

***State Homeland Security Program
Subrecipient Agreement
Grant Year 2018***

***Between the
County of Los Angeles
and the
City of El Monte***

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND THE
CITY OF EL MONTE**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles, a political subdivision of the State of California (the "County of Los Angeles"), and the City of El Monte, a public agency (the "Subrecipient").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) through the Office of Grants and Training (G&T), has provided financial assistance for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) 97.067 – Homeland Security Grant Program directly to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the 2018 SHSP, FAIN #EMW-2018-SS-00054, Federal Award dated October 1, 2018 with a performance period of September 1, 2018 to May 31, 2021. This Federal Award is not a R&D award; and

WHEREAS, the Cal OES provides said funds to the County of Los Angeles (DUNS #052238763) as its Subgrantee, and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) is responsible for managing and overseeing the SHSP funds that are distributed to other specified jurisdictions within Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, this financial assistance is being provided to the Subrecipient in order to address the unique equipment, training, organization, exercise and planning needs of the Subrecipient, and to assist the Subrecipient in building effective prevention and protection capabilities to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles as Subgrantee has obtained approval of the 2018 SHSP grant from Cal OES in the total amount of \$10,276,869.00; and

WHEREAS, the CEO now wishes to distribute 2018 SHSP grant funds to the Subrecipient in the amount of \$70,199.00 as further detailed in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the CEO is authorized to enter into subrecipient agreements with cities providing for re-allocation and use of these funds; and to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations relative to the subrecipient agreements, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles and Subrecipient are desirous of executing this Agreement, and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors July 30, 2019 authorized the CEO to prepare and execute this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of Los Angeles and Subrecipient agree as follows:

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

§101. Parties to this Agreement

The parties to this Agreement are:

- A. County of Los Angeles, a political subdivision of the State of California, having its principal office at Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012; and
- B. City of El Monte, a public agency, having its principal office at 11333 Valley Blvd El Monte CA 91731.

§102. Representatives of the Parties and Service of Notices

- A. The representatives of the respective parties who are authorized to administer this Agreement and to whom formal notices, demands and communications must be given are as follows:
 - 1. The representative of the County of Los Angeles is, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement:

Craig Hirakawa, Grant Manager
Chief Executive Office, LAC
500 West Temple Street, Room B-79-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 974-1127
Fax: (213) 687-3765
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500 West Temple Street, Room B-79-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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2. The representative of Subrecipient is:

Name and Title:	Alma K. Martinez, City Manager
Organizational DUNS Number	092519800
Address:	11333 Valley Blvd.
City/State/Zip:	El Monte CA 91731
Phone:	(626) 580-2059
FAX:	(626) 580-2274
Email:	amartinez@elmonteca.gov

With a copy to:

Name and Title:	Michelle Solorzano Senior Project Manager
Address:	11333 Valley Blvd.
City/State/Zip:	El Monte CA 91731
Phone:	(626) 580-2278
FAX:	(626) 580-2274
Email:	msolorzano@elmonteca.gov

- B. Formal notices, demands and communications to be given hereunder by either party must be made in writing and may be effected by personal delivery, regular U.S. Postal mail service and/or e-mail. In the event of personal delivery or email, the message will be deemed communicated upon receipt by the County of Los Angeles. In the event of mail service, the message will be deemed communicated as of the date of mailing.
- C. If the name and/or title of the person designated to receive the notices, demands or communications or the address of such person is changed, written notice must be given, in accord with this section, within five (5) business days of said change.

§103. Independent Party

Subrecipient is acting hereunder as an independent party, and not as an agent or employee of the County of Los Angeles. An employee of Subrecipient is not, and will not be deemed, an employee of the County of Los Angeles by virtue of this Agreement, and Subrecipient must so inform each employee organization and each employee who is hired or retained under this Agreement. Subrecipient must not represent or otherwise hold out itself or any of its directors, officers, partners, employees, or agents to be an agent or employee of the County of Los Angeles by virtue of this Agreement.

§104. Conditions Precedent to Execution of This Agreement

Subrecipient must provide the following signed documents to the County of Los Angeles, unless otherwise exempted:

- A. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Lobbying, attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, in accordance with §411.A.14 of this Agreement. Subrecipient must also file a Disclosure Form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event requiring disclosure or which materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any Disclosure Form previously filed by Subrecipient.
- B. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions, attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof, as required by Executive Order 12549 in accordance with §411.A.12 of this Agreement.
- C. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace, attached hereto as Exhibit C and made a part hereof, in accordance with §411.A.13 of this Agreement.
- D. Certification of Grant Assurances, attached hereto as Exhibit D and made a part hereof, in accordance with §411.C of this Agreement.

SECTION II

TERM AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

§201. Performance Period

The performance period of this Agreement is from September 1, 2018 to February 28, 2021, unless the County of Los Angeles, with Cal OES approval, provides written notification to the Subrecipient that the performance period has been extended, in which case the performance period will be so extended by such written notification, as provided in §502, below.

§202. Use of Grant Funds

- A. Subrecipient and the County of Los Angeles have previously completed a mutually approved budget/expenditure plan, hereinafter "Budget," for the 2018 SHSP, which has been approved by Cal OES. This information is contained in a copy of the Final Grant Award Letter and Project Worksheet, attached hereto as Exhibit E.

Any request by Subrecipient to modify the Budget must be made in writing with the appropriate justification and submitted to CEO for approval. If during the County of Los Angeles review process, additional information or documentation is required, the Subrecipient will have ten (10) business days to comply with the request. If the Subrecipient does not comply with the request, CEO will issue written notification indicating that the requested modification will not be processed. Modifications must be approved in writing by the County of Los Angeles and Cal OES during the term of this Agreement. Upon approval, all other terms of this Agreement will remain in effect.

Subrecipient must utilize grant funds in accordance with all Federal regulations and State Guidelines.

- B. Subrecipient agrees that grant funds awarded will be used to supplement existing funds for program activities, and will not supplant (replace) non-Federal funds.
- C. Subrecipient must review the Federal Debarment Listing at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/searchRecords/search.jsf> prior to the purchase of equipment or services to ensure the intended vendor is not listed and also maintain documentation that the list was verified.
- D. Prior to the purchase of equipment or services utilizing a sole source contract or the receipt of single bid response of \$250,000.00 or more, justification must be presented to CEO, who upon review will request approval from Cal OES. Such approval in writing must be obtained prior to the commitment of funds.
- E. Subrecipient must provide any reports requested by the County of Los Angeles to the CEO indicating Subrecipient's performance under this Agreement, including progress on meeting program goals. Reports must be in the form requested by the County of Los Angeles, and must be provided by the fifteenth (15th) of the following month. Subrecipient is required to complete any survey requests requested by the County of Los Angeles. Subrecipient must also submit completed Project Claims for reimbursement immediately or a minimum on a quarterly basis, and no later than the date stated in §201, above.
- F. Subrecipient must provide an electronic copy of their Annual Single Audit Report, as required by 2 CFR Part 200, to CEO no later than March 31st (fiscal year ending June 30) or June 30th (fiscal year ending September 30) of the year following the reporting period.

- G. Subrecipient may be monitored by the County of Los Angeles on an annual basis to ensure compliance with Cal OES grant program requirements. The County of Los Angeles anticipates that said monitoring may include, at a minimum, one on-site visit during the term of this Agreement.
- H. Subrecipient must provide a Corrective Action Plan to CEO within thirty (30) days of any audit finding.
- I. Any equipment acquired pursuant to this Agreement must be authorized in the G&T Authorized Equipment List (AEL) available online at <https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list> and the Funding Guidelines of the 2018 SHSP Notice of Funding Opportunity, incorporated by reference, and attached hereto as Exhibit F. Subrecipient must provide the CEO a copy of its most current procurement guidelines and follow its own procurement requirements as long as they meet or exceed the minimum Federal requirements and any added Cal OES requirements. Federal procurement requirements for the 2018 SHSP can be found at Title 2 CFR Part 200.313.

Any equipment acquired or obtained with Grant Funds:

- 1. Will be made available under the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement in consultation with representatives of the various fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials response services, and law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction of the applicant;
 - 2. Will be consistent with needs as identified in the State Homeland Security Strategy and will be deployed in conformance with that plan;
 - 3. Will be made available pursuant to applicable terms of the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement and deployed with personnel trained in the use of such equipment in a manner consistent with the California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan or the California Fire Services and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan.
- J. Equipment acquired pursuant to this Agreement will be subject to the requirements of Title 2 CFR Part 200.313. For the purposes of this subsection, "Equipment" is defined as tangible nonexpendable property, having a useful life of more than one year which costs \$5,000.00 or more per unit. Items costing less than \$5,000.00, but acquired under the "Equipment" category of the Grant must also be listed on any required Equipment Listing.
- 1. Equipment must be used by Subrecipient in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal funds. When no longer needed for the original program or project, the Equipment may be used in other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency.

2. Subrecipient must make Equipment available for use on other like projects or programs currently or previously supported by the Federal Government, providing such use will not interfere with the work on the projects or program for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use must be given to other programs or projects supported by the awarding agency.
 3. An Equipment Listing must be maintained listing each item of Equipment acquired with SHSP funds. The Equipment Listing must be kept up to date at all times. Any changes must be recorded in the Listing within ten (10) business days and the updated Listing is to be forwarded to the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller (A-C) Shared Services Division. The Equipment Property Records must be maintained that include: (a) a description of the property, (b) a serial number or other identification number, (c) the source of property, (d) who holds title, (e) the acquisition date, (f) and cost of the property, (g) percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, (h) the location, (i) use and condition of the property, (j) and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. Records must be retained by the subrecipient pursuant to Title 2, Part 200.313 (d) (1) of the CFR.
 4. All Equipment obtained under this Agreement must have an appropriate identification decal affixed to it, and, when practical, must be affixed where it is readily visible.
 5. A physical inventory of the Equipment must be taken by the Subrecipient and the results reconciled with the Equipment Listing at least once every two years or prior to any site visit by State or Federal auditors or County of Los Angeles monitors. The Subrecipient is required to have on file a letter certifying as to the accuracy of the Equipment Listing in the frequency as above, and provide to the CEO when requested.
- K. Any Planning paid pursuant to this Agreement must conform to the guidelines as listed in 2018 SHSP, Notice of Funding Opportunity or subsequent grant year programs.
- L. Any Training paid pursuant to this Agreement must conform to the guidelines as listed in 2018 SHSP, Notice of Funding Opportunity, and must be first submitted to CEO and then pre-authorized by Cal OES. A catalog of federally approved and sponsored training courses is available at <https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/>
- M. Any Exercise paid pursuant to this Agreement must conform to the guidelines as listed in 2018 SHSP, Notice of Funding Opportunity. Detailed Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Guidance is available at <https://www.fema.gov/hseep>

- N. Subrecipient must provide to CEO a spending plan detailing the required steps and timeframes required to complete the approved projects within the grant timeframe. Subrecipient must submit the spending plan to CEO prior to final execution of the Agreement.
- O. Any Organization activities paid pursuant to this Agreement must conform to the guidelines as listed in 2018 SHSP, Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- P. Any Personnel activities paid pursuant to this Agreement must conform to the guidelines as listed in 2018 SHSP, Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Q. Pursuant to this Agreement, indirect costs are not reimbursable.

SECTION III

PAYMENT

§301. Payment of Grant Funds and Method of Payment

- A. The County of Los Angeles will reimburse Subrecipient up to the maximum grant amount of \$70,199.00 as expenditures are incurred and paid by Subrecipient and all documentation is reviewed and approved by County of Los Angeles. All expenditures must be for the purchase of equipment, exercises, training, and planning as described in Section II of this Agreement. The grant amount represents the amount allocated to Subrecipient in the 2018 SHSP Grant Award Letter from Cal OES.
- B. Subrecipient must submit reimbursement requests to the County of Los Angeles A-C Shared Services Division requesting payment as soon as a Project is completed and expenses are incurred and paid with the required supporting documentation; submission can be sent immediately or at a minimum on a quarterly basis, and no later than the date stated in §201, above. Each reimbursement request must be accompanied by the Reimbursement Form (attached hereto as Exhibit G). All appropriate back-up documentation must be attached to the reimbursement form, including the method of procurement, purchase orders, invoices, report of goods received, and proof of payment.

For Training reimbursements, Subrecipient must include a copy of the class roster verifying training attendees, proof that prior approval was obtained from Cal OES and that a Cal OES tracking number has been assigned to the course, and timesheets and payroll registers for all training attendees.

For Exercise reimbursements, Subrecipient must enter the After Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan on the State Office of Domestic Preparedness

secure portal within sixty (60) days following completion of the exercise and submit proof of prior State approval of the AAR with the reimbursement request.

For Planning reimbursements, Subrecipient must include a copy of the final tangible product as a result of the Planning Project.

- C. The County of Los Angeles may, at its discretion, reallocate unexpended grant funds to another subrecipient. Said reallocation may occur upon approval by the County of Los Angeles of a Subrecipient reimbursement submission, inquiry from the County of Los Angeles to the Subrecipient regarding fund utilization, or by written notification from the Subrecipient to the County of Los Angeles that a portion of the grant funds identified in §301.A., above, will not be utilized. As provided in §502, below, any increase or decrease in the grant amount specified in §301.A., above, may be effectuated by a written notification by the County of Los Angeles to the Subrecipient.
- D. Payment of reimbursement request will be withheld by the County of Los Angeles until the County of Los Angeles has determined that Subrecipient has turned in all supporting documentation and completed the requirements of this Agreement.
- E. It is understood that the County of Los Angeles makes no commitment to fund this Agreement beyond the terms set forth herein.
- F. 1. Funding for all periods of this Agreement is subject to continuing Federal appropriation of grant funds for this program. In the event of a loss or reduction of Federal appropriation of grant funds for this program, the Agreement may be terminated, or appropriately amended, immediately upon notice to Subrecipient of such loss or reduction of Federal grant funds.

2. County of Los Angeles will make a good-faith effort to notify Subrecipient, in writing, of such non-appropriation at the earliest time.

SECTION IV

STANDARD PROVISIONS

§401. Construction of Provisions and Titles Herein

All titles or subtitles appearing herein have been inserted for convenience and do not, and will not be deemed to, affect the meaning or construction of any of the terms or provisions hereof. The language of this Agreement will be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either party.

§402. Applicable Law, Interpretation and Enforcement

Each party's performance hereunder must comply with all applicable laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and the County of Los Angeles. This Agreement will be enforced and interpreted, as applicable, under the laws of the United States of America, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles.

If any part, term or provision of this Agreement is held void, illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law of a Federal, State or Local Government having jurisdiction over this Agreement, the validity of the remainder of the Agreement will not be affected thereby.

Applicable Federal or State requirements that are more restrictive will be followed.

§403. Integrated Agreement

This Agreement sets forth all of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and replaces any and all previous agreements or understandings, whether written or oral, relating thereto. This Agreement may be amended only as provided for herein.

§404. Breach

If any party fails to perform, in whole or in part, any promise, covenant, or agreement set forth herein, or should any representation made by it be untrue, any aggrieved party may avail itself of all rights and remedies, at law or equity, in the courts of law. Said rights and remedies are cumulative of those provided for herein except that in all events, no party may recover more than once, suffer a penalty or forfeiture, or be unjustly compensated.

§405. Prohibition Against Assignment or Delegation

Subrecipient may not do any of the following, unless it has first obtained the written permission of the County of Los Angeles:

- A. Assign or otherwise alienate any of its rights hereunder, including the right to payment; or
- B. Delegate, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any of its duties hereunder.

§406. Permits

Subrecipient and its officers, agents and employees must obtain and maintain all permits and licenses necessary for Subrecipient's performance hereunder and must pay any fees required therefor. Subrecipient further certifies that it will

immediately notify the County of Los Angeles of any suspension, termination, lapse, non-renewal or restriction of licenses, certificates, or other documents.

§407. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

Subrecipient must comply with the applicable nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions of the laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and the County of Los Angeles. In performing this Agreement, Subrecipient must not discriminate in its employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of such person's race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical handicap, mental disability, marital status, domestic partner status or medical condition. Subrecipient must comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

If required, Subrecipient must submit an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan to the Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights in accordance with guidelines listed at <https://www.justice.gov/crt>.

Any subcontract entered into by the Subrecipient relating to this Agreement, to the extent allowed hereunder, will be subject to the provisions of this §407 of this Agreement.

§408. Indemnification

Each of the parties to this Agreement is a public entity. This indemnity provision is written in contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, which impose certain tort liability jointly upon public entities, solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement, and the parties agree that this indemnity provision will apply and will be enforceable regardless of whether Section 895 et seq. is deemed to apply to this Agreement. The parties hereto, as between themselves, consistent with the authorization contained in Government Code Sections 895.4 and 895.6 agree to each assume the full liability imposed upon it or upon any of its officers, agents, or employees by law, for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this Agreement, to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Government Code Section 895.2. To achieve the above-stated purpose, each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party for any liability arising out of its own negligent acts or omissions in the performance of this Agreement (i.e., the Subrecipient agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles for liability arising out of the Subrecipient's negligent or wrongful acts or omissions and the County of Los Angeles agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Subrecipient for liability arising out of the County of Los Angeles' negligent or wrongful acts or omissions). Each party further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party for liability that is imposed on the other party solely by virtue of Government

Code Section 895.2. The provisions of Section 2778 of the California Civil Code are made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein. Subrecipient certifies that it has adequate self-insured retention of funds to meet any obligation arising from this Agreement.

§409. Conflict of Interest

A. The Subrecipient covenants that none of its directors, officers, employees, or agents may participate in selecting, or administering, any subcontract supported (in whole or in part) by Federal funds where such person is a director, officer, employee or agent of the subcontractor; or where the selection of subcontractors is or has the appearance of being motivated by a desire for personal gain for themselves or others such as family business, etc.; or where such person knows or should have known that:

1. A member of such person's immediate family, or domestic partner or organization has a financial interest in the subcontract;
2. The subcontractor is someone with whom such person has or is negotiating any prospective employment; or
3. The participation of such person would be prohibited by the California Political Reform Act, California Government Code §87100 et seq. if such person were a public officer, because such person would have a "financial or other interest" in the subcontract.

B. Definitions:

1. The term "immediate family" means domestic partner and/or those persons related by blood or marriage, such as husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, father in law, mother in law, brother in law, sister in law, son in law, daughter in law.
2. The term "financial or other interest" means:
 - a. Any direct or indirect financial interest in the specific contract, including but not limited to, a commission or fee, a share of the proceeds, prospect of a promotion or of future employment, a profit, or any other form of financial reward.
 - b. Any of the following interests in the subcontractor ownership: partnership interest or other beneficial interest of five percent or more; ownership of five percent or more of the stock; employment in a managerial capacity; or membership on the board of directors or governing body.

C. The Subrecipient further covenants that no officer, director, employee, or agent may solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from any

actual or potential subcontractor, supplier, a party to a sub agreement, (or persons who are otherwise in a position to benefit from the actions of any officer, employee, or agent).

