

Shiawassee County

Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation of Services Plan-Previous Filer

As of February 1, 2014

Shiawassee County has for many years collaborated and consolidated our efforts. We have a long history of both collaborating with outside agencies and consolidating services internally.

In fulfillment of the State Treasury Requirements, below is an update on the February 1, 2013 Proposal:

Proposal February 1, 2013 (from prior year): **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan submitted February 1, 2013**

Letters of intent to participate in a Hazard Mitigation Plan have been entered into with 24 jurisdictions in Shiawassee County. Shiawassee County has been awarded a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Federal grant award of \$137,260 on December 17, 2012. Of this amount \$34,290 will be local contributions.

A primary objective is to increase the capability of the Hazard Mitigation Plan by increasing the use of digital maps in hazard identification, assessing vulnerability, mitigation of impact and event response.

Information at the local level support broader goals and objectives of the state of Michigan plan to promote accurate and accessible information for state and local planning purposes.

In this regard, we will collaborate with local units while digitizing maps. Local Units will also formally adopt the plan.

Cost Savings to the Primary Government: Federal Grant award
County savings:
\$102,870

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Four area municipalities will/may contribute services to the County in our efforts to digitize maps:

City of Owosso, Shiawassee County Drainage District, City of Durand and Caledonia Township

**Estimated County savings:
\$15,000**

Timeline: The period will begin in 2013 and extends to September 30, 2015.

Update of Prior Year Proposal

Status February 1, 2014:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan submitted February 1, 2013

The Hazard Mitigation Plan & Mapping Project commenced in October of 2013 following retention of a professional service provider. The service provider has performed an inventory of existing hard copy maps on file with the County and has started the process of inventorying and assessing the availability of hard copy and digital maps in other communities anticipated to participate in the development of a revised Hazard Mitigation Plan. Digitizing of maps has begun in rural communities where it was known that no hard copies and digital mapping is available.

At this point in the project, no significant barriers have been apparent. Additional information may be forthcoming.

The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2015. Next steps include developing a working group from participating communities, establishing public and community review process, inventorying hazards and mitigation efforts in the project area, and developing the Plan structure.

Future Endeavors (2 new proposals with an estimate of potential savings and timeline):

1. Dog License Lookup Capability:

Currently officials must wait until the County's normal business hours to retrieve pet ownership information in the event of licensed animals roaming the area. The County intends other area municipalities to have the ability to retrieve pet ownership information via vehicle computer during and outside of business hours. All area law enforcement officers would have this available in their cars 24/7.

Savings would be in the officer's ability to resolve strays' ownership immediately. The needless sheltering of animals would be avoided as well as the costs of County Animal Control transport (where applicable) and costs of area personnel.

During business hours, the County Treasurer's personnel time devoted to strays would be reduced.

Cost Savings to the Primary Government:

Amount recognized as savings for the County is vehicle costs and the sheltering costs of animals. Personnel time devoted to strays would also be reduced.

Area municipalities will have the ability to bypass requesting information from the County. The lookup capability will be available to all municipal governments in the County.

County annual savings: \$1,000

Timeline: We plan to have this project implemented by the summer of 2014.

2. Data Fiber Collaboration with Private Company:

In late 2008, we built data fiber between a Shiawassee 911 tower site and a Michigan State Police radio tower. We use an interconnect with Shiawassee Regional Educational Service District data fiber to get from the Sheriff's Office to that fiber.

Daystarr Communications, a private company, is interested in adding fiber for their business needs. Shiawassee County plans to collaborate with Daystarr.

Daystarr will take ownership of the "sheath" and the existing pole attachments for the entire run, and accept responsibility for all routine maintenance on that full run, while we would retain ownership of the actual strands of fiber in that sheath - allowing us free use as we see fit for our operations.

In addition, there is approximately \$500 in pending "make ready" work, changes to the location of cables or other facilities on the poles, for which we are currently liable, and about \$500 in estimated costs to label our pole attachments in compliance with current rules, costs (mostly paid to Consumers) which we will end up incurring if we do not enter into this agreement. Daystarr will complete, or pay for, all of this work as a part of the agreement, and is also offering to bring our downtown Corunna pole attachments into labeling compliance (another \$400-500) without any change of ownership there.

Another fiber run is almost exclusively 911, and they have paid the annual "pole rental" fee to Consumers (about \$80), thus far. Daystarr would also assume these ongoing costs under this agreement. County personnel have reviewed the 911 implications and support entering into this agreement.

The agreement between Shiawassee County and Daystarr Communications has been approved by the County Board of Commissioners in November 2013.

Cost Savings to the Primary Government:

The County incurs no costs arising out of this agreement, retains full rights of use of the existing data fiber, and Daystarr will absorb between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in near term costs, for which we would be liable if we do not proceed, as well as approximately \$100 in known annual costs currently being paid by the County. Our only major expense would be the cost of a repair on a segment of this fiber used exclusively by the County – An exposure we already have.

Timeline: The contract has been approved. Daystarr is in the process of taking ownership.

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