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Glendive Police Dept.	No	No	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No contact: Kimberly Burdick
Teton County 911	No	Yes	funding and point of contact & learning about the system	Yes	Not yet, but willing to have that discussion	Can probably contribute in some way. Possibly 911 funding?	Unknown at this point	Thank you for reaching out to us on this matter. I've asked quite a number of people who have gotten on to the system but no one has really given any specific information as to how to accomplish this task. contact: Kimberly Burdick
Glacier County	No	Yes	Funding, Procurement, maintenance	Yes	Not yet	Unknown at this point	2 base radio stations-\$250,000 unknown on other costs	Would the statewide system be compatible with our current 911 CallWorks system; ADSi CAD; non-emergency phones; private entity EMS; volunteer fire; DES; etc would other agencies not on the statewide network be able to scan for possible agency assists, ie Border Patrol? Tribal? Jody Hickey 406.873.3652
Gallatin County	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	ARPA funding to use for the statewide system will not meet our needs	N/A	N/A	Contact: Tim Martindale 406.582.2085 Tim.martindale@gallatin.mt.gov  We will be moving away from the state t his summer when our countywide radio system is brought online and are unable to contribute to the buildout of the system. The resources we have or had has already been put towards our countywide radio system.
Ravalli County Sheriff's Office	No	Would like to use it in the future as one part of the overall radio System	Cost of radios. In addition, fire, ems and police would also need to invest in radios	Yes	County comm's told them ARPA can't be used for radio equip.	Allow the state of use facilities for equip.	Approx. \$500,000	Contact: Lt. Zae Hudson 406.375.4020 <a href="mailto:zhudson@rc.mt.gov">zhudson@rc.mt.gov</a>
Ravalli County Sheriff's Office #2	No	Yes	Lack of site and tower infrastructure and budget to purchase compatible portable and mobile radios	Yes, a needs assessment has been done.	Discussion, but no decisions or budget authority has been granted at this time.	Existing and-new tower sites and associated equipment are planned. We also have locations identified.	See comment	We have a capital improvement budget to work towards purchasing new mobile and portable radios, and a grant to replace consoles in the communications center that will be compatible. Contact: Steve Holton, Sheriff 406.375.4001 <a href="mailto:sholton@rc.mt.gov">sholton@rc.mt.gov</a>
Ravalli County	No	Yes, only if it is cost effective	Mobile and handheld radios	Have done one	No	Ravalli County would assist, where	we have estimated the cost to be	Greg Chilcott <a href="mailto:gchilcott@rc.mt.gov">gchilcott@rc.mt.gov</a> jburrows@rc.mt.gov

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			would all have to be replaced			possible, with tower site(s), and willing to repurpose upgraded equipment to agencies in need.	approximately \$500,000 to upgrade handheld and mobile radios within the Sheriff's Office to meet the required specifications of the statewide system.	<p><a href="mailto:dhuls@rc.mt.gov">dhuls@rc.mt.gov</a></p> <p>406.375.6500</p> <p>The county has been funding capital reserves dedicated to replacing, upgrading and maintaining communications equipment.</p> <p>What consideration has been made for other emergency service providers such as municipal police departments, fire departments &amp; EMS?</p>
Cascade County	City-Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(referred to Jeff Newton)	N/A	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Karen Young 406.455.8555 406.564.2584 <a href="mailto:kyoung@greatfallsmt.net">kyoung@greatfallsmt.net</a></p>
Cascade County Sheriff #2	No	No	We would have to purchase new mobile and portable radios and we would also have to build out our repeater sites as we would not have proper coverage.	See Comments	See comments	See comments	This will not occur so we have not solicited estimates	<p>Cascade County already owns two of these sites and we pay for the heating and cooling of the buildings and upkeep of the buildings, towers and fences. This will be the only contribution we will give. We spend our funds to maintain our current radio system that functions better than the statewide system.</p> <p>Yes, we have done an Assessment and No we will not go to a statewide system and we do not want Mr. Feldman to discuss this issue with us.</p> <p>We have discussed the statewide radio system with our Commissioners and the Public Works Radio Department. We are all in agreement that we will not participate with this program as we already have a well-functioning radio system that we own.</p> <p>Captain Scott Van Dyken 406.454.6833 <a href="mailto:svandyken@cascaedcountymt.gov">svandyken@cascaedcountymt.gov</a></p>
Cascade County #3	No	no	See comments	Yes, We know what the	no	We currently own and support two towers of the existing	More than is reasonable to spend.	<p>Contact: Joe Briggs <a href="mailto:jbriggs@cascaedcountymt.gov">jbriggs@cascaedcountymt.gov</a> 406.454.6810</p>