- D. The Subrecipient may not subcontract with a former director, officer, or employee within a one year period following the termination of the relationship between said person and the Subrecipient.
- E. Prior to obtaining the County of Los Angeles' approval of any subcontract, the Subrecipient must disclose to the County of Los Angeles any relationship, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, of the Subrecipient or any of its officers, directors or employees or their immediate family with the proposed subcontractor and its officers, directors or employees.
- F. For further clarification of the meaning of any of the terms used herein, the parties agree that references are made to the guidelines, rules, and laws of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and Federal regulations regarding conflict of interest.
- G. The Subrecipient warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give to any third person any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.
- H. The Subrecipient covenants that no member, officer or employee of Subrecipient may have interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract or the proceeds thereof for work to be performed in connection with this project during his/her tenure as such employee, member or officer or for one year thereafter.
- I. The Subrecipient must incorporate the foregoing subsections of this Section into every agreement that it enters into in connection with this grant and must substitute the term "subcontractor" for the term "Subrecipient" and "sub subcontractor" for "Subcontractor".

§410. Restriction on Disclosures

Any reports, analyses, studies, drawings, information, or data generated as a result of this Agreement are to be governed by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Sec. 6250 et seq.).

§411. Statutes and Regulations Applicable To All Grant Contracts

- A. Subrecipient must comply with all applicable requirements of State, Federal, and County of Los Angeles laws, executive orders, regulations, program and administrative requirements, policies and any other requirements governing this Agreement. Subrecipient must comply with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment. Subrecipient must comply with new, amended, or revised laws,

regulations, and/or procedures that apply to the performance of this Agreement. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

1. CFR

Subrecipient must comply with Title 2 CFR Part 200.

2. Single Audit Act

Since Federal funds are used in the performance of this Agreement, Subrecipient must, as applicable, adhere to the rules and regulations of the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sec. 7501 et seq.), 2 CFR Part 200 and any administrative regulation or field memos implementing the Act.

3. Americans with Disabilities Act

Subrecipient hereby certifies that, as applicable, it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act 42, USC §§12101 et seq., and its implementing regulations. Subrecipient will provide reasonable accommodations to allow qualified individuals with disabilities to have access to and to participate in its programs, services and activities in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Subrecipient will not discriminate against persons with disabilities nor against persons due to their relationship to or association with a person with a disability. Any subcontract entered into by Subrecipient, relating to this Agreement, to the extent allowed hereunder, will be subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

4. Political and Sectarian Activity Prohibited

None of the funds, materials, property or services provided directly or indirectly under this Agreement may be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. Neither may any funds provided under this Agreement be used for any purpose designed to support or defeat any pending legislation or administrative regulation. None of the funds provided pursuant to this Agreement may be used for any sectarian purpose or to support or benefit any sectarian activity.

Subrecipient must file a Disclosure Form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event requiring disclosure or which materially affects the accuracy of any of the information contained in any Disclosure Form previously filed by Subrecipient. Subrecipient must require that the language of this Certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers and that all subcontractors certify and disclose accordingly.

5. Records Inspection

At any time during normal business hours and as often as either the County of Los Angeles, the U.S. Comptroller General or the Auditor General of the State of California may deem necessary, Subrecipient must make available for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. The County of Los Angeles, the U.S. Comptroller General and the Auditor General of the State of California have the authority to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from records, including all Subrecipient's method of procurement, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement.

Subrecipient agrees to provide any reports requested by the County of Los Angeles regarding performance of this Agreement.

6. Records Maintenance

Records, in their original form, must be maintained in accordance with requirements prescribed by the County of Los Angeles with respect to all matters specified in this Agreement. Original forms are to be maintained on file for all documents specified in this Agreement. Such records must be retained for a period five (5) years after termination of this Agreement and after final disposition of all pending matters. "Pending matters" include, but are not limited to, an audit, litigation or other actions involving records. The County of Los Angeles may, at its discretion, take possession of, retain and audit said records. Records, in their original form pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement, must at all times be retained within the County of Los Angeles unless authorization to remove them is granted in writing by the County of Los Angeles.

7. Subcontracts and Procurement

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Federal, State and County of Los Angeles standards in the award of any subcontracts. For purposes of this Agreement, subcontracts include but are not limited to purchase agreements, rental or lease agreements, third party agreements, consultant service contracts and construction subcontracts.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, ensure that the terms of this Agreement with the County of Los Angeles are incorporated into all Subcontractor agreements. The Subrecipient must submit all Subcontractor agreements to the County of Los Angeles for review prior to the release of any funds to the Subcontractor. The Subrecipient must withhold funds to any Subcontractor agency that fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and their respective Subcontractor agreement.

8. Labor

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed requirements for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System Personnel Administration (5 CFR 900, Subpart F).

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7); the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874); the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements; and the Hatch Act (5 USC §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328).

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. §201) regarding wages and hours of employment.

None of the funds may be used to promote or deter union/labor organizing activities. CA Gov't Code Sec. 16645 et seq.

9. Civil Rights

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681- 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the application; and (k) P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection

of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

10. Environmental

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646), which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205); and (i) Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 §102(a) (P.L. 93-234).

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.), which restores and maintains the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Nation's waters.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, ensure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision that are utilized in the accomplishment of this project are not listed in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal Grantor agency

of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA.

By signing this Agreement, Subrecipient warrants and represents that it will, as applicable, comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the provision of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (P.L. 97-348) dated October 19, 1982 (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) which prohibits the expenditure of most new Federal funds within the units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

11. Preservation

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

12. Suspension, Debarment, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with Title 2 CFR Part §3000, regarding Suspension and Debarment, and Subrecipient must submit a Certification Regarding Debarment, attached hereto as Exhibit B, required by Executive Order 12549 and any amendment thereto. Said Certification must be submitted to the County of Los Angeles concurrent with the execution of this Agreement and must certify that neither Subrecipient nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department head or agency. Subrecipient must require that the language of this Certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers and that all subcontractors certify accordingly.

13. Drug-Free Workplace

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 USC §701, Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part §17; the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, CA Gov't Code §§8350-8357, and Subrecipient must complete the Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, attached hereto as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by reference. Subrecipient must require that the language of this Certification be included in the

award documents for all sub-award at all tiers and that all subcontractors certify accordingly.

14. Lobbying Activities

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with 31 U.S.C.1352 and complete the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, (OMB 0038-0046), attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

15. Miscellaneous

Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended (P.L. 89-544, 7 USC §§2131 et seq.).

B. Statutes and Regulations Applicable To This Particular Grant Agreement

Subrecipient must comply with all applicable requirements of State and Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, program and administrative requirements, policies and any other requirements governing this particular grant program. Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, and/or procedures that apply to the performance of this Agreement. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

Title 2 CFR Part 200; EO 12372; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Office for Domestic Preparedness, ODP WMD Training Course Catalogue; and DOJ Office for Civil Rights.

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) requirements as stated in the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2, §8607.1(e) and CCR Title 19, §§2445-2448.

Provisions of Title 2, 6, 28, 44 CFR applicable to grants and cooperative agreements, including Part 18, Administrative Review Procedures; Part 20, Criminal Justice Information Systems; Part 22, Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information; Part 23, Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies; Part 30, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Justice Programs and Activities; Part 35, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services; Part 38, Equal Treatment of Faith-based Organizations; Part 42, Nondiscrimination/Equal Employment Opportunities Policies and Procedures; Part 61, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act; Part 63, Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Procedures; Part 64, Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Procedures; Federal laws or regulations applicable to Federal Assistance Programs; Part 69, New Restrictions on Lobbying; Part 70, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (including sub-awards) with Institutions of Higher Learning, Hospitals and other Non-Profit

Organizations; and Part 83, Government-Wide Requirements for a Drug Free Workplace (grants).

Nondiscrimination requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 USC 3789(d), or the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, or the Victims of Crime Act, as appropriate; the provisions of the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants, M7100.1, and all other applicable Federal laws, orders, circulars, or regulations.

1. Travel Expenses

Subrecipient, as provided herein, will be compensated for Subrecipient's reasonable travel expenses incurred in the performance of this Agreement, to include travel and per diem, unless otherwise expressed. Subrecipient's total travel for in-State and/or out-of-State and per diem costs must be included in the contract budget(s). All travel, including out-of-State travel, that is not included in the budget(s) will not be reimbursed without prior written authorization from the County of Los Angeles.

Subrecipient's administrative-related travel and per diem reimbursement costs will not be reimbursed. For programmatic-related travel costs, Subrecipient's reimbursement rates may not exceed the amounts established under the grant.

C. Compliance With Grant Requirements

To obtain the grant funds, the State required an authorized representative of the County of Los Angeles to sign certain promises regarding the way the grant funds would be spent. These requirements are included in the 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity and in the State's "Grant Assurances". By signing these Grant Assurances and accepting the Notice of Funding Opportunity, the County of Los Angeles became liable to the State for any funds that are used in violation of the grant requirements. The State's Grant Assurances are incorporated into this Agreement through Exhibit D. Subrecipient will be liable to the Grantor for any funds the State determines the Subrecipient used in violation of these Grant Assurances.

Pursuant to this Agreement, Subrecipient shall execute the 2018 Certification of Grant Assurances in Exhibit D, accepting and agreeing to abide by all provisions, assurances, and requirements therein. Subrecipient agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles for any sums the State or Federal government determines Subrecipient used in violation of the Grant Assurances.

To the extent Exhibit D conflicts with language or provisions contained in this Agreement, or contains more restrictive requirements under Federal and State law, Exhibit D shall control.

D. Noncompliance With Grant Requirements

Subrecipient understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances and requirements, including Exhibit D, may result in suspension, termination or reduction of grant funds, and repayment by the Subrecipient to the County of Los Angeles of any unauthorized expenditures.

§412. Federal, State and Local Taxes

Federal, State and local taxes are the responsibility of the Subrecipient as an independent party and not of the County of Los Angeles and must be paid prior to requesting reimbursement. However, these taxes are an allowable expense under the grant program.

§413. Inventions, Patents and Copyrights

A. Reporting Procedure for Inventions

If any project produces any invention or discovery ("Invention") patentable or otherwise under Title 35 of the U.S. Code, including, without limitation, processes and business methods made in the course of work under this Agreement, the Subrecipient must report the fact and disclose the Invention promptly and fully to the County of Los Angeles. The County of Los Angeles will report the fact and disclose the Invention to the State. Unless there is a prior agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the State, the State will determine whether to seek protection on the Invention. The State will determine how the rights in the Invention, including rights under any patent issued thereon, will be allocated and administered in order to protect the public interest consistent with the policy ("Policy") embodied in the Federal Acquisition Regulations System, which is based on Ch. 18 of Title 35 U.S.C. Sections 200 et seq. (Pub. L. 95-517, Pub. L. 98-620, Title 37 CFR Part 401); Presidential Memorandum on Government Patent Policy to the Heads of the Executive Departments and Agencies, dated 2/18/1983); and Executive Order 12591, 4/10/87, 52 FR 13414, Title 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 220 (as amended by Executive Order 12618, 12/22/87, 52 FR 48661, Title 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 262). Subrecipient hereby agrees to be bound by the Policy, and will contractually require its personnel to be bound by the Policy.

B. Rights to Use Inventions

As applicable, County of Los Angeles will have an unencumbered right, and a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to use, manufacture, improve upon, and allow others to do so for all government purposes, any Invention developed under this Agreement.

C. Copyright Policy

1. Unless otherwise provided by the State or the terms of this Agreement, when copyrightable material ("Material") is developed under this Agreement, the County of Los Angeles, at its discretion, may copyright the Material. If the County of Los Angeles declines to copyright the Material, the County of Los Angeles will have an unencumbered right, and a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license, to use, manufacture, improve upon, and allow others to do so for all government purposes, any Material developed under this Agreement.
2. The State will have an unencumbered right, and a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license, to use, manufacture, improve upon, and allow others to do so for all government purposes, any Material developed under this Agreement or any Copyright purchased under this Agreement.
3. Subrecipient must comply with Title 24 CFR 85.34.

D. Rights to Data

The State and the County of Los Angeles will have unlimited rights or copyright license to any data first produced or delivered under this Agreement. "Unlimited rights" means the right to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, *distribute* copies to the public, and perform and display publicly, or permit others to do so; as required by Title 48 CFR 27.401. Where the data are not first produced under this Agreement or are published copyrighted data with the notice of 17 U.S.C. Section 401 or 402, the State acquires the data under a copyright license as set forth in Title 48 CFR 27.404(f)(2) instead of unlimited rights. (Title 48 CFR 27.404(a)).

E. Obligations Binding on Subcontractors

Subrecipient must require all subcontractors to comply with the obligations of this section by incorporating the terms of this section into all subcontracts.

§414. Child Support Assignment Orders

Under the terms of this Agreement, Subrecipient must, as applicable, comply with California Family Code Section 5230 et seq.

§415. Minority, Women, And Other Business Enterprise Outreach Program

It is the policy of the County of Los Angeles to provide Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and all other business enterprises an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of all Subrecipient's contracts, including procurement, construction and personal services. This policy applies to all of the Subrecipient's contractors and sub-contractors.

§416. Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices

Subrecipient shall comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History. Subrecipient's violation of this paragraph of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County of Los Angeles may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement.

§417. Method of Payment and Required Information

The County of Los Angeles may, at its sole discretion, determine the most appropriate, efficient, secure, and timely form of payment provided under this Agreement. Subrecipient further agrees that the default form of payment shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Direct Deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the A-C.

Subrecipient shall provide the A-C with electronic banking and related information for the Subrecipient and/or any other payee that the Subrecipient designates to receive payment pursuant to this Agreement at <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov/>. Such electronic banking and related information includes, but is not limited to: bank account number and routing number, legal business name, valid taxpayer identification number or TIN, a working e-mail address capable of receiving remittance advices and other payment related correspondence, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or Direct Deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments. At any time during the duration of this Agreement, the Subrecipient may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement and must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with CEO, shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

SECTION V

DEFAULTS, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENTS

§501. Defaults

Should either party fail for any reason to comply with the contractual obligations of this Agreement within the time specified by this Agreement, the non-breaching

party reserves the right to terminate the Agreement, reserving all rights under State and Federal law.

§502. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County of Los Angeles, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to the Subrecipient specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.

§503. Amendments

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, any change in the terms of this Agreement, including changes in the services to be performed by Subrecipient, that are agreed to by the Subrecipient and the County of Los Angeles must be incorporated into this Agreement by a written amendment properly signed by persons who are authorized to bind the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease of the grant amount specified in §301.A., above, or any extension of the performance period specified in §201, above, does not require a written amendment, but may be effectuated by a written notification by the County of Los Angeles to the Subrecipient.

SECTION VI

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

§601. Complete Agreement


This Agreement contains the full and complete Agreement between the two parties. Neither verbal agreement nor conversation or other communication with any officer or employee of either party will affect or modify any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.


§602. Number of Pages and Attachments

This Agreement may be executed in two (2) duplicate originals utilizing wet and electronic signatures, each of which is deemed to be an original. This Agreement includes (25) pages and (7) Exhibits which constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Subrecipient and County of Los Angeles have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

BY  11/10/2020
FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date

BY 
CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

BY 
ARLENE BARRERA
Auditor-Controller

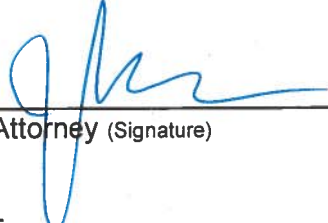
APPROVED AS TO FORM

MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

BY _____
Senior Deputy County Counsel

BY City Manager Alma K. Martinez 09.17.2020
City Representative/Title (Signature) (Print Name) Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY  Joaquin Vazquez 9/29/20
City Attorney (Signature) (Print Name) Date

ATTEST

BY  Catherine A. Gredin 09-28-20
City Clerk (Signature) (Print Name) Date

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City Clerk (Signature) (Print Name) Date

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A Certification and Disclosure Regarding Lobbying
- Exhibit B Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and
Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions
- Exhibit C Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
- Exhibit D Certification of Grant Assurances
- Exhibit E Final Grant Award Letter and Project Worksheet
- Exhibit F 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Exhibit G Reimbursement Form and Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub-awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to *Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352*. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or sub-award recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; sub-grant announcement number; the contract, subgrant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

10. (a.) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
(b.) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
12. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
13. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.
15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.
16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, D.C. 20503.

EXHIBIT A

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Approved by OMB 0348-0046

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

1. Type of Federal Action: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: Year _____ Quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: City of El Monte 11333 Valley Blvd. El Monte 91731 <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier, if known: _____ Congressional District, if known: 32		5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office 500 W. Temple St. Rm B-79-2 Los Angeles CA 90012 Congressional District, if known: 32
6. Federal Department/Agency: Department of Homeland Security		7. Federal Program Name/Description: Homeland Security Grant Program CFDA Number, if applicable: 97.067
8. Federal Action Number, if known: _____		9. Award Amount, if known: _____
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity (if individual, last name, first name, MI): (attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary) N/A		b. Individuals Performing Services (last name, first name, MI - include address if different from 10a) N/A
11. Amount of Payment (check all that apply) : <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Planned		13. Type of Payment (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> a. retainer <input type="checkbox"/> b. one-time fee <input type="checkbox"/> c. commission <input type="checkbox"/> d. contingent fee <input type="checkbox"/> e. deferred <input type="checkbox"/> f. other; specify: _____
12. Form of Payment (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> a. cash <input type="checkbox"/> b. in-kind; specify: N/A nature _____ value _____		
14. Brief Description of Services Performed or to be Performed and Date(s) of Service, including officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contacted, for Payment indicated in item 11: (attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary) N/A		
15. Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A attached: <input checked="checked" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
16. Information requested through this form is authorized by Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		Signature: <u>Anna K. Martinez</u> Name: <u>Anna K. Martinez</u> Title: <u>City Manager</u> Telephone: <u>(626) 580-2001</u> Date: <u>09.17.2020</u>
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CONCONTINUATION SHEET

Continuation of 10 a-b: additional sheets may be added if necessary

Reporting Entity:

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ MI
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ Zip
_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ MI
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ Zip
_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ MI
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_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ MI
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ Zip

Continuation of 14: (additional sheets may be added if necessary)

Brief Description of Services and Payments indicated in item 11:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this document, the prospective recipient of Federal assistance is providing the certification as set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this agreement is entered, if at any time the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds learns that its certification was erroneous, when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
5. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation on this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Procurement or Non Procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under Paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 24 CFR Part 24 Section 24.510, Participants' responsibilities.

**(READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION BEFORE
COMPLETING)**

1. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

AGREEMENT NUMBER

CITY OF EL MONTE
CONTRACTOR/BORROWER/AGENCY

ALMA K. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER
NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

 09-17-2020
SIGNATURE DATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION
STD. 21

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME:

The contractor or grant recipient named above hereby certifies compliance with *Government Code Section 8355* in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace. The above-named contractor or recipient will:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by *Government Code Section 8355(a)*.
2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by *Government Code Section 8355(b)*, to inform employees about all of the following:
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
 - (b) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace,
 - (c) Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and
 - (d) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Provide as required by *Government Code Section 8355(c)*, that every employee who works on the proposed contract or subgrant:
 - (a) Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement, and
 - (b) Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the contract or subgrant.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or Recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

ALMA K. MARTINEZ

OFFICIAL'S NAME

09-17-2020

DATE EXECUTED

LOS ANGELES

EXECUTED IN THE COUNTY OF

CONTRACTOR or RECEIPEINT SIGNATURE

CITY MANAGER

TITLE

956 000705

FEDERAL I.D. NUMBER

STATEMENT ON THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

To comply with the enactment of Senate Bill 1120, (*Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990*), which established the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, the City of El Monte
(your agency)

accordingly provides this statement of compliance.

