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MEMORANDUM FOR: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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All Urban Area Security Initiative Points of Contact
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Notices of Funding Opportunity

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the Department of Homeland Security, announced the availability of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Notices of Funding Opportunity. This bulletin provides details on the available FY 2015 preparedness grant programs. The Notices of Funding Opportunity released today represent \$1,267,000,000 in available FY 2015 federal assistance and are available online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> and at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Notices of Funding Opportunity are available for the following programs:

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)
- Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrak (IPR) Program
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
- Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

In response to feedback from our stakeholders, the period of performance for these programs has been increased to thirty-six (36) months for FY 2015 awards. This change does not apply to grants made in FY 2014 or earlier. This change also does not apply to the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) or the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs.

The FY 2015 EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity was released on March 25, 2015, for \$350,100,000 in available funding.

The FY 2015 Preparedness Grants play an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities. Core capabilities are essential for the execution of each of the five mission areas outlined in the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal): Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

Detailed guidance and application instructions for all grant programs are available at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. When applicants apply through <http://www.grants.gov>, applicants must submit the Standard Form 424 in the initial Grants.gov application. The FEMA Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system will retrieve the Standard Form 424 directly from the Grants.gov system and will automatically populate the relevant data fields in the ND Grants application. To allow sufficient time for FEMA to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, **recipients are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov by no later than ten days prior to the end of the application period** for all programs. Upon the completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application is eligible to proceed further and will notify the applicant to complete their submission by fulfilling additional application requirements (e.g., Budget, Investment Justification, Work Plan, etc.) no later than **May 19, 2015** for all programs. Completed final applications for all grant programs must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EDT, May 19, 2015**.

The application must be complete and only final submissions made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

Additional questions may be directed to a FEMA Headquarters Program Analyst (PA) or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at askcsid@dhs.gov or (800) 368-6498.

A summary of eligible applicants and deadlines is listed in Appendix A. Specific allocations for programs marked with an asterisk (*) are listed in Appendix B.

FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

The HSGP is one tool among a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The HSGP is comprised of three related grant programs:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).* In FY 2015, the SHSP provides \$402,000,000 to support building and sustaining core capabilities. Capability targets are established during the State, Urban Area, and regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR) to inform planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).* In FY 2015, the UASI program provides \$587,000,000 to address the unique risk-driven and capabilities-based needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas. Based on the capability targets identified during the THIRA process and associated assessment efforts, the UASI program funds assist recipients in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Per sec. 2006 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Pub. L. No. 107–296), as amended (6 U.S.C. § 607), FEMA is required to ensure that at least 25 percent (25%) of grant funding appropriated for HSGP and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program are used for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities (LETPA). FEMA meets this requirement, in part, by requiring all SHSP and UASI recipients to ensure that at least 25 percent (25%) of the combined HSGP funds allocated under SHSP and UASI are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, as defined in 6 U.S.C. § 607, linked to one or more core capabilities within the Goal. The National Prevention Framework describes those activities that should be executed upon the discovery of intelligence or information regarding an imminent threat to the homeland, in order to thwart an initial or follow on terrorist attack, and provides guidance to ensure the Nation is prepared to prevent, avoid, or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism. Activities outlined in the *National Prevention Framework* are eligible for use of LETPA-focused funds. In addition, where capabilities are shared with the protection mission area, the *National Protection Framework* activities are also eligible. Other terrorism prevention activities proposed for funding under LETPA must be approved by the FEMA Administrator. The LETPA allocation can be from SHSP, UASI, or both. This requirement does not include award funds from Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). The LETPA minimum allocations for SHSP and UASI by jurisdiction are located in the FY 2015 Notice of Funding Opportunity. The LEPTA allocation is in addition to the requirement that States obligate at least 80 percent (80%) of the funds awarded under SHSP and UASI to local or Tribal units of government within 45 days of receipt of the funds.

Operation Stonegarden. In FY 2015, OPSG provides \$55,000,000 to support enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders, to include travel corridors in States bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as States and territories with international water borders.

FY 2015 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

In FY 2015, the THSGP provides up to \$10,000,000 to directly eligible tribes to support the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities to enable Tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

FY 2015 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

In FY 2015, the NSGP provides \$13,000,000 in funding support for hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible Urban Areas. The program seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The NSGP also serves to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

FY 2015 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)

In FY 2015, the IBSGP provides \$3,000,000 to owners and operators of intercity bus systems located within one of the specific UASI-eligible Urban Areas, to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

FY 2015 Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrak (IPR) Program

In FY 2015, the IPR Program provides \$10,000,000 to the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.