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	system unusable for Cascade County			requirements would be and they are well outside of funding capability		system for the benefit of the HP, GFFD and GFFR. We have no need of any additional cost for equipment that we do not use.		Lack of coverage due to the use of digital signal processing. The cost of building adequate tower coverage, the increased costs of having to utilize HVAC systems at tower sites, the lack of commercial power availability to service the required tower sites. We currently utilize a analog system that require far fewer repeater sites to cover the county and the sites that we use are far more primitive than those required for the digital system. They require no HVAC , no back haul microwave connection and are solar powered where commercial power is not available. The digital system is not cost effective for us. Our focus is to be able to communicate with our deputies, DES, volunteer fire departments and public works departments. The interface needed between our deputies and the city police can be handled by the dispatch consoles. We do not have a requirement to have all our deputies to be able to radio deputies in other counties on the other side of the state.
Butte-Silver Bow	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Repurpose radio equip. tower site	yes	Contact: Dave McPherson 406.497.1126 <a href="mailto:jmcperson@bsb.mt.gov">jmcperson@bsb.mt.gov</a>
Bigfork Fire	Yes, for Some calls	Yes	Use of talkgroups (see survey for more info) No coverage on Hwy 83 south of Swan Lake	Have only done an inter-nal (see survey for more detail)	No we have not, we are currently participating in a Flathead County wide AFG grant for new radio equipment.	Has technical abilities with programming willing to help  Also willing to be a testing ground	Consider purchase of 25 portable radios and 12 mobile radios and one base station radio Bigfork Fire is estimating costs to be around \$160,000 to update equipment	The Public Safety Radio Council should make information more user friendly to obtain. Without the background I have in radio systems and the understanding of them Bigfork would never have been able to participate in the system in the way we are right now. I look at systems like the Wyoming WyoLink who has a website that anyone looking to be a user can go to and get information. They have a form to fill out for participation, system maps, system FAQs and lists of the proper equipment accepted for system use all readily available for any agency looking to become a user. Montana has nothing readily available. If a potential user is looking for information something should be available without them having to dig deep to find the information to participate. A website with system information as mentioned above as well as future build out plans should become a priority to educate potential users in a welcoming way.  I think having demos of the system available would be a big selling point, in Bigfork we owned the equipment already it just had not been utilized in the past. We conducted a small demo prior to rolling out a department wide partial system use, the big selling point for use to move forward

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Stillwater County Sheriff	No	No	Lack of funding	Never had an assmt done.	No	May allow state equip. to be housed in existing repeater locations	Over \$250k just for Sheriff	Contact: Sheriff Charles "Chip" Kem 406.322.5326 <a href="mailto:ckem@scsomt.org">ckem@scsomt.org</a>
Sweet Grass County Sheriff	No	Not in the near future	Funding	No formal Have talked with county comm	No	See comments	U/K Would have to obtain all new equip	I see a very small benefit in isolated cases where a state wide system would be used.  Will continue to allow users of trunking system to place equipment in existing tower sites. Identify new site if funding is available to develop site and install hardware and building. Contact: Alan S. Ronneberg 406.932.5143 <a href="mailto:shsheriff@itstriangle.com">shsheriff@itstriangle.com</a>
Broad-water County Sheriff	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	no	Our old radio system was outdated and removed by DOJ when they upgraded the consoles and the tower.	N/A	Sheriff Wynn M. Meehan 406.266.9265 <a href="mailto:wmeehan@co.broadwater.mt.us">wmeehan@co.broadwater.mt.us</a>
Fallon County Sheriff	No	Not at this time	Equipment Maintenance Compatibility with local radio system	Yes	Yes, not an option in Fallon County at this time	Will allow state to use tower sites  911 money is used for local 911 dispatch updates hardware/software and maint	Unknown at this time. Will know more after Mr. Feldman and Motorola walk-through.	Obviously our concerns are what is the cost/benefit and how will it affect our current system and any reoccurring costs such as "tariffs"?  Contact: Sheriff Trenton Harbaugh 406.778.2879 <a href="mailto:Trenton.harbaugh@leo.gov">Trenton.harbaugh@leo.gov</a>
Richland County Sheriff	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Already have	N/A	Contact: Richland County Sheriff John K. Dynneson 406.433.2919 <a href="mailto:John.dynneson@richland.org">John.dynneson@richland.org</a>