In order to maintain funding eligibility, state agencies, along with those in receipt of grant and contractual awards, must certify that they provide drug-free workplaces and have issued drug-free workplace statements to their employees [*Section 8355(a) of the Government Code*]. Consequently, in accordance with this directive, this statement is issued to meet this requirement.

The City of El Monte (your agency), an agency within the State of California has adopted this statement in compliance with legislation which addresses issues to avoid the dangers arising from drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace. These dangers include death and injury to the employee, co-workers, or the public resulting from accidents, dereliction of duty, poor judgment and carelessness. Substance abuse also results in lost productivity, reduced efficiency, and increased absenteeism by the substance abuser and interferes with the job performance of employees who do not use illegal or unauthorized substances. [*Section 8355(b)(1)*]

California law prohibits the unlawful manufacture, dispensation, possession, or illegal use of a controlled substance. That prohibition extends to all places and includes the worksite of California state employees. [*Section 8355(a)*]

Employees convicted of a violation of criminal drug statute, when the violation occurred at an employee's worksite, shall report the conviction to the granting and monitoring State agency upon conviction. [*Section 8356(a)(1)(2)*]

In the event of the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or illegal use of a controlled substance at a State worksite, the State may take disciplinary action pursuant to the law and/or require the satisfactory completion of a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. [*Section 8355(b)(4)*]

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides drug problem assessment and referral to appropriate counseling and rehabilitation services. The EAP is available to all agency employees. Procedures exist to ensure the confidentiality of EAP records. Contact your personnel office for further information.

It is the intent of the City of El Monte (your agency) to ensure by execution of this statement of compliance that each employee shall abide by the terms of this drug-free workplace statement. [*Section 8355(c)*]



**Standard Assurances
For All Cal OES Federal Grant Programs**

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I hereby certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any non-federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application, within prescribed timelines.

I further acknowledge that the Applicant is responsible for reviewing and adhering to all requirements within the:

- (a) Applicable Federal Regulations (see below);
- (b) Federal Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- (c) California Supplement to the NOFO; and
- (d) Federal and State Grant Program Guidelines.

Federal Regulations

Government cost principles, uniform administrative requirements, and audit requirements for federal grant programs are set forth in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). Updates are issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>.

Significant state and federal grant award requirements (some of which appear in the documents listed above) are set forth below. The Applicant hereby agrees to comply with the following:

1. Proof of Authority

The Applicant will obtain written authorization from the city council, governing board, or authorized body in support of this project. This written authorization must specify that the Applicant and the city council, governing board, or authorized body agree:

- (a) To provide all matching funds required for the grant project and that any cash match will be appropriated as required;
- (b) Any liability arising out of the performance of this agreement shall be the responsibility of the Applicant and the city council, governing board, or authorized body;
- (c) Grant funds shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council, governing board, or authorized body, and
- (d) The official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so.

This Proof of Authority must be maintained on file and readily available upon request.

2. Period of Performance

The Applicant will initiate work after approval of the award and complete all work within the period of performance specified in the grant.

3. Lobbying and Political Activities

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), for persons entering into a contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement from an agency or requests or receives from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the Applicant certifies that:

- (a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

The Applicant will also comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and §§ 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Finally, the Applicant agrees that federal funds will not be used, directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy without the express written approval from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) or the federal awarding agency.

4. Debarment and Suspension

As required by Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.213 and codified in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Debarment and Suspension, the Applicant will provide protection against waste, fraud, and abuse by debarring or suspending those persons deemed irresponsible in their dealings with the federal government. The Applicant certifies that it and its principals, subgrantees, recipients or subrecipients:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

5. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

The Applicant will comply with all federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law (P.L.) 88-352 and 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et. seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin and requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services;
- (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded educational program or activity;
- (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities or access and functional needs;
- (d) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and requires buildings and structures be accessible to those with disabilities and access and functional needs (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213);
- (e) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
- (f) Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd—2), relating to confidentiality of patient records regarding substance abuse treatment;
- (g) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)— be designed and constructed with certain accessible features (See 24 C.F.R. § 100.201);

- (h) Executive Order 11246, which prohibits federal contractors and federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors, who do over \$10,000 in Government business in one year from discriminating in employment decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification or national origin;
- (i) Executive Order 11375, which bans discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, or national origin in hiring and employment in both the United States federal workforce and on the part of government contractors;
- (j) California Public Contract Code § 10295.3, which prohibits discrimination based on domestic partnerships and those in same sex marriages;
- (k) DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations, under which all applicants and recipients must comply with equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19;
- (l) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for federal assistance is being made; and
- (m) The requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

In addition to the items listed in (a) through (m), the Applicant will comply with California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). FEHA prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment because of ancestry, familial status, race, color, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, mental and physical disability, genetic information, medical condition, age, pregnancy, denial of medical and family care leave, or pregnancy disability leave (California Government Code §§12940, 12945, 12945.2), military and veteran status, and/or retaliation for protesting illegal discrimination related to one of these categories, or for reporting patient abuse in tax supported institutions.

6. Drug-Free Workplace

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), the Applicant certifies that it will maintain a drug-free workplace and a drug-free awareness program as outlined in the Act.

7. Environmental Standards

The Applicant will comply with state and federal environmental standards, which may be prescribed pursuant to the following, as applicable:

- (a) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000- 21177), to include coordination with the city or county planning agency;
- (b) CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§ 15000- 15387);
- (c) Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters;
- (d) Federal Clean Air Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. § 7401) which regulates air emissions from stationary and mobile sources;

- (e) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA; and Executive Order 12898 which focuses on the environmental and human health effects of federal actions on minority and low-income populations with the goal of achieving environmental protection for all communities;
- (f) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order 11988;
- (g) Executive Order 11514 which sets forth national environmental standards;
- (h) Executive Order 11738 instituted to assure that each federal agency empowered to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods, materials, or services and each federal agency empowered to extend federal assistance by way of grant, loan, or contract shall undertake such procurement and assistance activities in a manner that will result in effective enforcement of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Executive Order 11990 which requires preservation of wetlands;
- (i) The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, (P.L. 93-523);
- (j) The Endangered Species Act of 1973, (P.L. 93-205);
- (k) Assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.);
- (l) Conformity of Federal Actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.);
- (m) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

The Applicant shall not be: 1) in violation of any order or resolution promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution district; 2) subject to a cease and desist order pursuant to § 13301 of the California Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or 3) determined to be in violation of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

8. Audits

For subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually, the Applicant will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Subpart F Audit Requirements.

9. Access to Records

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.336, the Applicant will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the state, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award. The Applicant will require any subrecipients, contractors, successors, transferees and assignees to acknowledge and agree to comply with this provision.

10. Conflict of Interest

The Applicant will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

11. Financial Management

False Claims for Payment

The Applicant will comply with 31 U.S.C §§ 3729-3733 which sets forth that no subgrantee, recipient, or subrecipient shall submit a false claim for payment, reimbursement or advance.

12. Reporting - Accountability

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (P.L. 109-282), specifically (a) the reporting of subawards obligating \$25,000 or more in federal funds and (b) executive compensation data for first-tier subawards. This includes the provisions of FFATA, which includes requirements for executive compensation, and also requirements implementing the Act for the non-federal entity at 2 C.F.R. Part 25 Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration and 2 C.F.R. Part 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.

13. Whistleblower Protections

The Applicant also must comply with statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at 10 U.S.C. § 2409, 41 U.S.C. § 4712, and 10 U.S.C. § 2324, 41 U.S.C. § 4304 and § 4310.

14. Human Trafficking

The Applicant will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a subrecipient from: (1) engaging in trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (3) using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

15. Labor Standards

The Applicant will comply with the following federal labor standards:

- (a) The Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-7), as applicable, and the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145 and 18 U.S.C. § 874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction contracts or subcontracts, and
- (b) The Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et al.) as they apply to employees of institutes of higher learning (IHE), hospitals and other non-profit organizations.

16. Worker's Compensation

The Applicant must comply with provisions which require every employer to be insured to protect workers who may be injured on the job at all times during the performance of the work of this Agreement, as per the workers compensation laws set forth in California Labor Code §§ 3700 et seq.

17. Property-Related

If applicable to the type of project funded by this federal award, the Applicant will:

- (a) Comply with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of federal participation in purchase;
- (b) Comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires subrecipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;
- (c) Assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470), Executive Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1 et seq.); and
- (d) Comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. § 4831 and 24 CFR Part 35) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

18. Certifications Applicable Only to Federally-Funded Construction Projects

For all construction projects, the Applicant will:

- (a) Not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project;
- (b) Comply with the requirements of the awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications; and
- (c) Provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.

19. Use of Cellular Device While Driving is Prohibited

Applicants are required to comply with California Vehicle Code sections 23123 and 23123.5. These laws prohibit driving motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. Drivers are also prohibited from the use of a wireless telephone without hands-free listening and talking, unless to make an emergency call to 911, law enforcement, or similar services.

20. California Public Records Act and Freedom of Information Act

The Applicant acknowledges that all information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this program, or provided in the course of an entity's grant management activities that are under Federal control, is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the California Public Records Act, California Government Code section 6250 et seq. The Applicant should consider these laws and consult its own State and local laws and regulations regarding the release of information when reporting sensitive matters in the grant application, needs assessment, and strategic planning process.

**HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM - PROGRAM SPECIFIC
ASSURANCES / CERTIFICATIONS**

21. Reporting Accusations and Findings of Discrimination

If during the past three years the recipient has been accused of discrimination on any basis the recipient must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS Financial Assistance Office and the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) by e-mail at CRCL@hq.dhs.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Building 410, Mail Stop #0190, Washington, D.C. 20528.

In the courts or administrative agencies make a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including LEP), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against the recipient, or the recipients settle a case or matter alleging such discrimination, recipients must forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS Financial Assistance Office and the CRCL by e-mail or mail at the addresses listed above.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

22. Acknowledgment of Federal Funding from DHS

All recipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

23. Activities Conducted Abroad

All recipients must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

24. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

DHS defines personally identifiable information (PII) as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. All recipients who collect PII are required to have a publically-available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy template a useful resource respectively.

25. Copyright

All recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

26. Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions.

27. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

All recipients must comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 6201 which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

28. Federal Debt Status

All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. See OMB Circular A-129.

29. Fly America Act of 1974

All recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers: (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. § 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. § 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

30. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

In accordance with Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, all Applicants must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 2225a.

31. Non-supplanting Requirement

All recipients who receive federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

32. Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise provided by law, recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, Pub. L. No. 96-517, as amended, and codified in 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq. All recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.

33. SAFECOM

All recipients who receive federal financial assistance awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

34. Terrorist Financing

All recipients must comply with Executive Order 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Recipients are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

35. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of the recipient's currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal assistance offices exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal financial assistance award, you must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

36. USA Patriot Act of 2001

All recipients must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175–175c.

37. Use of DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags

All recipients must obtain permission from their DHS Financial Assistance Office, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

IMPORTANT

The purpose of the assurance is to obtain federal and state financial assistance, including any and all federal and state grants, loans, reimbursement, contracts, etc. The Applicant recognizes and agrees that state financial assistance will be extended based on the representations made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Applicant, its successors, transferees, assignees, etc. Failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination, or reduction of grant funds.

All appropriate documentation, as outlined above, must be maintained on file by the Applicant and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the subrecipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

All of the language contained within this document must be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers. All recipients are bound by the Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions 2018, Version 8.1, hereby incorporated by reference, which can be found at: <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions>.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the Applicant.

Subrecipient: CITY OF EL MONTE

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____ **Signature Required on the Next Page**

Printed Name of Authorized Agent: ALMA K. MARTINEZ

Title: CITY MANAGER Date: 09-17-2020

EXHIBIT D

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2018 CERTIFICATION OF GRANT ASSURANCES

As the duly authorized representative of the Subrecipient, I hereby certify Subrecipient's complete acceptance of Exhibit D, and agreement to abide by all provisions, assurances, conditions and requirements of the Grant Assurances therein.

BY City Manager  Alma K. Martinez 09-17-2020
City Representative/Title (Signature) (Print Name) Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY  Joaquin Vazquez 9/29/20
City Attorney (Signature) (Print Name) Date

ATTEST

BY  CATHERINE A. EBOIA 09/29/20
City Clerk (Signature) (Print Name) Date



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 1, 2018

Sachi Hamai
Chief Executive Office
Los Angeles County
500 West Temple Street, Room 713
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF SUBRECIPIENT AWARD APPROVAL
Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
Grant Subaward #2018-0054, Cal OES ID# 037-00000
Grant Subaward Performance Period: September 1, 2018, to May 31, 2021

Dear Ms. Hamai:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved your FY 2018 HSGP award in the amount of \$10,276,869. Once your completed application is received and approved, you may request reimbursement of eligible Grant Subaward expenditures using the Cal OES Financial Management Forms Workbook available at <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/>.

During the review process, a Cal OES Program Representative will examine and evaluate your FY 2018 HSGP Grant Subaward application. Throughout the Grant Subaward cycle, Cal OES will use performance milestones set in the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants Reporting Tool (GRT) as indicators of performance and grant management capacity and this information may be used in assessing future competitive Grant Subaward applications. All activities funded with this Grant Subaward must be completed within the Subrecipient performance period.

You are required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) requirements. Additionally, Aviation/Watercraft requests, Establish/Enhance Emergency Operations Center projects, projects requiring EHP review, and noncompetitive procurement requests require additional approvals from Cal OES. Subrecipients must obtain written approval for these activities prior to incurring any costs, in order to be reimbursed for any related costs under this Grant Subaward. Subrecipients are also required to obtain a performance bond prior to the purchase of any equipment item over \$250,000, including any aviation



or watercraft financed with homeland security dollars. Performance bonds must be submitted to your Program Representative no later than the time of reimbursement.

Following acceptance of this Grant Subaward, you must enter your Grant Subaward information into the GRT for the Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) period. The GRT can be accessed online at <https://www.reporting.odp.dhs.gov/>. Your agency must prepare and submit the BSIR to Cal OES via the GRT semi-annually for the duration of the Grant Subaward performance period or until you complete all activities and the Grant Subaward is formally closed. Failure to submit required reports could result in Grant Subaward reduction, suspension, or termination.

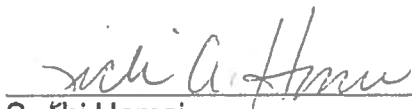
This Grant Subaward is subject to all provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. Any funds received in excess of current needs, approved amounts, or those found owed as a result of a final review or audit, must be refunded to the State within 30 days upon receipt of an invoice from Cal OES.

Your dated signature is required on this letter. Please sign and return the original to your Cal OES Program Representative within 20 days of receipt and keep a copy for your files. For further assistance, please feel free to contact your Cal OES Program Representative.

Sincerely,



MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director



Sachi Hamai
Los Angeles County

10/19/18
Date

Project #	Project Title	Funding Source	Discipline	Solution Area	Total Budgeted
023	LE Automated License Plate Readers	HSGP-SHSP	LE	Equipment	\$ 70,199

Totals \$ 70,199

Project #	Equipment Description & (Quantity)	AEL #	AEL Title	SAFECOM Consult	Funding Source	Discipline	Solution Area Sub-Category	Deployable / Shareable	Part of a Procurement over \$150K	Sole Source Involved	Hold Trigger	Budgeted Cost
023.11	ALPR - portable and/or vehicle mounted system consisting of imaging technology and optical character recognition software.	030E-01-ALPR	Automated License Plate Recognition		HSGP-SHSP	LE	Interoperable Communications Equipment	Shareable	No	No	No Hold Indicated	70,199

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

NOTE: If you are going to apply for this funding opportunity and have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), please take immediate action to obtain a DUNS Number, if applicable, and then to register immediately in SAM. It may take 4 weeks or more after you submit your SAM registration before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize your information. Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from Grants.gov at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. Detailed information regarding DUNS and SAM is also provided in [Section D – Application and Submission Information](#) of this NOFO, subsection, Content and Form of Application Submission.

A. Program Description

Issued By

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number

97.067

CFDA Title

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Notice of Funding Opportunity Title

Fiscal Year 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
- Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)

NOFO Number

DHS-18-GPD-067-00-01

Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107-296, as amended)
(6 U.S.C. § 603)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-141)

Program Type

New

Program Overview, Objectives and Priorities

Overview

The FY 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is set against the backdrop of a year in which the United States faced numerous and unprecedented homeland security challenges. These included the three major hurricanes that devastated parts of Texas, Florida, and much of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as massive wildfires across the State of California. In addition to these natural disasters, the Nation also responded to multiple incidents as part of the evolving threat landscape, including witnessing the first known terrorist attack against mass transportation on our soil; cyberattacks against critical port infrastructure; and mass casualty events involving both vehicles and active shooters.

The National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) defines what it means to be prepared for such diverse and complicated events. The National Preparedness System is the instrument the Nation employs to build, sustain, and deliver the core capabilities needed to achieve the goal of a more secure and resilient Nation. The development and sustainment of these core capabilities is not exclusive to any single level of government or organization, but rather requires the combined effort of the whole community. To that end, the FY 2018 HSGP represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the [DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review](#), HSGP supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

The recently released [2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) creates a shared vision for the field of emergency management and sets an ambitious, yet achievable, path forward to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country. The Homeland Security Grant Program supports the goal of Readying the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters. We invite all of our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building a stronger Agency and a more prepared and resilient Nation.

Objectives

Within this broader construct, the objective of the FY2018 HSGP is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): The SHSP supports state, tribal, territorial, and local preparedness activities that address high priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI): The UASI program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG): The OPSG Program supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The OPSG Program provides funding to support joint efforts to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

Performance metrics for this program are as follows:

SHSP and UASI:

- Percent improvement in Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) capabilities against Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) targets.
- Percent of states and territories with a THIRA and SPR that meet current DHS/FEMA guidance.

OPSG:

- Percent of funding that provides intelligence-based operational support.
- Percent of funding that provides force multiplier activities across two or more state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies.

Priorities

The 2017 National Preparedness Report identified the following subset of core capabilities as national areas for improvement:

- Cybersecurity;
- Infrastructure Systems;
- Economic Recovery;
- Housing;
- Supply Chain Integrity and Security;
- Natural and Cultural Resources; and
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities.

In developing applications for the FY 2018 HSGP, recipients should consider funding projects that address core capability gaps within the NPR national areas for improvement to the extent that they relate to terrorism preparedness.

For purposes of SHSP and UASI, DHS/FEMA requires states, territories, and Urban Areas to complete a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) (formerly known as the State Preparedness Report) and prioritize grant funding to support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in this process. Additional information on the THIRA/SPR process, including other NPS tools and resources, can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>.

B. Federal Award Information

Award Amounts, Important Dates, and Extensions

Available Funding for the HSGP NOFO: \$1,067,000,000

HSGP Programs	FY 2018 Allocation
State Homeland Security Program	\$402,000,000
Urban Area Security Initiative	\$580,000,000
Operation Stonegarden	\$85,000,000
Total	\$1,067,000,000

For details on program-specific funding amounts, refer to [Appendix A – FY 2018 Program Allocations](#).

