dollars was awarded to the ISICSB to improve rural emergency medical communications. Motorola provided the lowest bid for the mobile radios (P25 TDMA) that will be installed in patient transport vehicles in Region 1 to include installation and programming fees. This grant also includes 3 years of licensing for the WAVE PTT application in all hospitals in Region 1 of Iowa.

- 1 - Motorola dual head APX8500 + installation per patient transport vehicle
- 2 – WAVE application licenses per hospital
- 2 – WAVE console licenses per hospital

Our Region 1 hospital wants more WAVE licenses than are being offered?

There may be pathways for a hospital to purchase more WAVE applications for cellular devices, tablets, or the desktop consoles on their own. There are capacity limitations however and these situations still need to be determined based on need and interest. Please reach out to SWIC Haley Nichols for more information at Nichols@dps.state.ia.us or 515-201-7478.

I am not in Region 1, how can I benefit from this project?

Interoperable communications statewide is the goal of this project, in conjunction with the physical resources allocated in Region 1, ISICSB and Health and Human Resources as well as other Emergency Services stakeholders are working to create policy and standard for this project that benefit all in public safety and public service. The State Emergency Medical Communications Plan is being updated to include procedures current with statewide interoperability standards and encrypted talkgroups are being created for emergency medical communications. See ISICSB Standard 1.5.5. Once adopted these talkgroups are available for programming. Additionally, there may be pathways for hospitals to purchase their own WAVE licenses and operate PTT over LTE outside of Region 1 if capacity concerns are taken into account.

How can I continue to be informed?

Sign up [here](#) to be placed on a mailing list for newsletters, updates, training information and other grant related information sharing purposes. More information can be found on the ISICSB website.

How do I receive grant resources?

Outreach efforts have been ongoing, if your agency has not heard from our grant team please reach out to SWIC Haley Nichols for more information at Nichols@dps.state.ia.us or 515-201-7478.