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Lewis and Clark County Sheriff	Yes	N/A	Cost of subscriber radios	No. We work together on a regular basis	No	Yes, we contribute thru a Mill Levy that the taxpayers of Lewis and Clark County approved, because they see the importance of public safety communications.	About \$7,000 per subscriber radio for Law Enforcement, and \$4000-\$6,000 for non-encrypted radios with multi band (700/800Mhz/VHF) capabilities.	<p>We manage the “statewide” radio system. Charlie Gilmore, employed by the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office has been the system administrator for over 11 years, and continues to provide assistance to other agencies onboarding to the system.</p> <p>We contribute to the buildout by providing Charlie Gilmore’s expertise and support to any agencies that wish to join. He also takes care of the “master sites” in Helena and Billings, the RF and console sites within Lewis and Clark county, and also provides technical assistance relating to the radio system outside of our borders. We have also purchased site infrastructure on our own or thru DHS grants to expand and improve coverage and reliability inside Lewis and Clark County. This helps both the county and other agencies that may operate within our borders.</p> <p>Also, the appropriation isn’t a contribution directly from DOJ, it was a legislative appropriation that just happens to be managed by DOJ. A better way to phrase it would be that the taxpayers of Montana contribute 3.7 Million for “maintenance” of the system, and ironically that maintenance still needs to be done in areas that do not employ local technicians to do the work. MHP/DOJ doesn’t have the manpower or technical expertise to complete this on their own.</p> <p>This is a collaborative response by Charlie Gilmore and Leo Dutton. As stated, we will stress that this system is a grass roots system, because of distrust of what happened in the early 80’s. MHP asked for help in building a statewide radio system, the sheriffs of the state supported it and even promoted it. When it came time to use it, the Montana Highway Patrol declared they were the only ones who could use it. It’s been that way ever since.</p> <p>Concept Demonstration Project Number One was Lewis and Clark County. Then Governor Judy Martz signed on to an ICE grant from the feds. We had one year to build a 10-million-dollar project. Public Safety Services Bureau (PSSB) help considerable by paying for a project manager from Northrup/Grumman, Mark Adams. The project was completed on time. IMPD was created with disastrous effects. They failed to maintain the system and had the wrong leadership. Counties stepped up so 60 million dollars’ worth of equipment did not go to waste. The SIGB was created, and another board tried to emerge. I’ll give Tom Butler some credit here, he secured funding, as we had created a state agency who could receive it. He obtained 3.7 million dollars for 10 years for maintenance. The money we need now is</p>