Period of Performance: Thirty-six (36) months

Extensions to the Period of Performance (PoP) are allowed. For additional information on PoP extensions, refer to [Section H - Additional Information](#), of this NOFO, subsection, Period of Performance Extensions.

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: September 1, 2018**Projected Period of Performance End Date:** August 31, 2021

Funding Instrument: Grant

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

All 56 states and territories, which includes any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, are eligible to apply for SHSP funds. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit HSGP applications to DHS/FEMA, including those applications submitted on behalf of UASI and OPSG applicants. A list of eligible Urban Areas and OPSG States can be found in [Appendix A - FY 2018 HSGP Program Allocations](#). Tribal governments may not apply directly for HSGP funding; however, funding may be available to tribes under the SHSP and OPSG through the SAA.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible high-risk Urban Areas for the FY 2018 UASI program have been determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States. Sub-awards will be made by the SAA to the designated Urban Areas identified in [Appendix A - FY 2018 Program Allocations](#).

Eligible subrecipients under the FY 2018 OPSG Program are local units of government at the county level or equivalent level of government and Federally-recognized tribal governments in

states bordering Canada or Mexico and states and territories with international water borders. All applicants must have active ongoing USBP operations coordinated through a CBP sector office to be eligible for OPSG funding.

Under the FY 2018 OPSG Program, subrecipients eligible to apply for and receive a subaward directly from the SAA are divided into three Tiers. Tier 1 entities are local units of government at the county level or equivalent and Federally-recognized tribal governments that are on a physical border in states bordering Canada, states bordering Mexico, and states and territories with international water borders. Tier 2 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water but are contiguous to a Tier 1 county. Tier 3 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water but are contiguous to a Tier 2 eligible subrecipient. Tier 2 and Tier 3 eligible subrecipients may be eligible to receive funding based on border security risk as determined by the USBP, as described in Section E of the NOFO.

Other Eligibility Criteria

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation

Prior to allocation of any Federal preparedness awards in FY 2018, recipients must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of NIMS. FEMA describes the specific activities involved in NIMS implementation in the NIMS Implementation Objectives (<https://www.fema.gov/implementation-guidance-and-reporting>).

Incident management activities require carefully managed resources (personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and/or supplies). Utilization of the standardized resource management concepts such as typing, credentialing and inventorying promote a strong national mutual aid capability needed to support delivery of core capabilities. Recipients should manage resources purchased or supported with FEMA grant funding according to NIMS resource management guidance.

Additional information on resource management and NIMS resource typing definitions and job titles/position qualifications is on DHS/FEMA's website under <http://www.fema.gov/resource-management-mutual-aid>.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Membership

In support of the Goal, recipients must belong to, be located in, or act as a temporary member of EMAC, except for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which are not required to belong to EMAC at this time. All assets supported in part or entirely with FY 2018 HSGP funding must be readily deployable and NIMS-typed when possible to support emergency or disaster operations per existing EMAC agreements. In addition, funding may be used for the sustainment of core capabilities that, while they may not be physically deployable, support national response capabilities such as

Geographic/Geospatial Information Systems (GIS), interoperable communications systems, capabilities as defined under the mitigation mission area of the Goal, and fusion centers.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)

Per section 2006 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 607), DHS/FEMA is required to ensure that at least 25 percent of grant funding appropriated for grants awarded under HSGP's authorizing statute are used for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities. DHS/FEMA meets this requirement, in part, by requiring all SHSP and UASI recipients to ensure that at least 25 percent of the combined HSGP funds allocated under SHSP and UASI are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, as defined in 6 U.S.C. § 607. The LETPA allocation can be from SHSP, UASI, or both. This requirement does not include award funds from OPSG. Please refer to [Appendix A – FY 2018 Program Allocations](#) for LETPA minimum allocations for SHSP and UASI by jurisdiction. The 25 percent LETPA allocation is in addition to the 80 percent pass through requirement to local units of government and Tribes, referenced below.

The National Prevention Framework describes those activities that should be executed upon the discovery of intelligence or information regarding an imminent threat to the homeland, in order to thwart an initial or follow-on terrorist attack, and provides guidance to ensure the Nation is prepared to prevent, avoid, or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism. Activities outlined in the National Prevention Framework are eligible for use as LETPA-focused funds. Also, where capabilities are shared with the protection mission area, the National Protection Framework activities are also eligible. Other terrorism prevention activities proposed for funding under LETPA must be approved by the FEMA Administrator.

Cost Share or Match

There is no cost share or match requirement for the FY 2018 HSGP.

D. Application and Submission Information**Key Dates and Times**

Date Posted to [Grants.gov](#):

May 21, 2018

Application Submission Deadline:

June 20, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET

All applications **must** be received by the established deadline. The Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System has a date stamp that indicates when an application is submitted. Applicants will receive an electronic message confirming receipt of the full application. In general, DHS/FEMA will not review applications that are received after the deadline or consider them for funding. DHS/FEMA may, however, extend the application deadline on request for an applicant who can demonstrate that good cause exists to justify extending the deadline. Good cause for an extension may include technical problems outside of the applicant's control that prevent submission of the application by the deadline, or other exigent or emergency circumstances.

If there are technical issues, please notify the respective FEMA Headquarters (HQ) Program Analyst before the application deadline. Applicants should contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) for FEMA HQ Program Analyst contact

information. CSID can be reached by phone at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: August 27, 2018

Anticipated Award Date: No later than September 30, 2018

Address to Request Application Package

Application forms and instructions are available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (hard copies of the NOFO and associated application materials are not available). To access the application package, select “Applicants” then “Apply for Grants” followed by “Get Application Package.” Enter the Funding Opportunity Number located on the first page of this NOFO. Select “Apply” and then “Create Workspace.” Follow the prompts to download the instructions and begin the application.

In addition, the following Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) and/or Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) number available for this Notice is (800) 462-7585.

Initial applications are processed through the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) portal. Final applications are completed and submitted through FEMA’s Non-Disaster Grants ([ND Grants](#)) System.

Content and Form of Application Submission

Applying for an award under this program is a multi-step process. To ensure that an application is submitted on time applicants are advised to start the required steps well in advance of their submission. Failure of an applicant to comply with any of the required steps before the deadline for submitting their application may disqualify their application from funding.

The steps involved in applying for an award under this program are:

1. Applying for, updating, or verifying their Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and Employer ID Number (EIN);
2. Updating or verifying their System for Award Management (SAM) Registration;
3. Establishing an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov);
4. Submitting an initial application in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov); and
5. Submitting the final application in the [ND Grants](#) system.

Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

All applicants for this award must:

1. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application;
2. Provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and
3. Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by DHS/FEMA.

DHS/FEMA may not make a federal award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements and if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time DHS/FEMA is ready to make a federal award. DHS/FEMA may

determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a federal award to another applicant.

Electronic Delivery

DHS/FEMA is participating in the Grants.gov initiative to provide the grant community with a single site to find and apply for grant funding opportunities. DHS/FEMA requires applicants to submit their initial applications online through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and to submit final applications through [ND Grants](https://www.nd.gov/nd-grants).

How to Register to Apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

1. *Instructions:* Read the instructions below about registering to apply for DHS/FEMA funds. Applicants should read the registration instructions carefully and prepare the information requested before beginning the registration process. Reviewing and assembling the required information before beginning the registration process will alleviate last-minute searches for required information.

The registration process can take up to four weeks to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required application submission deadlines.

Organizations must have a DUNS Number, active SAM registration, and Grants.gov account to apply for grants.

If individual applicants are eligible to apply for this grant funding opportunity, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html>.

Organization applicants can find complete instructions here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>.

2. *Obtain a DUNS Number:* All entities applying for funding, including renewal funding, must have a DUNS number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). Applicants must enter the DUNS number in the data entry field labeled "Organizational DUNS" on the SF-424 form. For more detailed instructions for obtaining a DUNS number, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>.
3. *Register with SAM:* In addition to having a DUNS number, all organizations applying online through Grants.gov must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). Failure to register with SAM will prevent your organization from applying through Grants.gov. SAM registration must be renewed annually.

For more detailed instructions for registering with SAM, refer to

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-2-register-with-sam.html>.

4. *Create a Grants.gov Account:* The next step in the registration process is to create an account with Grants.gov. Applicants must know their organization's DUNS number to complete this process.

For more information, follow the on-screen instructions or refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html>.

5. *Add a Profile to a Grants.gov Account:* A profile in Grants.gov corresponds to a single applicant organization the user represents (i.e., an applicant) or an individual applicant. If you work for or consult with multiple organizations and have a profile for each, you may log in to one Grants.gov account to access all of your grant applications. To add an organizational profile to your Grants.gov account, enter the DUNS Number for the organization in the DUNS field while adding a profile.

For more detailed instructions about creating a profile on Grants.gov, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration/add-profile.html>.

6. *EBiz POC Authorized Profile Roles:* After you register with Grants.gov and create an Organization Applicant Profile, the organization applicant's request for Grants.gov roles and access is sent to the EBiz POC. The EBiz POC will then log in to Grants.gov and authorize the appropriate roles, which may include the AOR role, thereby giving you permission to complete and submit applications on behalf of the organization. You will be able to submit your application online any time after you have been assigned the AOR role.

For more detailed instructions about creating a profile on Grants.gov, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration/authorize-roles.html>.

7. *Track Role Status:* To track your role request, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration/track-role-status.html>.

8. *Electronic Signature:* When applications are submitted through Grants.gov, the name of the organization applicant with the AOR role that submitted the application is inserted into the signature line of the application, serving as the electronic signature. The EBiz POC **must** authorize individuals who are able to make legally binding commitments on behalf of the organization as an AOR; **this step is often missed, and it is crucial for valid and timely submissions.**

How to Submit an Initial Application to DHS/FEMA via Grants.gov

Grants.gov applicants apply online using Workspace. Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of a grant team may simultaneously access and edit different web forms within an application. For each Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), you can create individual instances of a Workspace. **Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) at least seven days before the June 20, 2018, application deadline.**

Below is an overview of applying on Grants.gov. For access to complete instructions on how to apply for opportunities using Workspace, refer to:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>

1. *Create a Workspace*: Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
2. *Complete a Workspace*: Add participants to the workspace to work on the application together, complete all the required forms online or by downloading PDF versions, and check for errors before submission.
3. *Adobe Reader*: If you decide not to apply by filling out web forms you can download individual PDF forms in Workspace so that they will appear similar to other Standard or DHS/FEMA forms. The individual PDF forms can be downloaded and saved to your local device storage, network drive(s), or external drives, then accessed through Adobe Reader. NOTE: Visit the Adobe Software Compatibility page on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to download the appropriate version of the software at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>.
4. *Mandatory Fields in Forms*: In the forms, you will note fields marked with an asterisk and a different background color. These fields are mandatory fields that must be completed to successfully submit your application.
5. *Complete SF-424 Fields First*: The forms are designed to fill in common required fields across other forms, such as the applicant name, address, and DUNS number. To trigger this feature, an applicant must complete the SF-424 information first. Once it is completed, the information will transfer to the other forms.
6. *Submit a Workspace*: An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the “Sign and Submit” button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab. Grants.gov recommends submitting your application package at least seven days prior to the close date to provide you with time to correct any potential technical issues that may disrupt the application submission.
7. *Track a Workspace*: After successfully submitting a workspace package, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application. The number will be listed on the Confirmation page that is generated after submission. Using the tracking number, access the Track My Application page under the Applicants tab or the Details tab in the submitted workspace.

For additional training resources, including video tutorials, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html>.

Applicant Support: Grants.gov provides applicants 24/7 support via the toll-free number 1-800-518-4726 and email at support@grants.gov. For questions related to the specific grant

opportunity, contact the number listed in the application package of the grant for which you are applying.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your submission, it is best to call the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Support Center and get a ticket number. The Support Center ticket number will assist the DHS/FEMA with tracking your issue and understanding background information on the issue.

Submitting the Final Application in Non-Disaster Grants System (ND Grants)

After submitting the initial application in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), eligible applicants will be notified by DHS/FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov). Applicants can register early with ND Grants and are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of this announcement or the latest, seven days before the application deadline. Early registration will allow applicants to have adequate time to start and complete their application.

In [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov) applicants will be prompted to submit all of the information contained in the following forms. Applicants should review these forms before applying to ensure they have all the information required:

- Standard Form 424A, Budget Information (Non-construction);
- Standard Form 424B, Standard Assurances (Non-construction); and
- Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

In addition, applicants must submit copies of the following in [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov):

- Investment Justification (located on <https://www.fema.gov/preparedness-non-disaster-grants>);
- List of Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) and Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) members;
- SAC charter; and
- Indirect Cost Agreement, if requesting indirect costs. If there is no current indirect cost agreement, then the applicant must contact the Federal Cognizant Agency to negotiate a rate and notify the relevant HQ Program Analyst or Grant Management Specialist.

Applicants must submit copies of the following in ND Grants if applying for construction projects. The forms may be accessed in the Forms tab under SF-424 Family on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov):

- Standard Form 424C, Budget Information (Construction); and
- Standard Form 424D, Standard Assurances (Construction).

Applicants needing assistance registering for the ND Grants system should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076.

Timely Receipt Requirements and Proof of Timely Submission

All applications must be received in [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov) by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on June 20, 2018**. Proof of timely submission is automatically recorded by [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov). An electronic date/time stamp is generated within the system when the application is successfully received by [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov). The applicant with the AOR role who submitted the application will receive an acknowledgment of receipt and a tracking number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) from [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

with the successful transmission of their initial application. This applicant with the AOR role will also receive the official date/time stamp and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Tracking number in an email serving as proof of their timely submission.

Applicants using slow internet, such as dial-up connections, should be aware that transmission can take some time before [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov) receive your application. Again, [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) will provide either an error or a successfully received transmission in the form of an email sent to the applicant with the AOR role. The [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Support Center reports that some applicants end the transmission because they think that nothing is occurring during the transmission process. Please be patient and give the systems time to process the application. Applicants needing assistance with the [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov) system should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076.

HSGP Specific Application Instructions

Development of the Investment Justification (SHSP and UASI)

As part of the FY 2018 HSGP application process for SHSP and UASI funds, applicants must develop formal investment justifications (IJs) that address the proposed investments.

Each IJ must *demonstrate* how proposed investments:

- Support terrorism preparedness;
- Support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the 2017 THIRA/SPR process and national priorities as outlined in the National Preparedness Report; and
- Engage and/or impact the whole community, including children, older adults, pregnant women, and individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, and ensure the protection of civil rights in the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities.

Each IJ must *explain* how the proposed investments will support the applicant's efforts to:

- Prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism;
- Prepare for all hazards and threats, while explaining the nexus to terrorism preparedness;
- Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards, relating to acts of terrorism; and/or
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or other catastrophic incidents.

Development of Investments and Projects (SHSP)

- Applicants must propose at least one, and may include up to 10 investments.
- Within each investment in their IJ, applicants must propose at least one project to describe the activities they plan to implement with SHSP funds. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be submitted.
- Any projects funded with SHSP funds that are not included in the application must subsequently be included in the first Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR).

For further information on the BSIR, refer to [Section F – Federal Award Administration Information](#), subsection Additional Programmatic Requirements and Information.

- Of the proposed SHSP-funded investments, one (1) single investment must be in support of a designated fusion center. Recipients must coordinate with the fusion center when developing a fusion center investment prior to submission. See additional information on how to develop fusion center investments below.
- Of the proposed SHSP-funded investments, at least one (1) investment must be in support of the state or territory's cybersecurity efforts. Recipients must limit the use of SHSP funds for projects that support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to terrorism preparedness and may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. The investment name must include the word "Cybersecurity" to easily identify the required cybersecurity investment.
- All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align with their Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP). Recipients must coordinate with their Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and/or Statewide Interoperability Governance Body (SIGB) when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words "emergency communications" to easily identify any emergency communications investments.
- Projects should describe how the proposed investment supports closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process.

Development of Investments and Projects (UASI)

- Applicants must propose at least one, and may include up to 10 investments.
- Within each investment in their IJ, Urban Areas must propose at least one project to describe the activities they are planning to implement with UASI funds. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be submitted. Any projects funded with UASI funds that are not included in the application must subsequently be included in the first BSIR.
- Of the proposed 10 investments, Urban Areas are required to propose one (1) single investment in support of a designated fusion center within the Urban Area, if applicable. Recipients must coordinate with the fusion center when developing a fusion center investment prior to submission. See additional information on how to develop fusion center investments below.
- Of the proposed UASI-funded investments, at least one (1) investment must be in support of the urban area's cybersecurity efforts. Recipients must limit the use of UASI funds for projects that support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to terrorism preparedness and may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. The investment name must include the word "Cybersecurity" to easily

- identify the required cybersecurity investment.
- If UASI funds are used by the State in support of the Urban Area, the SAA must, as part of the list of proposed investments, describe how those funds will directly support the Urban Area.
- All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align to the SCIP. Recipients must coordinate with the SWIC and/or SIGB when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words “emergency communications” to easily identify any emergency communications investments.
- Projects should describe how the proposed investment supports building or sustaining capabilities to meet their 2017 THIRA targets.

Development of Fusion Center Investments (SHSP and UASI)

If applicable, each IJ must include and identify a fusion center investment that will:

- Indicate alignment to a designated Fusion Center.
- Provide both a brief narrative description and funding itemization of the project activities relating to the proposed resources that directly support the designated Fusion Center. This descriptive narrative should align with both the financial itemization and improvement or sustainment of performance measures as a result of receiving the proposed funding. If the project description and funding itemization do not directly support the fusion center and the relationship to the fusion center is not identified, then the investment may be conditionally approved until a Fusion Center Addendum is submitted and approved. Note: A sample project description and funding itemization are below.
- Identify the expected improvement or sustainment of performance measures as a result of receiving the proposed funding for the itemized projects.
- Effectively address performance measures identified in each fusion center’s individual assessment data found in the HSIN-Intel Fusion Center Profile. A list of the 2018 Performance Measures can be found in Appendix H-Fusion Center Performance Measures.

Sample Fusion Center Project Description

The following is an example of a sample fusion center project description that could be included in a SHSP or UASI investment:

The X Fusion enhancement project will fund salaries, benefits, and training for X number of Fusion Center intelligence analysts, maintenance and support for the center's enabling systems, travel costs associated with training, and the replacement of X computer monitors within the Fusion Center. The project will directly sustain the Center's achieved abilities and work to close the gap of any current capabilities through the sustained funding of its current analytical staff and enabling systems. This project is in direct alignment with performance measures 2018.1-2018.23. We anticipate seeing an

improvement of the quality and quantity of reporting as a direct result of the funding of this project.

Sample Fusion Center Funding Itemization

The funding itemization for a fusion center investment should include the amount and percent of each relevant solution area. As an example:

<i>Solution Area and Amount of Proposed Funding</i>	<i>Percent of Proposed Funding</i>
<i>Planning:</i> \$10,000.00	2%
<i>Organization:</i> \$200,000	48%
<i>Equipment:</i> \$200,000	48%
<i>Training:</i> \$10,000	2%
<i>Exercises:</i> \$0	0%
<i>Total:</i> \$420,000	100%

Completing IJs in the Grant Reporting Tool (GRT) (SHSP and UASI)

The IJ Planning Guide contains the IJ template and instructions for collecting the required information for investments and projects. A fillable version of the IJ template can be obtained from the FEMA HQ Program Analyst. Applicants should contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) for FEMA HQ Program Analyst contact information. CSID can be reached by phone at 800-368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET. Additionally, applicants should utilize the Project Worksheet to assemble the information required for each project, which will facilitate the input of that information into the GRT.

