

DHS ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF APPLICATION GUIDANCE FOR OVER \$3 BILLION IN GRANT PROGRAMS

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today announced the release of application guidance for 14 federal grant programs whose collective purpose is to strengthen prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities at all levels of government. The Department uses the application guidance to set strategic priorities that support President George W. Bush's National Homeland Security Strategy and align with the Department's National Preparedness Guidelines and the recently released National Response Framework. Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 grant programs provide \$376.3 million more than last year to enhance the nation's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

"This year, we're asking applicants to prioritize preparedness planning and counter IED threats," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "We are focusing 25 percent of key program dollars on these priorities, and we're giving communities even greater clarity on how we seek to minimize our collective risk."

Since its inception, DHS has administered \$22.7 billion in federal grants to states, territories, urban areas, and transportation authorities. Changes to the FY 2008 grants program include significant improvements based on extensive outreach to state and local preparedness partners. Guidance on all 14 grant programs is being released simultaneously to allow applicants more time to plan and apply for funding, as well as more rapidly begin implementing security measures.

Additionally, as part of the recommendations of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act, the department's regional offices will have an enhanced role in administering grant programs. IPP applications are due to the department no later than March 17, 2008, and HSGP applications are due May 1, 2008.

Complete article, with links to guidance documents:

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