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								for build out. The system works, we use it, we have many partners who use it. Charlie Gilmore and I both contributed to this survey.  Contact: Leo C. Dutton 406.447.8204 ldutton@lccounty
Hill County Sheriff	Yes	N/A	N/A	They visit sites on a regular basis	No	See comment	N/A	Hill County manages two sites and has purchased hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment through grants. We have paid for system maintenance and maintenance contracts out of pocket for many years. Hill County regularly provides manpower to the project and troubleshoots issues.  Contact: Jamie Ross 406.265.2512 <a href="mailto:jross@hill.onmicrosoft.com">jross@hill.onmicrosoft.com</a>
Powell County Sheriff	No	Not in the near future	Cost of building three green sites, radio replacement for 200 responders and 10 agencies	Would have further Discussions	Discussed but not feasible	Provide a tower and maint	\$3.9 mil for green site  \$350k for only LE equipment	Contact:  Sheriff Gavin Roselles 406.846.2711 <a href="mailto:gavinr@pcsomt.org">gavinr@pcsomt.org</a>
Beaver-head Co.	Yes but not trunking	Yes	Maintenance  Using system without trunking  Cost	Have not had one, would be interested	Would consider using ARPA funds if available	Tower sites  Other sources may be available, what is needed?	Unknown	Contact: Mike McGinley <a href="mailto:mmcginley@beaverheadcounty.org">mmcginley@beaverheadcounty.org</a> 406.683.3750
Beaverhead County #2	No. (see comment #1)	No (see comment #2)	Money and oversight. (see comment #3)	No, do not see the benefit of 800 MHz trunking radio equipment. (see comment #3)	Need to see benefit. Feels their situation is better addressed with traditional technology. Would welcome funding for upgrades and maintenance.	See comment #5  We have used Homeland Security and 911 Grant Funding for some radio and site funding. But most funding comes from the 911	No idea of cost or benefit. (See comment #6)	Contact: Tracy Sawyer <a href="mailto:tsawyer@beaverheadcounty.org">tsawyer@beaverheadcounty.org</a> 406.683.3757, 406.925.2212 1. Microwave was never operated or powered on so landowner had KONA removed. Microwave redundant loop in Southwest Montana does not exist anymore  2. A definition of a statewide radio system has not been provided, but we feel trunking will not work in Beaverhead County with the vast territory and mountainous terrain. We feel traditional LMR is the best solution. The IM microwave links between repeaters would be beneficial to

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						quarterly distribution		<p>connect repeater stations with IP functionality. But to date the microwave links have never been powered on.</p> <p>3. The IM sites were put in place in 2008, handed over to the county, and then the State disappeared. It takes a significant amount of money and time to maintain these facilities. And we were given no clear rules of how we could manage. 13 years later and with changeover, no oversight exists that provides information on the IM program. We have lost the landowner lease at the KONA site in the Centennial Valley and this facility has been removed.</p> <p>4. Beaverhead County needs to see how this would benefit us with out unique situation, large county, sparsely populated, mountainous terrain. We would like to see a definition of statewide radio system.</p> <p>5. Beaverhead County has not received any funding for maintenance of the statewide radio system (IM sites). We would welcome input. But again, we are different than most other counties in Montana. We have successfully completed projects in the last 4 years to better cover out county with traditional technology. We would welcome input on new technology, coverage studies, and maintenance items required to keep us current.</p> <p>6. Our approach has been to bolster our traditional LMR technology of which we have done a good job in the last few years. The IM microwave link between some of our repeaters might be a good option to enable an IP connection between repeaters. But again, to our knowledge, this microwave link has never been operated since installed in 2008.</p> <p>Beaverhead County has not seen a formal definition of the statewide radio system and would like to see the plans and benefits of adopting this technology - County has received limited information on this proposed system and would like to see the benefit of adopting a statewide approach. However, we feel that a 800MHz trunking solution for our county would not be the technology of choice and counteracts the gains we have made in the last few years. We would like to improve our current LMR technology and would welcome input on how we could. We would like to connect our repeater stations to the IM microwave link (which has never been powered) so we could benefit from</p>

