

# **Information Bulletin**

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## **FEMA Responder Fund Program Accepting Applications**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the start of the application period for approximately \$33.7 million in equipment and equipment training awards for first responders through its 2007 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). Since its inception in fiscal year 2005, more than \$69.7 million in equipment and equipment training has been awarded through CEDAP to law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders.

Eligibility for the CEDAP is limited to law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responder organizations with specific financial and capability needs. Equipment and equipment training awards are offered in five categories: personal protective equipment; thermal imaging, night vision, and video surveillance tools; chemical and biological detection tools; information technology and risk management tools; and interoperable communications equipment.

CEDAP equipment awards are integrated with state planning processes for regional response and asset distribution. Each state's administrative agency has the opportunity to review applications submitted by first responder organizations within their state to ensure that equipment requests are consistent with their state homeland security strategy.

Prospective applicants may review the program solicitation through the Responder Knowledge Base at:

<http://www.rkb.mipt.org>

The application submission period is open via the web site from April 25 through 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 29.

CEDAP is highly competitive and designed to complement the department's other grant programs. The program strengthens regional response, mutual aid, and interoperable communications capabilities across the nation by providing local homeland security partners essential equipment and equipment training that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

For more information on CEDAP and other DHS grant programs visit:

<http://www.dhs.gov>



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