For more information on how to complete IJs, refer to the Investment Justification Planning Guide located on fema.gov/grants.

Development of Concept of Operations for OPSG

As part of the FY 2018 OPSG application process, each eligible local unit of government at the county or Federally-recognized tribal government level must develop a strategic plan called a Concept of Operations (CONOP)/Application, which is a formal proposal of action to address a specific situation and forms the basis for Operations Orders, in coordination with state and Federal law enforcement agencies, to include, but not limited to CBP/USBP. CONOPs that are developed at the county level should be inclusive of city, county, tribal, and other local law enforcement agencies that are eligible to participate in OPSG operational activities, and the CONOP/Application should describe participating agencies in the Executive Summary. CONOP/Application details should include the names of the agencies, points of contact, and individual funding requests. All CONOPs/Applications must be developed in collaboration with the local USBP sector office, the SAA and the local unit of government. Requests for funding in CONOPs/Applications must be based on risks and the operational enforcement support requirements of its corresponding USBP Sector. Sector offices will forward the CONOPs to USBP Headquarters for vetting and coordination. Applicants will forward corresponding OPSG Applications to the SAA for submission to FEMA. USBP Headquarters will reconcile all submitted CONOPs with the OPSG

Applications. For more information, refer to [Appendix D – FY 2018 OPSG Operations Order Template and Instructions](#) and [Appendix E – OPSG Operational Guidance](#).

Intergovernmental Review

An intergovernmental review may be required. Applicants must contact their state's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372 (See <http://www.fws.gov/policy/library/rgeo12372.pdf>).

Funding Restrictions

Federal funds made available through this award may be used only for the purpose outlined in this award and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Award funds may not be used for matching funds for any other Federal award, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal Government or any other government entity.

Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

As a Federal agency, DHS/FEMA is required to consider the effects of its actions on the environment and/or historic properties to ensure that all activities and programs funded by the agency, including grant-funded projects, comply with federal EHP regulations, laws and Executive Orders as applicable. Recipients and subrecipients proposing projects that have the potential to impact the environment, including but not limited to the construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures and facilities, or new construction including replacement of facilities, must participate in the DHS/FEMA EHP review process. The EHP review process involves the submission of a detailed project description along with supporting documentation so that DHS/FEMA may determine whether the proposed project has the potential to impact environmental resources and/or historic properties. In some cases, DHS/FEMA is also required to consult with other regulatory agencies and the public in order to complete the review process. The EHP review process must be completed before funds are released to carry out the proposed project; otherwise, DHS/FEMA may not be able to fund the project due to non-compliance with EHP laws, executive order, regulations, and policies.

Additionally, all recipients are required to comply with DHS/FEMA EHP Policy Guidance, FEMA Policy #108-023-1. The EHP screening form is located [here](#), and further EHP guidance can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/85376>.

Emergency Communications and Resilience

All entities using HSGP funding to support emergency communications investments are required to comply with the [SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants \(SAFECOM Guidance\)](#). The SAFECOM Guidance provides current information on emergency communications policies, eligible costs, best practices, and technical standards for State, local, tribal, and territorial grantees investing Federal funds in emergency communications projects. It is also designed to promote and align with the [National Emergency Communications Plan \(NECP\)](#). Conformance with the SAFECOM Guidance helps ensure that Federally-funded investments are compatible, interoperable, resilient, and support national goals and objectives for improving emergency communications. Additional information on this topic can be found in

Appendix I - FY 2018 Supplemental Emergency Communications Guidance.

Requirements Applicable to Emergency Communications Investments

If an entity uses HSGP funding to support emergency communications investments, the following requirements shall apply to all such grant-funded communications investments in support of the emergency communications priorities and recognized best practices:

- Applicants must describe in the investment how proposed communications investments align to needs identified in their Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Effective project alignment will require advance coordination with the SWIC and consultation with governing bodies such as the Statewide Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB) or Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), as they serve as the primary steering group for the statewide interoperability strategy. Additionally, grantees should consult subject matter experts serving on governance bodies such as broadband experts, chief information officers, representatives from utilities, or legal and financial experts when developing proposals.
- The signatory authority for the SAA must certify in writing to DHS/FEMA their compliance with the *SAFECOM Guidance*. The certification letter should be coordinated with the SWIC for each State and must be uploaded to [ND Grants](#) at the time of the first Program Performance Report (PPR) submission.
- All states and territories must designate a full-time SWIC who has the authority and resources to actively improve interoperability with emergency management and response agencies across all levels of government, to include establishing statewide plans, policies, and procedures, and coordinating decisions on communications investments funded through Federal grants. SWIC status information will be maintained by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications and will be verified by FEMA GPD through programmatic monitoring activities.
- By the period of performance end date, all states and territories must update their SCIP, with a focus on communications resilience/continuity, to include assessment and mitigation of all potential risks identified in the SCIP: natural disasters, accidental damage (human failures), intentional damage (sabotage, terrorism), cybersecurity, etc. Following the initial update, the SCIP should be updated on an annual basis. SCIP status information will be maintained by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications and will be verified by FEMA GPD through programmatic monitoring activities.
- All states and territories must test their emergency communications capabilities and procedures (as outlined in their operational communications plans) in conjunction with regularly planned exercises (separate/addition emergency communications exercises are not required) and must submit an After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) to the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program's (HSEEP) electronic message inbox at hseep@fema.dhs.gov within 90 days of exercise completion (see [Appendix B – FY 2018 HSGP Program Priorities](#)). Exercises should be used to both demonstrate and validate skills learned in training and to identify gaps in capabilities. Resilience and continuity of communications should be tested during training and exercises to the extent possible. Further, exercises should include participants from multiple jurisdictions, disciplines, and levels of government and

include emergency management, emergency medical services, law enforcement, interoperability coordinators, public health officials, hospital officials, officials from colleges and universities, and other disciplines and private sector entities, as appropriate. Findings from exercises should be used to update programs to address gaps in emergency communications as well as emerging technologies, policies, and partners. Recipients are encouraged to increase awareness and availability of emergency communications exercise opportunities across all levels of government.

States, territories, and other eligible grant recipients are advised that HSGP funding may be used to support communications planning (including the cost of hiring a SWIC, participation in governance bodies and requirements delineated [above](#)), training, exercises, and equipment costs. Costs for transitioning to the FirstNet network may also be eligible. More information regarding FirstNet can be found in [Appendix I – Supplemental Emergency Communications Guidance](#). Details regarding allowable costs are provided in [Appendix C – FY 2018 HSGP Funding Guidelines](#).

Funds Transfer Restriction

The recipient is prohibited from transferring funds between programs (includes SHSP, UASI, and OPSG). Recipients are allowed to submit an investment/project where funds come from multiple funding sources (i.e., SHSP/UASI); however, recipients are not allowed to divert funding from one program to another due to the risk-based funding allocations, which were made at the discretion of DHS/FEMA. For additional details on restrictions on the use of funds, refer to [Appendix C – Funding Guidelines](#).

Indirect (Facilities & Administrative [F&A]) Costs

Indirect costs are allowable under this program as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414. With the exception of recipients who have never received a negotiated indirect cost rate as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f), recipients must have an approved indirect cost rate agreement with their cognizant federal agency to charge indirect costs to this award. A copy of the approved rate (a fully executed, agreement negotiated with the applicant's cognizant federal agency) is required at the time of application and must be provided to DHS/FEMA before indirect costs are charged to the award.

Pre-Award Costs

Pre-award costs are allowable only with the prior written approval of DHS/FEMA and as included in the award agreement. To request pre-award costs, a written request must be included with the application, signed by the Authorized Representative of the entity. The letter must outline what the pre-award costs are for, including a detailed budget break-out of pre-award costs from the post-award costs, and a justification for approval.

Cost Principles

Costs charged to this award must be consistent with the Cost Principles for Federal Awards located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E.

Direct Costs**Planning**

Planning related costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Organization

Organization related costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Equipment

Equipment-related costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Training

Training related costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Exercises

Exercise related costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Personnel

Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant in order to perform allowable HSGP planning, training, exercise, and equipment activities. Under the OPSG Program, overtime costs are allowable only in so far as they meet the intent of the program. Recipients and subrecipients may not use more than 50 percent of their awards to pay for personnel activities unless a waiver is approved by FEMA. For more information on the 50 percent personnel cap, please see FEMA Policy (FP) 207-093-1, *Clarification on the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act of 2008* (Public Law 110-412 – the PRICE Act) at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/85384>.

Operational Overtime

Operational Overtime costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO. Prior to use of funds for operational overtime, recipients must receive approval from DHS/FEMA.

Travel

Domestic travel costs are allowed under this program, as provided for in this NOFO. International travel is not an allowable cost under this program unless approved in advance by DHS/FEMA.

Construction and Renovation

Construction and renovation costs to achieve capability targets related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism are allowed under this program. For construction costs to be allowed, they must be specifically approved by DHS/FEMA in writing prior to the use of any program funds for construction or renovation. Limits on the total amount of grant funding that may be used for construction or renovation may apply. See [Appendix C - Funding Guidelines](#) for additional details. Additionally, recipients are required to submit Standard Form 424C.

Maintenance and Sustainment

Maintenance and Sustainment related costs, such as maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable as described in FP 205-402-125-1, Maintenance Contracts and Warranty Coverage Funded by Preparedness Grants Policy (<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32474>).

Management and Administration (M&A) Costs

Management and administration (M&A) activities are those directly relating to the management and administration of HSGP funds, such as financial management and monitoring. A maximum of up to five percent of HSGP funds awarded may be retained by the state, and any funds retained are to be used solely for M&A purposes associated with the HSGP award. Subrecipients may also retain a maximum of up to five percent of funding passed through by the state solely for M&A purposes associated with the HSGP award.

A state's HSGP funds for M&A calculation purposes includes the sum total of its SHSP, UASI, and, where applicable, OPSG awards. While the SAA may retain up to five percent of this total for M&A, the state must still ensure that all subrecipient award amounts meet the mandatory minimum pass-through requirements which are applicable to each HSGP program. To meet this requirement, the percentage of SHSP, UASI and OPSG funds passed through to local jurisdictions must be based on the state's total HSGP award prior to withholding any M&A. For additional information on SHSP and UASI M&A, refer to [Information Bulletin \(IB\) 365: Management and Administration Costs in the Homeland Security Grant Program](#). For additional clarification on OPSG M&A, refer to DHS/FEMA Policy207-087-1, which can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7837>.

Critical Emergency Supplies

Critical emergency supplies are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

Secure Identification

Secure Identification costs are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO.

General Purpose Equipment

HSGP allows expenditures on general purpose equipment if it aligns to and supports one or more core capabilities identified in the Goal and has a nexus to terrorism preparedness. General purpose equipment, like all equipment funded under HSGP, must be sharable through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)¹ and allowable under 6 U.S.C. § 609, and any other applicable provision of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

Examples of such general purpose equipment may include:

- Law enforcement vehicles;
- Emergency medical services (EMS) equipment and vehicles;
- Fire service equipment and vehicles, to include hose, pump accessories, and foam concentrate for specialized chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives

¹ Except for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands which are not required to belong to EMAC at this time.

- (CBRNE) response; and
- Office equipment for staff² engaged in homeland security program activity.

Equipment allowability is based on the [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#) but exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis if (1) the equipment identified to be purchased directly maps to a core capability contained within the Goal, and (2) the equipment's purpose (when operational) falls under the permitted use of funds in accordance with 6 U.S.C. §609, and any other applicable provision of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

E. Application Review Information

Allocations

Risk Methodology

Based upon the requirements of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended, DHS/FEMA continues to use risk to determine final HSGP allocations. DHS/FEMA defines risk as: "potential for an unwanted outcome resulting from an incident, event, or occurrence, as determined by its likelihood and the associated consequences" (see <http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs-risk-lexicon-2010.pdf>). The DHS/FEMA risk methodology is focused on three elements:

- *Threat* – the likelihood of an attack being attempted by an adversary;
- *Vulnerability* – the likelihood that an attack is successful, given that it is attempted; and
- *Consequence* – the effect of an event, incident or occurrence.

The risk methodology determines the relative risk of terrorism faced by a given area taking into account the potential risk of terrorism to people, critical infrastructure, and economic security. The analysis includes threats from violent domestic extremists, international terrorist groups, and individuals inspired by terrorists abroad.

NOTE: The THIRA/SPR process is separate from the risk methodology, and its results do not affect grant allocations.

SHSP Allocations

FY 2018 SHSP funds will be allocated based on two factors: minimum amounts as legislatively mandated, and DHS/FEMA's risk methodology. THIRA/SPR results do not impact grant allocation or award.

Each state and territory will receive a minimum allocation under SHSP using thresholds established in the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive 0.35 percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2003 and Section 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Each of the four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum allocation of 0.08

² This applies to all homeland security personnel, and is not limited to management and administration staff, and costs are to be captured outside the cap on management and administration costs.

percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2003 and 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended. For details on program-specific funding amounts, refer to [Appendix A – FY 2018 Program Allocations](#).

UASI Allocations

FY 2018 UASI funds will be allocated based on DHS/FEMA's risk methodology. THIRA/SPR results do not impact grant allocation or award.

Eligible candidates for the FY 2018 UASI program have been determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States, in accordance with the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended. Detailed information on MSAs is publicly available from the United States Census Bureau at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro.html>. For details on program-specific funding amounts, refer to [Appendix A – FY 2018 Program Allocations](#).

OPSG Allocations

The FY 2018 OPSG Risk Assessment is designed to identify the risk to border security and to assist with the distribution of funds for the grant program. Funding under OPSG is distributed based on the risk to the security of the border. Entities eligible for funding are the state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies that are located along the border of the United States. The THIRA/SPR process is not required for OPSG.

For the purposes of OPSG, the risk is defined as the potential for an adverse outcome assessed as a function of threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences associated with an incident, event, or occurrence.

Based upon ongoing intelligence analysis and extensive security reviews, DHS/CBP continues to focus the bulk of OPSG funds based upon risk analyses. The risk model used to allocate OPSG funds considers the potential risk that certain threats pose to border security and estimate the relative risk faced by a given area. In evaluating risk, DHS/CBP considers intelligence, situational awareness, criminal trends, and statistical data specific to each of the border sectors, and the potential impacts that these threats pose to the security of the border area. For vulnerability and consequence, DHS/CBP considers the expected impact and consequences of successful border events occurring in specific areas.

Threat and vulnerability are evaluated based on specific operational data from DHS/CBP. Threat components present in each of the Sectors are used to determine the overall threat score. These components are terrorism, criminal aliens, drug trafficking organizations, and alien smuggling organizations.

Application Evaluation Criteria

Prior to making a federal award, FEMA is required by 31 U.S.C. § 3321 note, 41 U.S.C. § 2313, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.205 to review information available through any OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information. Therefore, application evaluation criteria may include the following risk-based considerations of the applicant: (1) financial stability; (2) quality of management systems and ability to meet

management standards; (3) history of performance in managing federal award; (4) reports and findings from audits; and (5) ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.

FEMA will evaluate FY 2018 HSGP applications for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and anticipated effectiveness of the proposed investments. FEMA's review will include verification that each IJ or project:

- Aligns with at least one core capability identified in the Goal;
- Demonstrates how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process; and
- Supports a NIMS-typed resource and whether those assets are deployable/shareable to support emergency or disaster operations per existing EMAC agreements.

In addition to the above, FEMA will evaluate whether proposed projects are: 1) both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed; and 2) able to be fully completed within the three-year PoP. FEMA will use the information provided in the application and after the submission of the first BSIR to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of a grant project. To that end, IJs should include:

- An explanation of how the proposed project will achieve objectives as identified in the SPR, including expected long-term impact where applicable, and which core capability gap(s) it helps to close and how;
- A summary of the status of planning and design efforts accomplished to date (e.g., included in a capital improvement plan); and
- A project schedule with clear milestones.

Recipients are expected to conform, as applicable, with accepted engineering practices, established codes, standards, modeling techniques, and best practices, and participate in the development of case studies demonstrating the effective use of grant funds, as requested.

Review and Selection (SHSP and UASI)

To ensure the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects, all applications will undergo a federal review. The federal review will be conducted by FEMA HQ Program Analysts. FEMA HQ Program Analysts will use a checklist to verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the NOFO. Recipients must be able to demonstrate how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process. IJs will be reviewed at both the investment and project level. A program hold may be placed on any investment which is found to be noncompliant.

Fusion center investments will be jointly reviewed by FEMA and the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) for compliance with HSGP NOFO requirements to prioritize the alignment of requests with results from the annual Fusion Center Assessment Program. If a fusion center investment does not meet the requirements, a Fusion Center Addendum must be completed and submitted for review and approval prior to expending funds allocated to fusion center activities.

Emergency communications investments will be jointly reviewed by FEMA and the DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) to verify compliance with SAFECOM guidance. FEMA and OEC will coordinate directly with the recipient on any compliance concerns and will provide technical assistance as necessary to help ensure full compliance.

OPSG

Applications will be reviewed by the SAA and USBP Sector Headquarters for completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines and evaluated for anticipated feasibility, need, and impact of the Operations Orders. For more information on Operations Orders and other requirements of OPSG see [Appendix E – OPSG Operational Guidance](#).

DHS/FEMA will verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the NOFO and required submission of Operations Orders and Inventory of Operations Orders by the established due dates. DHS/FEMA and USBP will use the results of both the risk analysis and the federal review by DHS/FEMA to make recommendations for funding to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

FY 2018 OPSG funds will be allocated competitively based on risk-based prioritization using the OPSG Risk Assessment described above. Final funding allocations are determined by the Secretary, who may consider information and input from various law enforcement offices or subject-matter experts within the Department. Factors considered include, but are not limited to threat, vulnerability, miles of the border, and other border-specific law enforcement intelligence, as well as the feasibility of FY 2018 Operation Orders to designated localities within Border States and territories. For details on program-specific funding amounts, refer to [Appendix A – FY 2018 Program Allocations](#).

Supplemental Financial Integrity Review

Prior to making a Federal award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, currently \$150,000, DHS/FEMA is required to review and consider any information about the applicant in the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System \(FAPIIS\)](#), which is also accessible through the SAM website.

- An applicant, at its option, may review information in FAPIIS and comment on any information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered.
- DHS/FEMA will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the FAPIIS information, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants, as described in 2 CFR § 200.205.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Notice of Award

Notification of award approval is made through the ND Grants system through an automatic electronic mail to the awardee authorized official listed in the initial application. The "award date" for HSGP will be the date that DHS/FEMA approves the award. The awardee should follow the directions in the notification to confirm acceptance of the award.

Funds will remain on hold until the recipient accepts the award through the ND Grants system and all other conditions of the award have been satisfied, or the award is otherwise rescinded. Failure to accept the grant award within the 90-day timeframe may result in a loss of funds.

Recipients must accept their awards no later than 90 days from the award date. The recipient shall notify the awarding agency of its intent to accept and proceed with work under the award through the ND Grants system. For instructions on how to accept or decline an award in the ND Grants system, please see the [ND Grants Recipient Training Manual](#).

