

MURS Radio Grant Program

MURS radios will be available at a reduced price of \$30 to CERTs wishing to support their communities by establishing a radio communications network.

—*CERTs will train people buying the radios in proper radio use and technique.* There are several videos on our website, [SantaCruzCounty CERT.org](https://www.santacruzcounty.org/cert) covering basic and advanced MURS use.

—*Have periodic scheduled radio practice and check-ins with those with radios.* Best to avoid weekends and schedule on weekdays when people are more available. For example, check-in on every Thursday at 6:30 or every Monday on the odd months at 7PM. This may be a quick check-in lasting 5 minutes or longer, making sure that those with radios are OK and are available in the event of an emergency or disaster.

CERTSs will provide:

- Area of the radio network
- Number of radios needed
- Plan for training and check-ins

The Grant Manager is Mary Edmund and all radios will be bought through her with notification by email or phone (certauxiliary@gmail.com, 831-247-9982). Radio pick-up will be arranged at that time. Payment may be by cash or check made out to the CERT Auxiliary.

This is a reimbursable grant —we buy the radios up front and are reimbursed at a later date —so radios purchased will be in lots of 50. Initially there may be a limit on the number which may be purchased at one time. This is to assure having some radios for all CERTs interested in the program.

A \$20 rebate will be available to CERTs who purchased radios after August 21, 2024 for more than \$30 at the first time they buy grant radios from Mary.

Those CERTs already in an *active* established radio communication network may buy additional radios for group members for \$30. An established network consists of 5 or more households.

All radios bought for individual use or by non-CERTs will be \$50.