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								IP connections between base stations. Funding for new equipment and better coverage is always welcome.
Big Horn County	No	Yes Plans to utilize the statewide radio system while maintaining its own system as well.	Our biggest obstacle is funding. With the rapid progression of communications technology, it is difficult to keep up with the needed maintenance supplies for that specific piece of equipment. Another obstacle would be training the users to use the equipment.	Have done site visit. (see comment #1)	Yes, if available	Repurposing old radio equipment and location for a new tower site.  No other funding sources	Around \$200K has been spent so far on mobile and handheld devices, new quantar equipment, and installation. We still need dispatch consoles that are estimated at \$300K.	Contact: Brian Mischel 406.665.9700 406.665.1731  We are currently updating our mobile devices to be able to work with the trunking system as well as equipment in out repeater towers  We have also been looking at a tower outside of the state in Wyoming. Since the Big Horn Mountains overlook most of the county there has been efforts to try and utilize one of the existing towers on the Big Horn Mountains that are located in the state of Wyoming.
Blaine County	Yes for the BCSO, no other responders are using	There is no formal plan to move to the statewide system. The SO plans to pass down their radio equipment that is compatible with the system	Sustainability and feasibility. The upkeep of the system and equipment is probably not feasible to a small rural jurisdiction.	See comment #1.	No, The county currently has a large list of projects and not enough ARPA funds to finish them all. We could add it to our list, but it may not make the cut to get any funds.	Currently Blaine County Sheriffs office is willing to repurpose its old radio equipment to other Blaine County agencies to become users of the system.  The county budgets have been tight for a few years. We only see them continuing to remain tight. Blaine County	Unknown	Contact: Frank Depriest <a href="mailto:fdepriest@blainecounty-mt.gov">fdepriest@blainecounty-mt.gov</a> 406.357.3250  1. An assessment has not been completed. It would be valuable for future planning and something we could put into our capital improvement plan.  A site visit to get us some additional information on the system and help us start the planning of what we may need to get all responders onto the system would be appreciated. There needs to be some additional education and information shared about the system at all levels of government and with agencies that may use the system.

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						would need to rely on outside funding sources to purchase communication equipment that is compatible with the system.		
Butte-Silver Bow	yes	n/a	none	n/a	Yes, if available	Having already joined the statewide system we'd be glad to field questions to help others by letting them know how our process went.	See comment	Contact: Cindy Shaw <a href="mailto:cshaw@bsb.mt.gov">cshaw@bsb.mt.gov</a> 406.490.1118  We've already purchased equipment. The mobile and portable radios cost approximately \$1M and the infrastructure equipment approximately \$360K.
Broadwater County	yes							Contact: Darrel Folkvord <a href="mailto:dfolkvord@co.broadwater.mt.us">dfolkvord@co.broadwater.mt.us</a> 406.266.9272
Carbon County	No	No, not at this time due to the implementation of a new system after prevailing after years of litigation	county wide coverage has been historically poor	Have not. Would be interested Believe some visit has been done	No, we have new equip.	no	\$400,000 roughly for implementation of the most recent update	Bill Bullock <a href="mailto:Commissioners@co.carbon.mt.us">Commissioners@co.carbon.mt.us</a> 406.446.1595  we have just implemented a new simulcast system challenges and short-comings with this system  On its face it seems far more affordable in the long run to tie on to the state system. After just having gone through our recent upgrade, it makes more sense to defray that cost on a maintained system at a state level. There are a lot of moving parts though. How are service issues going to be addressed, whether equipment, response, dispatching, info regarding CJIN and all of the usual dispatch stuff, how/whom addresses and resolves these?

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Custer County	no	No This decision will be influenced by the cost to the county.	See comments	Have not. Would be interested	no	Based on history of the state starting and not completing this system, why would counties give away scarce assets to a project counties have not identified state wide as being necessary?	unknown	Contact: Jason Strouf <a href="mailto:j_strouf@co.custer.mt.us">j_strouf@co.custer.mt.us</a> 406.874.3352  The history behind this project has created a distrust regarding costs to counties and even the viability of this system. Some information suggests that if the system is completed there could be unintended issues that negatively effect how the system functions. Apparently South Dakota has a similar system and it does not function as intended.
Flathead County	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Flathead County would be interested in working with the State on cost-sharing, when appropriate. One example: any sites Flathead County funds and adds to the system (to the benefit of all) should be included under the Statewide system's existing maintenance/service agreement with Motorola. It seems to only benefit the vendor to piecemeal that out.	We are already using the Statewide system. Flathead County citizens have paid millions of dollars to build, improve, and maintain our County's part of the Statewide System for years. So far, only our Law Enforcement agencies and 1 Fire/EMS agency is on the trunking system. We would like to shift more Fire/EMS users to the Statewide system but would need more local system	Contact Liz Brooks <a href="mailto:ebrooks@flathead911.mt.gov">ebrooks@flathead911.mt.gov</a>  As an early and longtime supporter of the Statewide system, Flathead County would appreciate more consideration from DOJ/MHP to get on the list for system improvements, to include 800mhz sites.  While the amount of quarterly distributions vary year to year, historically our quarterly distributions have made up approximately 20% (+ or -) of our entire budget. Hearing that they are not considering diverting these funds is reassuring for now. It is important to remember that these funds should not be the State's to determine the use of. They are paid by our citizens with the belief that these fees will fund 911-specific projects and maintenance. The State's role in these funds (prior to last year's HB693) has been to function as a central depository and distributor to entities hosting primary PSAPS, aka those that answer the 911 calls and determine the best way to handle them. A couple reasons why it would seem vigilance on this matter is appropriate: 1-We have already seen a significant multi-year redirection of 911 funds to the State Library for GIS work. This is coming out of the PSAP quarterly distributions.

