

2009 DHS GRANT PROGRAMS

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will award more than \$3 billion (an increase of \$24 million from FY08) in grants to states, urban areas, and transportation authorities under 14 programs to bolster national preparedness capabilities and protect critical infrastructure. The funding includes more than \$1.7 billion for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP):

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - strengthen/build preparedness capabilities.
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) - high-threat/high-density regional preparedness.
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) - regional mass casualty response/preparedness.
- Citizen Corps Program (CCP) - engage citizens in preparedness, response, and recovery.
- State Homeland Security Program Tribal (SHSP Tribal) - implement security plans/build response.
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - target-hardening activities.
- Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) - law enforcement and border security operations.

The Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) notes that priorities for FY 2009 HSGP funds include measuring progress against the National Preparedness Guidelines, strengthening preparedness planning, training and exercises, and strengthening preventive radiological/nuclear detection capabilities, and deterrence, prevention, protection, and response capabilities with respect to improvised explosive devices. Applications are due by 20 March 2009.

Application deadlines differ for infrastructure protection programs, such as port security, buffer zone, trucking, and transit, the Emergency Management Performance Grants, Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program, and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program, and are noted in the grant guidance information available at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.



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