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WASHINGTON—Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano today announced the release of FY 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcements for eight U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) preparedness grant programs totaling over \$1.5 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector in strengthening our nation's ability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in support of the National Preparedness Goal and the National Preparedness System.

"The FY 2013 homeland security grants continue the Department's efforts to build and sustain an integrated network of national capabilities to help strengthen the nation against terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other threats," said Secretary Napolitano. "The effective response to the tragic events in Boston underscores the importance of these investments in preparedness activities. This year's grant funding focuses limited resources on achieving the core capabilities outlined in the National Preparedness Goal related to prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery."

Within the requirements of the FY 2013 Appropriations Act, the FY 2013 grants guidance will continue to focus on the nation's highest risk areas, including urban areas that face the most significant threats. For the first time, Congress directed DHS to limit the number of eligible urban areas under the FY 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to 25.

Consistent with previous grant guidance, dedicated funding is provided for law enforcement and terrorism prevention activities throughout the country to prepare for and prevent and respond to pre-operational activity and other crimes that are precursors or indicators of terrorist activity.

The FY 2013 grant guidance also includes two new program priorities for state and local grantees— *Innovation and Sustained Support for the National Campaign for Preparedness* to support citizen preparedness drills and exercises, and *Improving Immediate Emergency Victim Care at Mass Casualty Events* to strengthen mass casualty planning, training, and exercises among law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service providers.

Grantees are encouraged to utilize grant funding to maintain and sustain current critical core capabilities through investments in training and exercises, updates to current planning and procedures, and lifecycle replacement of equipment. New capabilities that are built using homeland security grant funding must be deployable if needed to support regional and national efforts. All capabilities being built or sustained must have a clear linkage to the core capabilities in the National Preparedness Goal.

The FY 2013 grant guidance incorporates input from DHS' state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners, and details specific steps undertaken by DHS to improve the ability of state, local, and tribal partners to apply for and utilize grant funding.

Grants were subject to mandatory sequestration reductions, totaling \$74 million in cuts across the FY 2013 preparedness grants.

Preparedness Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013:

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)—provides more than **\$968 million** for states and urban areas to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other threats.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)—provides more than **\$354 million** to support the implementation of risk-driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets. The 9/11 Act requires states to dedicate 25 percent of SHSP funds

to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

- **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)**—provides nearly **\$559 million** to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in 25 high-threat, high-density areas. The 9/11 Act requires states to dedicate 25 percent of UASI funds to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.
- **Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**—provides **\$55 million** to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and Federal law enforcement agencies to jointly enhance security along the United States land and water borders.

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program—provides more than **\$332 million** to assist local, tribal, territorial, and state governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)—provides **\$10 million** to eligible tribal nations to implement preparedness initiatives to help strengthen the nation against risk associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)—provides **\$10 million** to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements for nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the FY 2013 UASI-eligible urban areas.

Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak (IPR) Program—provides more than **\$9 million** to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.

Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)—provides more than **\$93 million** to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)—provides more than **\$83 million** to owners and operators of transit systems to protect critical surface transportation and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program—provides more than **\$4 million** to states and local governments for costs associated with providing emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE.

All preparedness funding opportunity announcements can be found at www.grants.gov. Grant applications are due no later than June 24, 2013. Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Further information on DHS' preparedness grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

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