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All successful applicants for all DHS grant and cooperative agreements are required to comply with DHS Standard Administrative Terms and Conditions, which are available online at: [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions](#). The applicable DHS Standard Administrative Terms and Conditions will be those in effect at the time the award was made.

Before accepting the award, the AOR should carefully review the award package. The award package includes instructions on administering the grant award and the terms and conditions associated with responsibilities under Federal Awards. Recipients must accept all conditions in this NOFO as well as any Special Terms and Conditions in the Notice of Award to receive an award under this program.

SHSP and UASI Pass-Through Requirements

Awards made to the SAA for HSGP carry additional pass-through requirements. Pass-through is defined as an obligation on the part of the SAA to make funds available to local units of government, combinations of local units, tribal governments, or other specific groups or organizations. Four requirements must be met to pass-through grant funds:

- The SAA must make a firm written commitment to passing through grant funds to subrecipients;
- The SAA's commitment must be unconditional (i.e., no contingencies for the availability of SAA funds);
- There must be documentary evidence (i.e., award document, terms, and conditions) of the commitment; and
- The award terms must be communicated to the subrecipient.

Timing and Amount

The SAA must pass-through at least 80 percent of the funds awarded under SHSP and UASI to local or tribal units of government within 45 calendar days of receipt of the funds.

"Receipt of the funds" occurs either when the SAA accepts the award or 15 calendar days after the SAA receives notice of the award, whichever is earlier.

SAAs are sent notification of their HSGP awards via the GPD's ND Grants system. If an SAA accepts its award within 15 calendar days of receiving notice of the award in the ND Grants system, the 45-calendar days pass-through period will start on the date the SAA accepted the award. Should an SAA not accept their HSGP award within 15 calendar days of receiving notice of the award in the ND Grants system, the 45-calendar days pass-through

period will begin 15 calendar days after the award notification is sent to the SAA via the ND Grants system.

It is important to note that the PoP start date does not directly affect the start of the 45-calendar days pass-through period. For example, an SAA may receive notice of their HSGP award on August 20, 2018, while the PoP dates for that award are September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. In this example, the 45-day pass-through period will begin on the date the SAA accepts their HSGP award or September 4, 2018 (15 calendar days after the SAA was notified of the award), whichever date occurs first. The PoP start date of September 1, 2018, would not affect the timing of meeting the 45 calendar day pass-through requirement.

Other SHSP and UASI Pass-Through Requirements

The signatory authority of the SAA must certify in writing to DHS/FEMA that pass-through requirements have been met. A letter of intent (or equivalent) to distribute funds is not considered sufficient. The pass-through requirement does not apply to SHSP awards made to the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is required to comply with the pass-through requirement, and its SAA must also obligate at least 80 percent of the funds to local units of government within 45 calendar days of receipt of the funds. Any UASI funds retained by the SAA must be used to directly support the designated Urban Areas in the state. The SAA must propose an investment describing how such UASI funds it retains will be used to directly support the Urban Area.

Under SHSP, the SAA may retain more than 20 percent of funding for expenditures made by the state on behalf of the local unit(s) of government. This may occur only with the written consent of the local unit of government, specifying the amount of funds to be retained and the intended use of funds. States shall review their written consent agreements yearly and ensure that they are still valid. If a written consent agreement is already in place from previous fiscal years, DHS/FEMA will continue to recognize it for FY 2018, unless the written consent review indicates the local government is no longer in agreement. If modifications to the existing agreement are necessary, the SAA should contact their assigned FEMA HQ Program Analyst.

Additional OPSG Requirements

The recipient must pass through 100 percent of OPSG allocations to eligible jurisdictions. The recipient is prohibited from obligating or expending funds provided through this award until each unique and specific county-level or equivalent Operational Order/Fragmentary Operations Order budget has been reviewed and approved through an official electronic mail notice issued by DHS/FEMA removing this special programmatic condition.

Reporting

Recipients are required to submit various financial and programmatic reports as a condition of award acceptance. Future awards and funds drawdown may be withheld if these reports are delinquent.

Federal Financial Reporting Requirements

Federal Financial Reporting (FFR)

Recipients must report obligations and expenditures on a quarterly basis through the FFR (SF-425) to DHS/FEMA. Recipients must file the FFR electronically using the [Payment and Reporting Systems \(PARS\)](#). A FFR must be submitted quarterly throughout the PoP, including partial calendar quarters, as well as for periods where no grant award activity occurs. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if these reports are delinquent, demonstrate lack of progress, or are insufficient in detail.

Recipients may review the Federal Financial Reporting Form (FFR) (SF-425) at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html#sortby=1>, SF-425 OMB #4040-0014.

Financial Reporting Periods and Due Dates

The following reporting periods and due dates apply for the FFR:

Reporting Period	Report Due
October 1 – December	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – September 30	October 30

Financial and Compliance Audit Report

For audits of fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2014, recipients that expend \$750,000 or more from all federal funding sources during their fiscal year are required to submit an organization-wide financial and compliance audit report. The audit must be performed in accordance with the requirements of Government and Accountability Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards, located at <http://www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm>, and the requirements of Subpart F of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, located at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=sp2.1.200.f>.

Program Performance Reporting Requirements

Performance Progress Reports (PPRs)

Recipients are responsible for providing updated performance reports on a biannual basis as an attachment in ND Grants.

The PPR should include the following:

- A brief narrative of the overall project status;
- A summary of project expenditures; and
- A description of any potential issues that may affect project completion.

As part of the PPR, recipients will be required to report the following information related to fusion center projects:

- Progress toward addressing shortfalls identified by their annual Fusion Center

Assessment results.

Program Performance Reporting Periods and Due Dates

The following reporting periods and due dates apply for the PPR:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
January 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – December 31	January 30

Additional Programmatic Reporting Requirements and Information

Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR)

In addition to the quarterly financial and biannual performance progress reports, recipients are responsible for completing and submitting BSIRs through the Grants Reporting Tool (GRT). The BSIR is due within 30 days after the end of the reporting period (July 30 for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30 (the summer BSIR report); and January 30 for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31 (winter BSIR report). All required attributes of each project must be included. Updated obligations, expenditures, and significant developments must be provided within the BSIR to show the progress of implementation for every project, as well as how expenditures support Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises (POETE). The first BSIR will be due January 30, 2019 (30 days after the end of the first reporting period for the award). Subsequent BSIR reports will require recipients to report on a project-by-project basis.

2018/2019 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) Process

By December 31, 2018, FY 2018 recipients are required to submit a THIRA/SPR, using an updated methodology that assesses only the response, recovery, and cross-cutting capabilities. In FY 2019, all core capabilities will be required and the SPR will still be submitted annually. However the THIRA requirement will be reduced to every three years.

Also beginning with the FY 2018 award cycle, the State Preparedness Report will be known as the Stakeholder Preparedness Review. The acronym SPR will continue to be used. States, territories, and Urban Areas will be required to submit a SPR annually.

Further details on the THIRA as it relates to HSGP Program requirements can be found in [Appendix B – FY 2018 HSGP Program Priorities](#). For additional guidance on THIRA, please refer to CPG 201, Third Edition, available at <http://www.fema.gov/threat-and-hazard-identification-and-risk-assessment>.

2017 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)

Although the THIRA/SPR process is changing this year, as discussed later in this section, grant investment justifications for FY 2018 applications should be based on previously submitted 2017 THIRA results. The THIRA is a grant requirement for all States,

territories, and Urban Areas. The THIRA is a risk-informed assessment of capability requirements that helps jurisdictions identify, understand, and plan for its worst most plausible threats and hazards.

2017 Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) [formerly State Preparedness Report]

The SPR is a grant requirement for all States, territories, and UASIs. It is an annual capability assessment that helps jurisdictions identify capability gaps and prioritize investment requirements to reach the targets set in their THIRA. Completing the SPR and tying the results to funding requests creates a stronger investment justification.

Additional information on the THIRA/SPR process can be found at

<https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>.

Supplemental Information Reporting Systems

In addition to ND Grants, the following information systems are used for the submission of required reports:

Grant Reporting Tool (GRT)

The Grant Reporting Tool (GRT) is the system in which HSGP recipients will submit their BSIR information. HSGP recipients are responsible for filing a semi-annual BSIR report in the GRT and should register to create an account as soon as possible. Recipients should go to the following link and follow the links to create a new account:

<https://www.reporting.odp.dhs.gov/>. This report is used to track the progress toward the completion of projects.

FY 2018 Unified Reporting Tool (URT)

The URT is DHS/FEMA's collection mechanism for THIRA, SPR, and related preparedness information. The FY 2018 URT includes questions related to NIMS adoption and implementation, CPG 101v2 compliance, and other preparedness questions, as appropriate. Information on the URT, including when recipients will receive the tool and how to use the tool, will be sent to recipients later in 2018.

Closeout Reporting Requirements

Within 90 days after the end of the PoP, or after an amendment has been issued to close out a grant, whichever comes first, recipients must submit a final FFR and final progress report detailing all accomplishments and a qualitative summary of the impact of those accomplishments throughout the PoP, as well as the following documentation:

- 1) The final request for payment, if applicable;
- 2) SF-425 –Final FFR;
- 3) Final Performance Progress Report;
- 4) A qualitative narrative summary of the impact of those accomplishments throughout the entire PoP submitted to the respective FEMA HQ Program Analyst, and
- 5) Other documents required by program guidance or terms and conditions of the award.

After these reports have been reviewed and approved by DHS/FEMA, a close-out notice will be completed. The notice will indicate the PoP as closed, list any remaining funds that will be de-obligated, and address the requirement of maintaining the grant records for three years from the

date of the final FFR.

In addition, any HSGP recipient that issues sub-awards to any subrecipient is responsible for closing out those sub-awards as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.343. HSGP recipients must ensure that they complete the closeout of their sub-awards in time to submit all necessary documentation and information to DHS/FEMA during the closeout of their grant award.

The recipient is responsible for returning any funds that have been drawn down but remain as unliquidated on recipient financial records.

Disclosing Information per 2 C.F.R. § 180.335

This reporting requirement pertains to disclosing information related to government-wide suspension and debarment requirements. Before a recipient enters into a grant award with FEMA, the recipient must notify FEMA if it knows if any of the recipient's principals under the award fall under one or more of the four criteria listed at 2 C.F.R. § 180.335. At any time after accepting the award, if the recipient learns that any of its principals falls under one or more of the criteria listed at 2 C.F.R. § 180.335, the recipient must provide immediate written notice to FEMA in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 180.350.

G. DHS/FEMA Awarding Agency Contact Information

Contact and Resource Information

Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID)

CSID is a non-emergency comprehensive management and information resource developed by DHS/FEMA for grant stakeholders. CSID provides general information on all DHS/FEMA grant programs and maintains a comprehensive database containing key personnel contact information at the federal, state, and local levels. When necessary, recipients will be directed to a Federal point of contact who can answer specific programmatic questions or concerns. CSID can be reached by phone at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

GPD Grant Operations Division

GPD's Grant Operations Division Business Office provides support regarding financial matters and budgetary, technical assistance. Additional guidance and information can be obtained by contacting the FEMA Call Center at 866-927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.gov.

FEMA Regional Offices

FEMA Regional Offices may also provide fiscal support, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance such as conducting cash analysis, financial monitoring, and audit resolution to the grant programs included in this solicitation. GPD will provide programmatic support and technical assistance. FEMA Regional Office contact information is available [here](#).

GPD Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP)

The DHS/FEMA GPD EHP Team provides guidance and information about the EHP review process to recipients and subrecipients. All inquiries and communications about GPD projects or the EHP review process, including the submittal of EHP review materials, should

be sent to gpdehpinfo@fema.gov. EHP Technical Assistance, including the EHP Screening Form, can be found online at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195>.

Systems Information

Grants.gov

For technical assistance with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), call the customer support hotline 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (except Federal holidays) at (800) 518-4726 or e-mail at support@grants.gov.

Non-Disaster (ND) Grants

For technical assistance with the ND Grants system, please contact the ND Grants Helpdesk at ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Payment and Reporting System (PARS)

DHS/FEMA uses the [Payment and Reporting System \(PARS\)](#) for financial reporting, invoicing and tracking payments. DHS/FEMA uses the Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) method of payment to recipients. To enroll in the DD/EFT, recipients must complete a Standard Form 1199A, Direct Deposit Form.

H. Additional Information

Monitoring and Evaluation

Recipients will be monitored on an annual and as needed basis by DHS/FEMA staff, both programmatically and financially, to ensure that the project goals, objectives, performance requirements, timelines, milestone completion, budgets, and other related program criteria are being met.

Monitoring may be accomplished through desk-based reviews, on-site monitoring visits, or both. Monitoring will involve the review and analysis of the financial, programmatic, performance, compliance and administrative processes, policies, activities, and other attributes of each Federal assistance award and will identify areas where technical assistance, corrective actions, and other support may be needed.

Case Studies and Use of Grant-Funded Resources during Real-World Incident Operations

Analyzing the use of grant-funded investments in real-world event (RWE) operations will improve the ability of FEMA and its state and local partners to assess the effectiveness of these investments and to better understand how grant funds support improvements in nationwide capability levels. Currently, FEMA conducts case studies with a limited number of grant recipients each year to explore how jurisdictions prioritize grant investments based on risk and capability assessments and the ways specific investments improve state and local preparedness. Recipients will be required to submit information on how they use grant funds in real-world incident operations in the URT with the implementation of the new THIRA/SPR methodology.

Conflicts of Interest in the Administration of Federal Awards or Subawards

For conflicts of interest under grant-funded procurements and contracts, refer to the section on Procurement Integrity in this NOFO and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326.

To eliminate and reduce the impact of conflicts of interest in the subaward process, recipients and sub-recipients must follow their policies and procedures regarding the elimination or reduction of conflicts of interest when making subawards. Recipients and pass-through entities are also required to follow any applicable Federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial statutes or regulations governing conflicts of interest in the making of sub-awards.

The recipient or subrecipient must disclose to the respective Program Analyst, in writing, any real or potential conflict of interest as defined by the Federal, state, local, tribal or territorial statutes or regulations or their own existing policies, which may arise during the administration of the Federal award within five days of learning of the conflict of interest. Similarly, subrecipients must disclose any real or potential conflict of interest to the pass-through entity as required by the recipient's conflict of interest policies, or any applicable Federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial statutes or regulations.

Conflicts of interest may arise during the process of DHS/FEMA making a Federal award in situations where an employee, officer, or agent, any members of his or her immediate family, his or her partner has a close personal relationship, a business relationship, or a professional relationship, with an applicant, sub-applicant, recipient, subrecipient, or DHS/FEMA employees.

Period of Performance Extensions

Extensions to the period of performance for this program are allowed. Extensions to the initial PoP identified in the award will only be considered through formal, written requests to the recipient's FEMA HQ Program Analyst and must contain specific and compelling justifications as to why an extension is required. SAAs are advised to coordinate with the FEMA HQ Program Analyst as needed when preparing an extension request. All extension requests must address the following:

- 1) The grant program, fiscal year, and award number;
- 2) Reason for the delay – this must include details of the legal, policy, or operational challenges being experienced that prevent the final outlay of awarded funds by the applicable deadline;
- 3) Current status of the activity/activities;
- 4) Approved PoP termination date and new project completion date;
- 5) Amount of funds drawn down to date;
- 6) Remaining available funds, both Federal and non-federal;
- 7) Budget outlining how remaining Federal and non-federal funds will be expended;
- 8) Plan for completion, including milestones and timeframes for achieving each milestone and the position/person responsible for implementing the plan for completion; and
- 9) Certification that the activity/activities will be completed within the extended PoP without any modification to the original Statement of Work, as described in the investment justification and approved by DHS/FEMA.

Extension requests will be granted only due to compelling legal, policy, or operational challenges. Extension requests will only be considered for the following reasons:

- Contractual commitments by the grant recipient with vendors or subrecipients prevent completion of the project within the existing PoP;
- The project must undergo a complex environmental review that cannot be completed

- within this timeframe;
- Projects are long-term by design, and therefore acceleration would compromise core programmatic goals; and
- Where other special circumstances exist.

Recipients must submit all proposed extension requests to DHS/FEMA for review and approval no later than 120 days prior to the end of the PoP. In accordance with GPD policy, extensions are typically granted for no more than a six month period.

Procurement Integrity

Through audits conducted by DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) and FEMA grant monitoring, findings have shown that some FEMA recipients have not fully adhered to the proper procurement requirements when spending grant funds. Anything less than full compliance with Federal procurement policies jeopardizes the integrity of the grant as well as the grant program.

The below highlights the Federal procurement requirements for FEMA recipients when procuring goods and services with Federal grant funds. DHS will include a review of recipients' procurement practices as part of the normal monitoring activities. **All procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with Federal Procurement Standards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326.** Select requirements under these standards are listed below. The recipient must comply with all requirements, even if they are not listed below.

Under 2 C.F.R. § 200.317, when procuring property and services under a Federal award, states must follow the same policies and procedures they use for procurements from their non-Federal funds; additionally, states must follow 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 regarding procurement of recovered materials, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 regarding required contract provisions.

All other non-Federal entities, such as tribes, must use their own documented procurement procedures that reflect applicable state, local, territorial, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200. These standards include, but are not limited to providing for full and open competition consistent with the standards of 2 C.F.R. § 200.319.

Competition and Conflicts of Interest

Among the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(a) applicable to all non-Federal entities other than States, in order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. **FEMA considers this an organizational conflict of interest and interprets this restriction as applying to contractors that help a recipient develop its grant application, project plans, or project budget. This prohibition also applies to the use of former employees to manage the grant or carry out a contract when such former employees worked on such activities while they were employees of the non-Federal entity.**

Under this prohibition, unless the non-Federal entity solicits for and awards a contract covering both development and execution of specifications (or similar elements as described above), and this contract was procured in compliance with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326, Federal funds cannot be used to pay a contractor to carry out the work if that contractor also worked on the development of such specifications. This rule applies to all contracts funded with Federal grant funds, including pre-award costs, such as grant writer fees, as well as post-award costs, such as grant management fees.

Additionally, some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to:

- Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- Organizational conflicts of interest;
- Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(b), non-Federal entities other than states must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, territorial or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1), non-Federal entities other than states are required to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. **No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest.** Such conflicts of interest would arise when the employee, officer or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

If the recipient or subrecipient (other than states) has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, territory, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. In this context, organizational conflict of interest means that because of a relationship with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization. The non-Federal entity must disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to FEMA or the pass-through entity in accordance with applicable FEMA policy.

Supply Schedules

Generally, a non-Federal entity may seek to procure goods or services from a Federal supply schedule, state supply schedule, or group purchasing agreement. State and local governments may procure goods and services from a General Services Administration (GSA) schedule. Information about GSA programs for state and local governments can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/resources-for/programs-for-state-and-local-governments>. For local governments that purchase off a GSA schedule, this will satisfy the Federal requirements for full and open competition provided that the recipient follows the GSA ordering procedures; however, local governments will still need to follow the other rules under 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326, such as contract cost and price (§ 200.323) and solicitation of minority, women-owned, or small businesses (§ 200.321).