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								<p>improvements for full buy-in.</p> <p>2-The language in 2021's HB693 states that use of funds 911 funds for the radio system comes out PRIOR to funds being distributed to the grant program and the PSAP quarterly distributions. Section 11. Section 10-4-304, MCA, is amended to read: "10-4-304. Establishment of 9-1-1 accounts. (1) Beginning July 1, 2018, there is established in the state special revenue fund an account for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant to 10-4-201. (2) Funds in the account are statutorily appropriated to the department, as provided in 17-7-502. Except as provided in subsection (3), beginning July 1, 2018, funds that are not used for the administration of this chapter by the department OR USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, if allowable, are allocated as follows: (a) 75% of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution to local and tribal government entities that host public safety answering points in accordance with 10-4-305 and with rules adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108; and (b) 25% of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution in the form of grants to private telecommunications providers, local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points, or both in accordance with 10-4-306. In Flathead County, local taxpayers have been contributing to and improving on the Statewide system for many years. Our efforts have benefitted not only our local responders but also other Counties and Federal/State partners. While we understand that MHP may want to prioritize expansion and coverage in areas that will benefit Highway Patrol, there are still many areas in the Flathead where that standard would apply and benefit local, state and federal response agencies. Increasingly high trafficked areas such as Marion, Olney, Bigfork, the North/Middlefork, as well as other areas, come to mind. In the Flathead, it may look like we don't need much improvement due to the number of sites we have put in within our borders over the years. However, our geography requires more in order to see the same coverage saturation an area with fewer mountains may</p>

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								<p>have, even if they have fewer sites.</p> <p>We are growing rapidly and see millions of visitors every year, but we should still be viewed as a rural county. The bulk of our population still lives outside of city limits and in areas with poorer trunked radio coverage. Those are the areas we still need help with</p> <p>We applaud the efforts of DOJ/MHP, Feldman, and his team to make the improvements they have thus far, especially over such a short time period. It was an enormous and overdue task. State leadership has made significant progress on this issue.</p> <p>We look forward to enthusiastically supporting the Statewide System as Flathead County public safety radio improvements receive consideration and continue to be made in the future.</p>
Garfield County	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	No. The county uses the funds we have for the operation of the south eastern MT dispatch			Contact: Jerry Collins <a href="mailto:jcollins@garfieldco.us">jcollins@garfieldco.us</a> 406.749.4235
Golden Valley County	no	no	funding	Yes, interested	Yes, would explore option	Golden Valley County could contribute radio equipment existing tower locations or new tower locations or ARPA funds other than the Type A funds.	The County does not know. Golden Valley County uses the 911 system dispatch center in Wheatland County. Golden Valley County does not have its own system or dispatch center. Our 911 funds are directed to the Wheatland County dispatch center.	Dean Blomquist <a href="mailto:deanblomquist@goldenvalleymt.org">deanblomquist@goldenvalleymt.org</a> 406.861.5201

