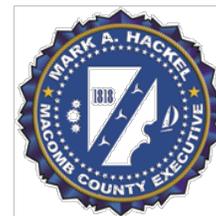


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# News

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### **Macomb County receives \$1.5 million for operations center**

Today Macomb County learned that the Michigan Department of Treasury has decided to grant over \$1.5 million of Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) funding to be used toward the creation of an \$11 million state-of-the-art operations and communications center that is the first of its kind in Michigan.

"Collaboration isn't just a buzz word in Macomb County -- it's action. The level of funding received is an indication by the governor that Macomb County actions are relentless and positive," said Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel. "I'd like to thank Governor Rick Snyder and Treasurer Andy Dillon for making this possible. I'd also like to thank our Macomb Legislative Caucus, local communities and county department heads who assembled this project and made it possible."

On August 1, 2012 the County unveiled its plans for the center which will combine communication between several Macomb County departments such as the Sheriff's Office dispatch, the Roads Department Traffic Operations Center, the Information Technology Data Center and the Emergency Management & Communications Department. Plans for the center also include consolidation and shared services with other local municipalities. The County has long recognized the economic, operational and enhanced service benefits that such collaborative efforts provide.

The \$1.5 million award is for equipment and technology for the Sheriff's Office dispatch located within the Operations Center, to accommodate the expansion and consolidation of E 9-1-1 dispatch services with other local jurisdictions that are interested in partnering with the County.

Macomb County's award was the second highest award amount provided under this round of funding from the Department of Treasury. The total amount of all 32 awards provided under this program is more than \$10.5 million. Hackel said because many County departments are connected to each other on a daily basis, the center will provide a location that is operable 24/7 and has the ability to monitor, manage, prevent, protect and respond throughout the County.

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## Center Highlights

The new Macomb County operations and communications center will be located at the current site of the Department of Roads building. It will be over 25,000 square feet, accommodate over 70 current staff and allow for future growth of the center. Renovations related to the creation of the center include:

- A 20-by-40-foot video wall that will be accessible to the Roads Department, Sheriff's dispatch and Emergency Management.
- Eight traffic monitoring positions
- Twenty-four dispatch positions
- A fully-functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and data center
- Emergency generator power
- Computer lab/training room facility
- Shared communications and technologies (radio, voice, data, video)
- Shared shipping and receiving
- Shared conference rooms

It is projected that the center will cost about \$11 million, with secured funding coming from a variety of sources:

- The County will be covering \$4.34 million -- \$3.57 million will come from capital improvements and \$770,500 will come from the Sheriff's Office.
- Michigan Department of Transportation, \$3.98 million
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), \$1 million
- Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, \$250,000
- Homeland Security, \$725,000
- Economic Vitality Incentive Program, \$2 million