For non-Federal entities other than states, such as tribes, that want to procure goods or services from a state supply schedule, cooperative purchasing program, or other similar program, in order for such procurements by to be permissible, the following must be true:

- The procurement of the original contract or purchasing schedule and its use by the recipient complies with state and local law, regulations, and written procurement procedures.
- The state or other entity that originally procured the original contract or purchasing schedule entered into the contract or schedule with the express purpose of making it available to the recipient and other similar types of entities.
- The contract or purchasing schedule specifically allows for such use, and the work to be performed for the non-Federal entity falls within the scope of work under the contract as to type, amount, and geography.
- The procurement of the original contract or purchasing schedule complied with all of the procurement standards applicable to a non-Federal entities other than states under at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326.
- With respect to the use of a purchasing schedule, the recipient must follow ordering procedures that adhere to state and local laws and regulations and the minimum requirements of full and open competition under 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

If a non-Federal entity other than a state seeks to use such a state supply schedule, cooperative purchasing program, or other similar type of arrangement, it is recommended that recipients discuss their procurement plans with the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate.

Documentation

Non-Federal entities are required to maintain and retain the following:

- Backup documentation, such as bids and quotes.
- Cost/price analyses on file for review by Federal personnel, if applicable.
- Other documents required by Federal regulations applicable at the time a grant is awarded to a recipient.

FEMA requires that non-Federal entities maintain the following documentation for federally funded purchases:

- Specifications
- Solicitations
- Competitive quotes or proposals
- Basis for selection decisions
- Purchase orders
- Contracts
- Invoices
- Cancelled checks

Non-Federal entities should keep detailed records of all transactions involving the grant. FEMA may at any time request copies of purchasing documentation along with copies of cancelled checks for verification.

Non-Federal entities who fail to fully document all purchases will find their expenditures questioned and subsequently disallowed.

Active Shooter Preparedness

DHS aims to enhance national preparedness through a whole community approach by providing the necessary products, tools, and resources to help all stakeholders prepare for and respond to an active shooter incident. To that end, DHS has developed a comprehensive Active Shooter Preparedness website, which includes informational resources. The website address is: <https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>.

In addition, within the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), the Joint DHS and FBI Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and Active Shooter Web Portal provides a restricted-access forum to share Unclassified for Official Use Only (FOUO), Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU), and Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES) Information. The portal provides users and training practitioners with accurate, appropriate, and relevant CVE and Active Shooter training development resources, subject matter expert information, and outreach initiatives. It also has forums to provide feedback, products useful to others, and allows participants to ask questions concerning CVE or the Active Shooter Program. Persons with a job-related duty, public service interest, or who support a CVE and/or Active Shooter program can request access into this Portal. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.dhs.gov/cveas-portal#>.

States and Urban Areas are encouraged to review the referenced active shooter guidance, evaluate their preparedness needs, and consider applying for HSGP funding to address any needs identified in this area (see [Appendix C – FY 2018 HSGP Funding Guidelines](#) for allowable

costs). To address training needs associated with active shooter incidents, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute provides a free, web-based training course entitled *IS-907: Active Shooter: What You Can Do*, available at the following website:
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907>.

Soft Targets and Crowded Places

There are continued and growing threats facing Soft Targets and Crowded Places (ST-CP) throughout the nation. ST-CPs are those locations or environments that are easily accessible to large numbers of people on a predictable or semi-predictable basis that have limited security or protective measures in place. These locations are vulnerable to attack using simple tactics and readily accessible weapons such as small arms, edged weapons, and vehicles as a weapon, improvised explosive devices, and unmanned aerial systems. ST-CPs can include places such as town centers, shopping malls, open-air venues, outside hard targets/venues perimeters, and other places of meeting and gathering. DHS is committed to reducing the risk of attacks against ST-CPs and the impact of attacks if they do occur. However, the protection and security of ST-CPs is a shared responsibility among whole community partners including: the public, ST-CP owners and operators, security industry partners, the Federal Government, and State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government partners. States, territories, urban areas, and public and private sector partners are encouraged to identify security gaps and build capabilities that address security needs of ST-CP, understanding the unique challenges related to protecting locations that are open to the public. States, territories, urban areas, and public and private sector partners are also encouraged to use resources to instill a culture of awareness, vigilance, and preparedness. For more information and additional resources, see the Department of Homeland Security's [Hometown Security Program](#).

Appendix A – FY 2018 HSGP Program Allocations

FY 2018 SHSP Allocations

State/Territory	FY 2018 Allocation
Alabama	\$3,980,000
Alaska	\$3,980,000
American Samoa	\$1,000,000
Arizona	\$3,980,000
Arkansas	\$3,980,000
California	\$59,235,000
Colorado	\$3,980,000
Connecticut	\$3,980,000
Delaware	\$3,980,000
District of Columbia	\$3,980,000
Florida	\$10,566,000
Georgia	\$6,508,000
Guam	\$1,000,000
Hawaii	\$3,980,000
Idaho	\$3,980,000
Illinois	\$15,712,000
Indiana	\$3,980,000
Iowa	\$3,980,000
Kansas	\$3,980,000
Kentucky	\$3,980,000
Louisiana	\$3,980,000
Maine	\$3,980,000
Maryland	\$5,882,000
Massachusetts	\$5,395,000
Michigan	\$6,368,000
Minnesota	\$3,980,000
Mississippi	\$3,980,000
Missouri	\$3,980,000
Montana	\$3,980,000
Nebraska	\$3,980,000
Nevada	\$3,980,000
New Hampshire	\$3,980,000
New Jersey	\$7,993,000
New Mexico	\$3,980,000
New York	\$76,930,000
North Carolina	\$5,246,000
North Dakota	\$3,980,000
Northern Mariana Islands	\$1,000,000

FY 2018 SHSP Allocations

State/Territory	FY 2018 Allocation
Ohio	\$7,364,000
Oklahoma	\$3,980,000
Oregon	\$3,980,000
Pennsylvania	\$9,622,000
Puerto Rico	\$3,980,000
Rhode Island	\$3,980,000
South Carolina	\$3,980,000
South Dakota	\$3,980,000
Tennessee	\$3,980,000
Texas	\$20,591,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,000,000
Utah	\$3,980,000
Vermont	\$3,980,000
Virginia	\$7,120,000
Washington	\$6,208,000
West Virginia	\$3,980,000
Wisconsin	\$3,980,000
Wyoming	\$3,980,000
Total	\$402,000,000

FY 2018 UASI Allocations

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area	FY 2018 UASI Allocation
Arizona	Phoenix Area	\$4,000,000
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$5,000,000
	Bay Area	\$27,500,000
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$68,000,000
	Riverside Area	\$3,000,000
	Sacramento Area	\$2,500,000
	San Diego Area	\$16,700,000
Colorado	Denver Area	\$3,000,000
District of Columbia	National Capital Region	\$52,750,000
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$6,000,000
	Orlando Area	\$1,500,000
	Tampa Area	\$3,000,000
Georgia	Atlanta Area	\$6,000,000
Hawaii	Honolulu Area	\$1,500,000
Illinois	Chicago Area	\$68,000,000
Maryland	Baltimore Area	\$4,000,000
Massachusetts	Boston Area	\$17,500,000
Michigan	Detroit Area	\$5,000,000
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area	\$5,000,000
Missouri	St. Louis Area	\$3,000,000
Nevada	Las Vegas Area	\$5,000,000
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$22,750,000
New York	New York City Area	\$178,750,000
North Carolina	Charlotte Area	\$2,500,000
Oregon	Portland Area	\$2,500,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area	\$17,500,000
	Pittsburgh Area	\$2,500,000
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$14,800,000
	Houston Area	\$22,750,000
	San Antonio Area	\$1,500,000
Virginia	Hampton Roads Area	\$1,500,000
Washington	Seattle Area	\$5,000,000
Total		\$580,000,000

FY 2018 SHSP and UASI LETPA Minimums

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area(s)	UASI Allocation	Total UASI Allocation	SHSP Allocation	Total Allocation by State	LETPA
Alabama				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Alaska				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
American Samoa				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Arizona	Phoenix Area	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,980,000	\$7,980,000	\$1,995,000
Arkansas				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$5,000,000	\$122,700,000	\$59,235,000	\$181,935,000	\$45,483,750
	Bay Area	\$27,500,000				
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$68,000,000				
	Riverside Area	\$3,000,000				
	Sacramento Area	\$2,500,000				
	San Diego Area	\$16,700,000				
Colorado	Denver Area	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,980,000	\$6,980,000	\$1,745,000
Connecticut				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Delaware				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
District of Columbia	National Capital Region	\$52,750,000	\$52,750,000	\$3,980,000	\$56,730,000	\$14,182,500
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$6,000,000	\$10,500,000	\$10,566,000	\$21,066,000	\$5,266,500
	Orlando Area	\$1,500,000				
	Tampa Area	\$3,000,000				
Georgia	Atlanta Area	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,508,000	\$12,508,000	\$3,127,000
Guam				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Hawaii	Honolulu Area	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,980,000	\$5,480,000	\$1,370,000
Idaho				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Illinois	Chicago Area	\$68,000,000	\$68,000,000	\$15,712,000	\$83,712,000	\$20,928,000
Indiana				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Iowa				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Kansas				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Kentucky				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Louisiana				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Maine				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Maryland	Baltimore Area	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,882,000	\$9,882,000	\$2,470,500
Massachusetts	Boston Area	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000	\$5,395,000	\$22,895,000	\$5,723,750
Michigan	Detroit Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,368,000	\$11,368,000	\$2,842,000
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,980,000	\$8,980,000	\$2,245,000
Mississippi				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Missouri	St. Louis Area	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,980,000	\$6,980,000	\$1,745,000
Montana				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000

FY 2018 SHSP and UASI LETPA Minimums

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area(s)	UASI Allocation	Total UASI Allocation	SHSP Allocation	Total Allocation by State	LETPA
Nebraska				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Nevada	Las Vegas Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,980,000	\$8,980,000	\$2,245,000
New Hampshire				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$22,750,000	\$22,750,000	\$7,993,000	\$30,743,000	\$7,685,750
New Mexico				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
New York	New York City Area	\$178,750,000	\$178,750,000	\$76,930,000	\$255,680,000	\$63,920,000
North Carolina	Charlotte Area	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,246,000	\$7,746,000	\$1,936,500
North Dakota				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Northern Mariana Islands				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Ohio				\$7,364,000	\$7,364,000	\$1,841,000
Oklahoma				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Oregon	Portland Area	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,980,000	\$6,480,000	\$1,620,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area	\$17,500,000	\$20,000,000	\$9,622,000	\$29,622,000	\$7,405,500
	Pittsburgh Area	\$2,500,000				
Puerto Rico				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Rhode Island				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
South Carolina				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
South Dakota				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Tennessee				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$14,800,000	\$39,050,000	\$20,591,000	\$59,641,000	\$14,910,250
	Houston Area	\$22,750,000				
	San Antonio Area	\$1,500,000				
U.S. Virgin Islands				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Utah				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Vermont				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Virginia	Hampton Roads Area	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$7,120,000	\$8,620,000	\$2,155,000
Washington	Seattle Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,208,000	\$11,208,000	\$2,802,000
West Virginia				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Wisconsin				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Wyoming				\$3,980,000	\$3,980,000	\$995,000
Total		\$580,000,000	\$580,000,000	\$402,000,000	\$982,000,000	\$245,500,000

FY 2018 OPSG Eligible States and Territories

States and Territories		
Alabama	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Alaska	Michigan	Rhode Island
Arizona	Minnesota	South Carolina
California	Mississippi	Texas
Connecticut	Montana	Vermont
Delaware	New Hampshire	Virginia
Florida	New Jersey	Washington
Georgia	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Hawaii	New York	Puerto Rico
Idaho	North Carolina	U.S. Virgin Islands
Louisiana	North Dakota	American Samoa
Maine	Ohio	Guam
Maryland	Oregon	Northern Mariana Islands

Note: Not all applicants are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2018 OPSG.

Appendix B – FY 2018 HSGP Program Priorities

Alignment of HSGP to the National Preparedness System

The Nation uses the National Preparedness System to build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal). Recipients will use the components of the National Preparedness System to support building, sustaining, and delivering these core capabilities. The components of the National Preparedness System are: Identifying and Assessing Risk; Estimating Capability Requirements; Building and Sustaining Capabilities; Planning to Deliver Capabilities; Validating Capabilities; and Reviewing and Updating. Additional information on the National Preparedness System is available at <http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>.

The FY 2018 HSGP contributes to the implementation of the National Preparedness System by financially supporting the ability of States and local jurisdictions to build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities identified in the Goal. A key focus and requirement of the HSGP is to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States, and the greatest risks along the Nation's Borders. When applicable, funding should support deployable assets that can be used anywhere in the Nation through automatic assistance and mutual aid agreements, including but not limited to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

The FY 2018 HSGP supports investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions nationwide to:

- Prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism;
- Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States;
- Mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events;
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident; and do so in a manner that engages the whole community while ensuring the protection of civil rights.

The core capabilities contained in the Goal are highly interdependent and require the use of existing preparedness networks and activities, improved training and exercise programs, innovation, and appropriate administrative, finance, and logistics systems.

DHS/FEMA requires recipients to prioritize grant funding to demonstrate how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process. Recipients are also expected to consider national areas for improvement identified in the 2017 National Preparedness Report as they relate to terrorism preparedness. These include cybersecurity; economic recovery; housing; infrastructure systems; natural and cultural resources; and supply chain integrity and security. Addressing these areas for improvement will enhance preparedness nation-wide. Minimum funding amounts are not prescribed by the Department for these priorities; however, recipients are expected to support state, local, regional, and national efforts in achieving the desired outcomes of these priorities.

Reporting on the Implementation of the National Preparedness System

Identifying Plausible, Worst Case, Threats, and Hazards and Estimating Capability Requirements

By December 31, 2018, FY 2018 recipients are required to submit a THIRA/SPR, using an updated methodology that assesses only the response, recovery, and cross-cutting capabilities. In FY 2019, all core capabilities will be required and the SPR will still be submitted annually. However the THIRA requirement will be reduced to every three years.

Reporting

- States, territories, and urban areas will submit their THIRA/SPR through the URT no later than December 31, 2018. States, territories and Urban Areas should work collaboratively to create the most accurate THIRA/SPR possible. Jurisdictions and Urban Areas may share scenarios, targets, and assessed capabilities when appropriate.

Building and Sustaining Capabilities

States are required to prioritize grant funding for building and sustaining capabilities in areas with capability gaps identified through the THIRA and SPR process.

Reporting

- In each HSGP recipient's BSIR, as part of programmatic monitoring, the recipient will be required to describe how expenditures support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process. HSGP recipients will, on a project-by-project basis, check one of the following:
 - Building a capability with HSGP funding; or
 - Sustaining a capability with HSGP funding.

Planning to Deliver Capabilities

Recipients shall develop and maintain, jurisdiction-wide, all threats and hazards EOPs consistent with (CPG 101 Version 2.0 (v2), Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans. Recipients must update their EOP at least once every two years.

Reporting

- Recipients report EOP compliance with CPG 101 v2 in the URT.

Validating Capabilities

Recipients should engage elected and appointed officials and other whole community stakeholders to identify long-term training and exercise priorities. Recipients must be able to demonstrate how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR, areas for improvement identified from real-world incidents and preparedness exercises, and national areas for improvement identified in the most recent National Preparedness Report.

Recipients should document these priorities and use them to deploy a schedule of exercise events and supporting training activities in a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (TEP).

Information related to Multi-year TEPs and Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPWs) can be found on the HSEEP website at <https://www.fema.gov/exercise> and <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/hseep-resources/program-management>.

All recipients will develop and maintain a progressive exercise program consistent with HSEEP. A progressive, multi-year exercise program is a series of increasingly complex exercises linked to a set of common program priorities with each successive exercise building upon the previous one until proficiency is achieved.

The National Exercise Program (NEP) serves as the principal exercise mechanism for examining national preparedness and measuring readiness. Recipients are strongly encouraged to nominate exercises into the NEP. For additional information on the NEP, please refer to <http://www.fema.gov/national-exercise-program>.

Reporting

- Recipients are required to develop a multi-year TEP that identifies training and exercise priorities and activities. The multi-year TEP shall be submitted to hseep@fema.dhs.gov no later than 90 days after the completion of the TEPW. Recipients are encouraged to enter their exercise information in the Preparedness Toolkit at <https://www.fema.gov/national-exercise-program>. DHS/FEMA will release additional guidance on Preparedness Toolkit, including how to enter exercise data, later in 2018.
- Recipients shall submit their AAR/IPs to hseep@fema.dhs.gov and indicate for exercises that use HSGP funds, indicating which year's funds were used. If the recipient submits a single AAR/IP to cover a HSGP progressive exercise series, the recipient must then specify the applicable HSGP grant year and the dates of the exercises in their submission to hseep@fema.dhs.gov. Submission of the AAR/IP shall be no later than 90 days after completion of the single exercise or progressive series. This link provides access to a sample AAR/IP template: <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/hseep-resources/improvement-planning>. Recipients are encouraged to enter their AAR/IP in the Preparedness Toolkit at <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov>. DHS/FEMA will release additional guidance on Preparedness Toolkit, including how to develop and enter an AAR/IP, later in 2018.

Recipients are reminded of the importance of implementing corrective actions iteratively throughout the progressive exercise cycle. This link provides access to a sample AAR/IP template: <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/hseep-resources/improvement-planning>.

Improving Cybersecurity

The cybersecurity of our Nation's critical infrastructure is a top priority. National preparedness, and more specifically the protection of critical infrastructure, requires an ability to prevent and respond to cyber incidents. FEMA strongly encourages preparedness grant recipients and subrecipients to assess their cybersecurity risks and consider the use of preparedness grants for funding cybersecurity investments that will effectively address those risks.

Cybersecurity investments are permissible under HSGP. Recipients must limit the use of SHSP funds for projects that support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to terrorism preparedness and may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. Additionally, grant-funded cybersecurity investments must support or otherwise be associated with the systems and equipment that are considered allowable costs under HSGP.

When requesting funds for cybersecurity, applicants are encouraged to propose projects that would aid in the implementation of the [Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity](#) (“The Framework”) developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Framework gathers existing international standards and practices to help organizations understand, communicate, and manage their cyber risks. For organizations that do not know where to start in developing a cybersecurity program, the Framework provides initial guidance. For organizations with more advanced practices, the Framework offers a way to further improve cyber risk management practices.

The Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community C³ Voluntary Program also provides resources to support critical infrastructure owners and operators in the adoption of the Framework to more effectively manage cyber risk. Additional information on the C³ Program can be found at www.dhs.gov/ccubedvp.

Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness and Individual Preparedness

Although the Citizen Corps Program (CCP) and Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) are no longer funded as discrete grant programs within HSGP, SAAs may include IJs funding to support CCP and MMRS activities/programs. Activities funded under these projects must meet the allowability requirements of the SHSP and UASI programs. The following coordination requirements will remain in place for proposed activities that support mass casualty incident preparedness, as well as citizen preparedness.

Mass casualty preparedness must be conducted in collaboration with state/city/local health departments that administer federal funds from HHS to enhance the integration of local emergency management, public health, emergency medical services, and health care systems into a coordinated, sustained local capability to respond effectively to a mass casualty incident or a response to catastrophic events and acts of terrorism. The Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) has recommended that State and local EMS systems improve their mass casualty incident triage capabilities through adoption of triage protocols and systems that are based on the Model Uniform Core Criteria. Recipients must also demonstrate how their investments will increase the effectiveness of emergency preparedness planning and response for the whole community by integrating and coordinating activities including under-represented diverse populations that may be more impacted by disasters including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs, individuals with diverse culture and language use, individuals with lower economic capacity and other underserved populations. Further, recipients are strongly encouraged to collaborate with local, regional, and state public health and health care partners, including Medical Reserve Corps Units Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) Citizen Corps Whole Community Councils, as well as

leverage other federal programs, such as the HHS ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program and Emergency Systems for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals, CDC Cities Readiness Initiative, PHEP, and Strategic National Stockpile Programs.