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Granite County	no	no	n/a	No	No	No		Our County Commission discussed this survey during an open meeting on February 1, 2022. After discussing this at length, it is not something our County would like to be a part of, or sees as advantageous to our current operation. Billie Ann Kulaski 406.859.7023 <a href="mailto:commissioner@co.granite.mt.us">commissioner@co.granite.mt.us</a>
Hill County	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes, as long as it is additional ARPA funds and not the ones they have now	Can assist with all of the above		I have reached out to our County Planner, Sheriff, and members of the 911 board. Waiting to hear their response. Jake Strissel <a href="mailto:strissel@hillcounty.us">strissel@hillcounty.us</a> 406.265.5481
Lake County	No	no	Cost. Subscriber units, small RFD's and EMS do not Have the funding, law enforcement included.		No, Supporting the equipment once purchased is cost-prohibitive.	as the interoperable radio system in 2000, there was a tremendous amount of money spent and promises made, the system was never completed. There are huge concerns that we will be in the same position in the future.		It is not that we are not preparing for the future, our new consoled in our dispatch center, will facilitate being able to work with the state system down the road. Steve Stanley <a href="mailto:lakecommissioners@lakemt.gov">lakecommissioners@lakemt.gov</a> 406.883.7204  It would be nice if this was a "from the bottom up" project rather than "from the top down"

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Liberty County	No	No	Unaffordable	Have in the past, nothing recent	Our money is all allocated at this point	Currently have a radio site	Minimum \$100k to upgrade and maintain	Joette Woods <a href="mailto:com@libertycountymt.gov">com@libertycountymt.gov</a> 406.759.5365
Lincoln County	Yes, it would be advantageous to expand the system	n/a	Expertise and fiscal	It would be helpful to have a discussion on upgrades needed to cover the whole County	possibly if we have not exhausted the funds	The County has continued to add tower sites, and one is planned for next year, knowing what is required at the new sites with advanced technologies would help	We just updated much of our system last year at a cost of \$900,000.00	Jerry Bennett <a href="mailto:jbennett@libby.org">jbennett@libby.org</a> 406.283.2319
McCone County	No	No	We have a very limited budget. At some point in the future we expect that the county will need to cover additional maintenance costs. We will work to keep our system up to date, but are not looking to join the state systems at this point.	yes	yes	We can look at any request to add equipment to our radio towers.	unk	Alan Stempel <a href="mailto:mcconeco@midrivers.com">mcconeco@midrivers.com</a> 406.485.3500  We are not looking top join the state system at this time. We would need to see the benefit to joining the system.
Mineral County	No	Unsure	Finances	Yes  We are have very mountainous terrain and not certain the proposed statewide system would	Possibly	Possibly ARPA funds and a radio tower.	I don't know . Would have to ask sheriff	Roman Zylawy <a href="mailto:Rzylawy@gmail.com">Rzylawy@gmail.com</a>  406.822.3557  Really hope that a big investment like this is not soon rendered obsolete with technology and new satellite communications.

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				improve things				
Missoula County	no	No They statewide system would reduce coverage and not provide the same level of flexibility currently in use in Missoula County	State system lacks the ability to provide coverage needed in Missoula County - trunked radio does not provide features needed in a state like Montana or in Missoula County. The state system lacks controls to allow for needed local flexibility.	Have had one, does not need one	no	n/a	12.2 million dollars or more	Chris Lounsbury CAO on Behalf of BCC clounsbury@missoulacounty.us <a href="mailto:bcc@missoulacounty.us">bcc@missoulacounty.us</a>  406-258-3293
Petroleum County	yes	no	We currently use a tower located approximately 20 miles outside County and do not have a tower in the County with the hardware for the statewide system. This is what we need to have better coverage in our County. We have a tower site that we have a 100 year lease on from Verizon Wireless that would cover our entire County if it had the hardware installed for the statewide comm. system.	n/a	yes	We have tower site possibilities and are more than willing to assist with helping to facilitate the use of our current leased tower site or construction of a new site if that was more desirable. We could also assist with in kind construction cost such as heavy equipment for site prep ect. What we don't have is money.	We currently are on the system but need a tower site in our County. Last I checked the estimated cost to put the equipment in our current tower site was anywhere from \$150,000 to \$300,000.	William Cassell Sheriff/County Manager <a href="mailto:bcassell@petroleumcountymt.org">bcassell@petroleumcountymt.org</a>  406.429.6551  We use 911 funds to pay for our dispatching service through the Central MT Dispatch Center located in Lewistown MT. We do not have any of these funds that we could use for any upgrade or member fees for the statewide comm. system.
Pondera County	Yes, just about ready to fire up	yes	Getting some of the software approved.	n/a	n/a	They are using our existing towers for Pondera and parts of	The Radio portion of the Project was Approx. \$150,000. We	Dale Seifert <a href="mailto:pococo@3rivers.net">pococo@3rivers.net</a>  406.271.4010