FY 2015 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

In FY 2015, the PSGP provides \$100,000,000 to directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. PSGP is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the Nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. FY 2015 PSGP funds are intended to improve port-wide maritime security risk management; enhance maritime domain awareness; support maritime security training and exercises; and to maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-identified vulnerabilities in port security and support the prevention, protection, response, and recovery from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IED) and other non-conventional weapons.

FY 2015 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

In FY 2015, the TSGP provides \$87,000,000 to support transportation infrastructure security activities. TSGP is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the Nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. TSGP provides funds to eligible publicly owned operators of public transportation (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, ferries, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

Appendix A

Table 1. Eligible Applicants and Deadlines

Program		Eligible Applicants	Application Deadline	Action on Applications
HSGP	SHSP	State Administrative Agency (SAA)	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
	UASI			
	OPSG			
THSGP		Directly eligible tribes	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
NSGP		SAA on behalf of nonprofit organizations within eligible Urban Areas	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
IBSGP		Eligible owners and operators of fixed route intercity and charter bus companies that serve eligible UASI jurisdictions.	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
IPR		National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak)	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
PSGP		All entities covered by an Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP), including 145 specifically identified critical ports	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015
TSGP		Eligible transit agencies are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible UASI jurisdictions. Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2015 TSGP and receive funds	No later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015	FEMA will evaluate, act on applications, and make awards on or before September 30, 2015

Appendix B

Table 1. FY 2015 SHSP Allocations

State/Territory	FY 2015 Allocation	State/Territory	FY 2015 Allocation
Alabama	\$3,734,500	Montana	\$3,734,500
Alaska	\$3,734,500	Nebraska	\$3,734,500
American Samoa	\$854,000	Nevada	\$3,734,500
Arizona	\$4,568,000	New Hampshire	\$3,734,500
Arkansas	\$3,734,500	New Jersey	\$8,354,000
California	\$60,178,500	New Mexico	\$3,734,500
Colorado	\$3,979,000	New York	\$76,949,000
Connecticut	\$3,978,000	North Carolina	\$5,489,000
Delaware	\$3,734,500	North Dakota	\$3,734,500
District of Columbia	\$4,141,500	Northern Mariana	\$854,000
Florida	\$11,040,500	Ohio	\$7,698,000
Georgia	\$6,807,000	Oklahoma	\$3,734,500
Guam	\$854,000	Oregon	\$3,837,000
Hawaii	\$3,734,500	Pennsylvania	\$10,054,500
Idaho	\$3,734,500	Puerto Rico	\$3,734,500
Illinois	\$16,408,500	Rhode Island	\$3,734,500
Indiana	\$3,978,000	South Carolina	\$3,734,500
Iowa	\$3,734,500	South Dakota	\$3,734,500
Kansas	\$3,734,500	Tennessee	\$3,978,000
Kentucky	\$3,978,000	Texas	\$21,498,000
Louisiana	\$3,978,000	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$854,000
Maine	\$3,734,500	Utah	\$3,734,500
Maryland	\$6,153,500	Vermont	\$3,734,500
Massachusetts	\$5,645,000	Virginia	\$7,445,500
Michigan	\$6,658,000	Washington	\$6,493,000
Minnesota	\$3,978,000	West Virginia	\$3,734,500
Mississippi	\$3,734,500	Wisconsin	\$3,978,000
Missouri	\$3,978,000	Wyoming	\$3,734,500
Total			\$402,000,000

Appendix B

Table 2. FY 2015 UASI Allocations

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area	FY 2015 UASI Allocation
Arizona	Phoenix Area	\$5,500,000
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$5,500,000
	Bay Area	\$28,400,000
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$69,500,000
	Riverside Area	\$3,000,000
	San Diego Area	\$16,874,000
Colorado	Denver Area	\$3,000,000
District of Columbia	National Capital Region	\$54,000,000
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$5,500,000
	Tampa Area	\$3,000,000
Georgia	Atlanta Area	\$5,500,000
Hawaii	Honolulu Area	\$3,000,000
Illinois	Chicago Area	\$69,500,000
Maryland	Baltimore Area	\$5,500,000
Massachusetts	Boston Area	\$18,000,000
Michigan	Detroit Area	\$5,500,000
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area	\$5,500,000
Missouri	St. Louis Area	\$3,000,000
Nevada	Las Vegas Area	\$3,000,000
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$20,800,000
New York	New York City Area	\$180,926,000
North Carolina	Charlotte Area	\$3,000,000
Oregon	Portland Area	\$3,000,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area	\$18,500,000
	Pittsburgh Area	\$3,000,000
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$15,500,000
	Houston Area	\$24,000,000
Washington	Seattle Area	\$5,500,000
Total		\$587,000,000