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DHS Announces Grant Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Preparedness Grants

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WASHINGTON—As part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's ongoing efforts to support state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, Secretary Jeh Johnson today announced final allocations for seven FY 2014 DHS preparedness grant programs, including the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), and Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). These seven allocations total more than $1.6 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector.

"Homeland security grants have demonstrated time and again that funding for preparedness capabilities ensure our nation is better equipped to respond to a range of threats, disasters and incidents," said Secretary Johnson. "By working with our partners at all levels of government to focus our limited resources, the FY 2014 homeland security grant allocations will better support our current homeland security missions, and address our ongoing preparedness efforts."

The FY 2014 preparedness grant allocations demonstrate the Department's ongoing commitment to securing our borders and ports of entry, and continue to focus on the nation's highest risk areas, including urban areas that face the most significant threats. At the direction of the Secretary, increased funding has been allocated to law enforcement agencies to support the U.S. Customs and Border Protection missions along the southwest border—enhancing security efforts in the region, and funding more southwest border counties than ever before.

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

Together, with previous grant funding awarded since 2002, DHS has awarded over $40 billion to its state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector partners. Preparedness grants strengthen our nation's ability to prevent, protect against, 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*.

Preparedness Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2014:

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)—provides more than **$1 billion** 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 **$401 million** to support the implementation of the National Preparedness System to build and strengthen preparedness capabilities at all levels.

- **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)—**provides **$587 million** to enhance regional preparedness capabilities in 39 high-threat, high-density areas.

- **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 where there are ongoing U.S. Customs and Border Protection missions.

The 9/11 Act requires states to dedicate 25 percent of their total allocation under the SHSP and UASI programs towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities (LETPA). The total LETPA allocation can be drawn from SHSP, UASI, or both.

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program—provides over **$350 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 **$13 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 39 FY 2014 UASI-eligible urban areas.

Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak (IPR) Program—provides **$10 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 **$100 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 **$90 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.

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

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