Funding & Grant Planning Overview for EMAP Projects

A planning aid for government, nonprofit, public-safety, and funding discussions.

Purpose

A planning aid for organizations considering how an EMAP project could be described, budgeted, evaluated, and sustained in a grant or government-funding discussion. This is not a grant-eligibility determination.

Start with the problem - not the product

Strong funding discussions generally begin with a documented operational or public-safety need. Describe the current process, the organizations involved, where information or communication breaks down, and what measurable improvement the project is intended to support.

- What problem is the organization trying to solve?
- Who is affected by the current process?
- Which organizations must coordinate?
- What evidence or operational experience shows the need?
- What outcomes would demonstrate improvement?

Project narrative building blocks

- Need statement - the current accountability, communication, documentation, or coordination gap.
- Project approach - how a connected, role-based workflow would be evaluated or implemented.
- Participating organizations - the agencies and partners responsible for the work.
- Target scope - jurisdiction, program, workflow, population, or operational unit included.
- Implementation activities - planning, configuration, authorized-user setup, orientation, pilot/launch, review, and closeout.
- Evaluation - measures tied to the organization's stated objectives.
- Sustainability - how the organization expects to support the workflow after initial funding.

Budget-planning categories

- Software licensing or subscription costs, when applicable
- Implementation and configuration services, when applicable
- Project management and stakeholder coordination
- Approved training/orientation or change-management activities
- Devices, connectivity, or local technology costs outside EMAP, if required by the organization
- Evaluation, reporting, or administrative costs permitted by the funding source
- Ongoing operating and sustainability costs

Potential funding themes to investigate

Depending on the funding source and the applicant's eligibility, an EMAP-related project may be relevant to broader themes such as public-safety technology, justice-system modernization, court improvement, victim-safety initiatives, corrections or community-supervision coordination, jail/reentry coordination, local-government modernization, data/documentation improvement, or interagency collaboration.

- These are planning themes only - not statements that EMAP or a particular applicant qualifies for a specific grant.
- Eligibility, allowable costs, match requirements, deadlines, procurement rules, reporting requirements, and award decisions are controlled by the funding authority.

Information to gather before pursuing funding

- Applicant organization and legal eligibility for the specific funding source
- Project owner and executive sponsor
- Participating agencies/partners and their roles
- Problem statement and supporting data
- Proposed scope and timeline
- Expected users and operational environment
- Budget assumptions and sustainability plan
- Required procurement, legal, privacy, security, records, or policy review
- Evaluation measures and reporting responsibilities

What ComplyWise can provide during a qualified discussion

- Current EMAP product description and public-safe supporting materials
- Organization-specific demonstration or pilot-scope discussion
- Current pricing or budget information appropriate to the proposed scope
- Implementation assumptions and project-planning information
- Reasonable product/vendor documentation requested for an active procurement or funding discussion

Funding Notice

Funding programs, eligibility requirements, and application rules change. Applicants should verify all requirements using the current official funding notice, solicitation, agency guidance, and applicable procurement requirements. ComplyWise Technologies does not guarantee funding eligibility, award, or approval for EMAP or any proposed project.