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						surrounding counties.	did replace our Dispatch counsel at the same time.	
Prairie County	no	no at this time we are barely able to keep up with our present costs	We find the extra cost associated with upgrading radios, etc is beyond our means	Have discussed not in great detail, have discussed the costs involved in upgrading equipment  Does not need site visits	Yes, we haven't explored this avenue as it was not a choice for the ARPA funds	At this time we have no extra money to put towards this project, maybe at a later date?	upgrading of all radios----- +/- \$50 to \$75,000 maybe more. Towers? not certain of costs, I am sure more than reprogramming----- I do not know all that would detail.	Christine W. Keltner CWK-----keltner@midrivers.com DB-----rittax@midrivers.com TD-----mtdevlin@gmail.com  CWK-----406-486-5690 DB-----406-853-0702 TD-----406-852-0019  We would need more information to project our involvement and further costs .
Rosebud County	no	no	none	no	no	We would share tower sites for the system but have no need or desire to join the system	We have our own system	Doug Martens <a href="mailto:rcc@rosebudcountymt.com">rcc@rosebudcountymt.com</a>  406.346.2251
Sheridan County	no	no	Poor coverage by the statewide network and the equipment is expensive.	no	no	If possible, contribute tower locations and repurpose old radios, if able to be reprogrammed.  There are grant programs available for radio equipment.	Roughly \$500,000.	Chris Westergard <a href="mailto:cwestergard@co.sheridan.mt.us">cwestergard@co.sheridan.mt.us</a> <a href="mailto:jshackelford@co.sheridan.mt.us">jshackelford@co.sheridan.mt.us</a> <a href="mailto:jbolstad@co.sheridan.mt.us">jbolstad@co.sheridan.mt.us</a>  406.765.3445  Communications equipment is very expensive and the statewide system has poor coverage in the county.
Treasure County	Treasure County uses Rosebud							Ruth Baker <a href="mailto:grandmabaker@hotmail.com">grandmabaker@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:baue@rangeweb.net">baue@rangeweb.net</a>

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	County dispatch.							406.342.5547
Roosevelt County	No, The system is ready but the code plugs were never installed.	Yes	none	n/a	yes	All of the above  Our state 911 fund as long as the expenditure is eligible.	We just purchased 3 radios and 2 hand held at a cost of 37,096.74. So I am going to estimate total cost to upgrade all our radios around \$111,000.00.	Gary Macdonald <a href="mailto:Commissioner@rooseveltcounty.org">Commissioner@rooseveltcounty.org</a>  406.653.6247
Sanders County	no	Yes. Researching but undecided	Ownership. Who runs it. What happens when money runs out?	no	No, funds committed elsewhere	Provide locations for towers  Some 911 funds	No idea. A lot	Tony Cox  <a href="mailto:Tcox@co.sanders.mt.us">Tcox@co.sanders.mt.us</a> <a href="mailto:Gmagera@co.sanders.mt.us">Gmagera@co.sanders.mt.us</a>  827-6966 office 274-4379 Tony 212-8895 Glen
Sweet Grass	yes							James Moody  <a href="mailto:sgcommish@itstriangle.com">sgcommish@itstriangle.com</a>  406.932.5152
Teton County	no	no	none	no	no	none	none	Joe Dellwo <a href="mailto:jdellwo@tetoncountymt.gov">jdellwo@tetoncountymt.gov</a>  406.466.2151
Valley County	yes							Mary Armstrong <a href="mailto:vccomm@valleycountymt.gov">vccomm@valleycountymt.gov</a> 406.228.6219