Fusion Centers

A critical component of the national response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks was the development of a national-level, decentralized, and coordinated terrorism-related information sharing environment (ISE). State and local governments, supported by federal investments from DHS, DOJ, HHS, and other federal agencies, established the National Network of Fusion Centers (National Network), which became the backbone of the national ISE. This National Network, comprised of 79 state and major Urban Area fusion centers, collaborates and shares information with partners from all levels of government, and the private sector, as well as other field-based information sharing partners, including HIDTAs, RISS Centers, JTTFs, and major city/county intelligence units, among others.

The National Network is a national asset that contributes to protecting the Homeland by providing a national capacity to identify, collect, analyze, and share information. State and local agencies that own and operate fusion centers have access to unique sources of information and maintain unique partnerships with local communities that cannot be replicated by federal agencies. These factors, combined with their operational independence from the federal government, allow fusion centers to provide partners with a distinct perspective on threats within their jurisdictions, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of the threats facing our nation. National Network participation in the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative enables fusion centers to receive and analyze suspicious activity reporting from frontline public safety personnel, the private sector, and the public, and ensure the sharing of SAR with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Forces for further investigation. In addition to those activities identified in the National Prevention Framework, fusion centers are also encouraged to collaborate with those analytic, investigative, and information-sharing focused entities to combat transnational criminal organizations in support of efforts to enhance capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. Such entities include, but are not limited to Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs), Area Maritime Security Committees, Border Enforcement Security Task Forces, Integrated Border Enforcement Teams, High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), and Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Centers.

Today's threats – to include terrorism, drugs, active shooters, transnational organized crime, and cyber – require federal, state, and local governments to leverage this national capacity to effectively respond to the evolving nature of the various national and homeland security threats confronting our Nation. Ultimately, timely analysis of key indicators from local, state, and federal partners will enable all stakeholders to identify emerging trends and develop and implement data-driven strategies to prevent, protect against, mitigate, and respond effectively.

To underscore the importance of the National Network as a critical component of our Nation's distributed homeland security and counterterrorism architecture, DHS/FEMA preparedness grants will continue to prioritize support for designated fusion centers (<http://www.dhs.gov/fusion-center-locations-and-contact-information>) and the maturation of the Information Sharing Environment (ISE).

Consistent with the designation as a high priority area in FY 2018, DHS/FEMA requires that all fusion center-related funding requests be consolidated into a single (1) investment for SHSP and a single (1) investment for UASI for states or Urban Areas in which designated fusion centers reside, as described in Section D in this NOFO regarding development of investments. The single investment provides states and Urban Areas a means to centrally manage and report on fusion center related activities. Recipients must coordinate with the fusion center when developing the fusion center investment prior to application submission. Further, any jurisdiction or agency that leverages HSGP funds to support intelligence- or fusion process-related activities (e.g., intelligence unit, real-time crime information and analysis centers) must ensure efforts are integrated and/or coordinated with the state or major Urban Area fusion center(s). The fusion center must utilize its assessment data when developing the investment. Each proposed project included in the fusion center investment must align to, and reference, specific performance areas of the Assessment that the funding is intended to support. Specific investment development instructions and a sample project description are available in [Section D – Application and Submission Information](#).

Fusion centers should prioritize the following capabilities to further enable and mature this national asset and strengthen the collective capacity to identify, collect, analyze, and share information, and disseminate actionable and strategic intelligence to key stakeholders.

- **Addressing Emerging Threats:** Fusion centers provide a national-level, decentralized, and coordinated information sharing environment across all levels of government and disciplines that can be leveraged and applied to address emerging threats to homeland security, national security, public safety, and/or public health, and especially those threats that may have little or no warning. Fusion centers should leverage and build upon their terrorism-focused analytic and information sharing capabilities so they can be applied to address threats across the DHS mission space, to include transitional organized criminal activity, cyber threats, and/or natural hazards, among others that require close collaboration with DHS operational entities such as CBP, ICE, USCG, and FEMA.
- **Analytic Capability:** Fusion centers should maintain a strong analytic capability at both tactical and strategic levels to address a wide array of threats or hazards that could have implications for homeland security and/or national security. This capability includes building and sustaining a capable workforce of analysts that have the necessary experience and training, access to open source, unclassified, classified information, products, data, and suspicious activity reporting, as well as necessary services and technology to facilitate analytic capabilities. This capability also includes the ability to plan appropriately, assess/forecast, prioritize, and execute against both known and emerging threat vectors, while protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Fusion centers should also consider their operational capacity when aligning manpower and resources in support of this capability (i.e., the ability to maintain watch and analytic support functions over a 24/7 operational tempo).
- **Technological Integration:** Access to data, information, and products is essential for fusion centers to effectively identify, collect, analyze, and share information. Just as threats do not stop at jurisdictional borders, fusion centers must be able to effectively access and share appropriate information and data across jurisdictions, agencies, and

disciplines. Fusion centers should ensure they have the necessary technological capacity to access, analyze, and share information, including criminal intelligence, both within their jurisdictions, as well as with other fusion centers across the country through a variety of systems, databases, tools, and technologies that allow for federated searching and data/information analysis that protects PII and includes appropriate privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections. Such approaches should also address the evaluation and use of emerging capabilities, including social network analysis, federated search technology, complex data indexing, social media, open source, facial recognition, unmanned aircraft systems, geographic information systems (GIS), and license plate reader technologies.

State and major Urban Area fusion centers receiving SHSP or UASI grant funds will be evaluated based on compliance with the guidance and requirements for the National Network as set forth by DHS I&A through the annual Fusion Center Assessment.

- FY 2018 Fusion Center Grant requirements are listed at <http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-grant-program-hsgp>.
- DHS/FEMA approved analyst courses that meet the grant requirement are listed at <http://www.dhs.gov/fema-approved-intelligence-analyst-training-courses>.

Through the PPR, fusion centers will report on the compliance with measurement requirements within the fusion centers through the annual Fusion Center Assessment managed by DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis and reported to FEMA.

Continuity of Operations

Continuity planning and operations are an inherent element of each core capability and the coordinating structures that provide them. Continuity operations increase resilience and the probability that organizations can perform essential functions in the delivery of core capabilities that support the mission areas. FEMA is responsible for coordinating the implementation and development, execution, and assessment of continuity capabilities among executive departments and agencies. To support this role, FEMA develops and promulgates Federal Continuity Directives (FCDs) to establish continuity program and planning requirements for executive departments and agencies and Continuity Guidance Circulars (CGCs) for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector critical infrastructure owners and operators. This direction and guidance assists in developing capabilities for continuing the essential functions of federal and state, local, tribal, and territorial governmental entities as well as the public/private critical infrastructure owners, operators, and regulators enabling them.

Presidential Policy Directive 40, FCD 1, FCD 2, CGC 1, and CGC 2 outline the overarching continuity requirements and guidance for organizations and provides methodology and checklists. For additional information on continuity programs, guidance, and directives, visit <http://www.fema.gov/guidance-directives> and <https://www.fema.gov/national-continuity-programs>.

NIMS Implementation

Recipients receiving HSGP funding are required to implement NIMS. NIMS defines a national, interoperable approach for sharing resources, coordinating and managing incidents, and communicating information. Incident management refers to how incidents are managed across all

homeland security activities, including prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery. FY 2018 HSGP recipients must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking, and recovery of resources.

Reporting

- Recipients report on NIMS implementation through the URT.

Governance

In keeping with the guiding principles of governance for all DHS/FEMA preparedness programs, recipients must coordinate activities across preparedness disciplines and levels of government, including state, territorial, local, and tribal governments. A cohesive planning framework should incorporate DHS/FEMA resources, as well as those from other Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, the private sector, and faith-based community organizations. Specific attention should be paid to how available preparedness funding sources can effectively support a whole community approach to emergency preparedness and management and the enhancement of core capabilities. To ensure this, the SAA must establish or reestablish a unified Senior Advisory Committee (SAC). Additionally, Urban Areas are required to establish Urban Area Working Groups (UAWGs) representative of the counties, cities, towns, and tribes within the high-risk urban area, including, as appropriate, representatives of rural jurisdictions, high-population jurisdictions, and high-threat jurisdictions.

Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

The SAC builds upon previously established advisory bodies under the SHSP and UASI programs, Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), and Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Examples of advisory bodies that should be included on the SAC include UAWGs, Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB), Area Maritime Security Committees (AMSCs), Regional Transportation Security Working Groups (RTSWGs), Citizen Corps Whole Community Councils, Disability Inclusion Working Groups, and Children's Working Groups. The membership of the SAC must reflect the state's unique risk profile and the interests of the five mission areas as outlined in the Goal. Further, the SAC must include representatives that were involved in the production of the state's THIRA/SPR.

SAC Composition and Scope

SAC membership shall include at least one representative from relevant stakeholders including:

- Individuals from the counties, cities, towns, and Indian tribes within the State or high-risk urban area, including, as appropriate, representatives of rural, high-population, and high-threat jurisdictions of UASI-funded Urban Areas;
- Representatives that were involved in the production of the state's THIRA/SPR;
- State and Urban Area Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs);
- Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and Statewide Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB) members;
- Citizen Corps Whole Community Councils;
- Local or tribal government officials;
- Tribal organizations;

- Emergency response providers, including representatives of the fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency managers;
- Public health officials and other appropriate medical practitioners;
- Hospitals;
- Individuals representing educational institutions, including elementary schools, community colleges, and other institutions of higher education;
- State and regional interoperable communications coordinators, as appropriate;
- State and major urban area fusion centers, as appropriate; and
- Nonprofit, faith-based, and other voluntary organizations such as the American Red Cross.

Additionally, program representatives from the following entities should be members of the SAC (as applicable): State Primary Care Association, State Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) (if this role is not also the SAA), State Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, State Public Health Officer, State Awardee for HHS' Hospital Preparedness Program, State Public Safety Officer (and SAA for Justice Assistance Grants, if different), State Coordinator for the DoD 1033 Program (also known as the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program), State Court Official, State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director, State Trauma System Manager, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, State Citizen Corps Whole Community Council, the State Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Coordinator, State Education Department, State Human Services Department, State Child Welfare Services, State Juvenile Justice Services, Urban Area POC, Senior Members of AMSCs, Senior Members of the RTSWG, Senior Security Officials from Major Transportation Systems, and the Adjutant General.

SACs are encouraged to develop subcommittee structures, as necessary, to address the issue or region-specific considerations. The SAC must include whole community intrastate and interstate partners as applicable and have balanced representation among entities with operational responsibilities for terrorism/disaster prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities within the state, and include representation from the stakeholder groups and disciplines identified above.

The above membership requirement does not prohibit states, Urban Areas, regional transit and port entities, or other recipients of DHS/FEMA preparedness funding from retaining their existing structure under separate programs; however, at a minimum, those bodies must support and feed into the larger SAC. The composition, structure, and charter of the SAC should reflect this focus on building core capabilities, instead of simply joining previously existing advisory bodies under other grant programs.

For designated Urban Areas, the SAA POCs are responsible for identifying and coordinating with the POC for the UAWG, who should be a member of the SAC. The POC's contact information must be provided to DHS/FEMA with the grant application. SAAs must work with existing Urban Areas to ensure that information for current POCs is on file with DHS/FEMA.

Finally, DHS/FEMA recommends that organizations advocating on behalf of youth, older adults and individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency and others with access and functional needs, socio-economic factors and cultural diversity, be invited to participate in the SAC.

Applicants must submit the list of SAC members and the SAC charter at the time of application as an attachment in ND Grants. Additionally, SAAs will use the URT to verify compliance with SAC charter requirements.

SAC Responsibilities

The responsibilities of a SAC include:

- Integrating preparedness activities across disciplines, the private sector, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and all levels of government, including local, state, tribal, and territorial, with the goal of maximizing coordination and reducing duplication of effort;
- Creating a cohesive planning network that builds and implements preparedness initiatives using DHS/FEMA resources, as well as other Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, the private sector, and faith-based community resources;
- Management of all available preparedness funding sources to ensure their effective use and to minimize duplication of effort;
- Ensuring applications for SHSP and UASI funds align with the capability gaps identified in the THIRA/SPR process;
- Assist in preparation and revision of the State, regional, or local homeland security plan or the threat and hazard identification and risk assessment, as the case may be; and
- Assist in determining effective funding priorities for SHSP grants.

SAC Charter

The governance of the SHSP and UASI programs through the SAC should be directed by a charter. All members of the SAC should sign and date the charter showing their agreement with its content and their representation on the Committee. Revisions to the governing charter must be sent to the recipient's assigned FEMA HQ Program Analyst. The SAC charter must at a minimum address the following:

- A detailed description of the SAC's composition and an explanation of key governance processes, including how the SAC is informed by the State's and UASI's THIRA/SPR data;
- A description of the frequency at which the SAC will meet;
- How the committee will leverage existing governance bodies;
- A detailed description of how decisions on programmatic priorities funded by SHSP and UASI are made and how those decisions will be documented and shared with its members and other stakeholders, as appropriate; and
- A description of defined roles and responsibilities for financial decision making and meeting administrative requirements.

To ensure ongoing coordination efforts, SAAs are encouraged to share community preparedness information submitted in the state's BSIR with members of the SAC. SAAs are also encouraged to share their THIRA/SPR data with members of the SAC applying for other FEMA preparedness grants in order to enhance their understanding of statewide capability gaps. The charter should be made available upon request to promote transparency in decision-making related to SHSP and UASI activities.

To manage this effort and to further reinforce collaboration and coordination across the stakeholder community, a portion of the 20 percent holdback of a state or territory award may be utilized by the SAA to support the SAC and to ensure representation and active participation of SAC members. Funding may be used for hiring and training planners, establishing and maintaining a program management structure, identifying and managing projects, conducting research necessary to inform the planning process, and developing plans that bridge mechanisms, documents, protocols, and procedures.

Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)

UASI program implementation and governance must include regional partners and should have balanced representation among entities with operational responsibilities for prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities within the region. In some instances, Urban Area boundaries cross state borders. States must ensure that the identified Urban Areas take an inclusive regional approach to the development and implementation of the UASI program and involve the contiguous jurisdictions, mutual aid partners, port authorities, rail and transit authorities, state agencies, state-wide Interoperability Coordinators, Citizen Corps Whole Community Council(s), and campus law enforcement in their program activities.

UAWG Composition and Scope

Pursuant to provisions of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, eligible Urban Areas were determined based on an analysis of relative risk of the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). MSAs are used by DHS/FEMA to determine eligibility for participation in the program. Geographical areas queried do not equate to minimum mandated membership representation of an Urban Area, nor does this guarantee funding for geographical areas queried. UAWGs are not required to expand or contract existing Urban Area participation to conform to MSA composition. Detailed information on MSAs is publicly available from the United States Census Bureau at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro.html>.

The SAA must confirm a specific POC with the designated Urban Area. The SAA POC is responsible for identifying and coordinating with the POC for the UAWG. This information must be provided to DHS/FEMA with the grant application. SAAs must work with existing Urban Areas to ensure that information for current POCs is on file with DHS/FEMA.

Membership in the UAWG must provide either direct or indirect representation for all relevant jurisdictions and response disciplines (including law enforcement, fire service, EMS, hospitals, public health, and emergency management) that comprise the defined Urban Area. It must also be inclusive of local Whole Community Citizen Corps Council and tribal representatives.

The UAWG should also include at least one representative from each of the following significant stakeholders:

- Local or tribal government officials;
- Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO);
- Emergency response providers, which shall include representatives of the fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency managers;
- Public health officials and other appropriate medical practitioners, including HCCs;

- Individuals representing educational institutions, including elementary schools, community colleges, and other institutions of higher education;
- State and regional interoperable communications coordinators, as appropriate; and
- State and major urban area fusion centers, as appropriate.

In addition to representatives from the local jurisdictions and tribes within the State or high-risk urban area, the UAWG should include officials responsible for the administration of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) cooperative agreements. Finally, it must be inclusive of members advocating on behalf of youth, older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency and others with access and functional needs, socio-economic factors and cultural diversity.

The SAA POC must ensure that appropriate representation for the defined Urban Area is included per this guidance. DHS/FEMA strongly encourages that, wherever possible, previously established local working groups should be leveraged for this purpose to ensure that UASI funded resources are managed in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The UAWG should support state efforts to develop the SPR, particularly as it relates to UASI funded activities. UASI recipients must also complete an SPR and should coordinate with the respective state(s). States and UASIs should work collaboratively to create the most accurate THIRA and SPR possible. Jurisdictions and UASIs may share scenarios, targets, and assessed capabilities when appropriate. Completing an SPR helps to identify capability gaps and to prioritize investments required to reach the THIRA targets, resulting in a stronger investment justification.

Urban Areas will use the URT to verify UAWG structure and membership. The list of UAWG members must also be submitted at the time of application as an attachment in ND Grants. Urban Areas must notify the SAA and the FEMA HQ Program Analyst of any updates to the UAWG structure or membership.

UAWG Responsibilities

The UAWG will be responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of all program initiatives. Members of the UAWG should be involved in the development of an Urban Area THIRA and SPR coordinated with the State THIRA and SPR, and subsequent updates.

UAWGs must ensure that applications for funding under the UASI program support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the Urban Area THIRA and SPR.

The UAWG, in coordination with the SAA POC, must develop a methodology for allocating funding available through the UASI program. The UAWG must reach consensus on all UASI funding allocations. If consensus cannot be reached within the 45-day period allotted for the state to obligate funds to subrecipients, the SAA must make the allocation determination. The SAA must provide written documentation verifying the consensus of the UAWG, or the failure to achieve otherwise, on the allocation of funds and submit it to DHS/FEMA immediately after the 45-day period allotted for the state to obligate funds to subrecipients. Any UASI funds retained by the state must be used in direct support of the Urban Area. States must provide documentation to the UAWG, and DHS/FEMA upon request demonstrating how any UASI funds retained by the state are directly supporting the Urban Area. If the SAA intends to retain any UASI funds, the SAA

must prepare an investment that demonstrates how the retained funds will be used to directly support the designated Urban Area in the state. This investment should be included in the designated Urban Area's IJ.

UAWG Charter

In keeping with sound project management practices, the UAWG must ensure that its approach to critical issues such as membership, governance structure, voting rights, grant management and administration responsibilities, and funding allocation methodologies are formalized in a working group charter or another form of standard operating procedure related to the UASI program governance. The charter must also outline how decisions made in UAWG meetings will be documented and shared with UAWG members. The UAWG charter must be submitted at the time of application in ND Grants and must be on file with DHS/FEMA prior to drawing down UASI funding and must be available to all UAWG members to promote transparency in decision-making related to the UASI program.

Supplemental SHSP and UASI Guidance

Collaboration

Collaboration with Other Federal Preparedness Programs

DHS/FEMA strongly encourages states, Urban Areas, and regions to understand other federal preparedness programs in their jurisdictions and to work with them in a collaborative manner to leverage all available resources and avoid duplicative activities. For example, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has two robust preparedness programs – Centers Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) cooperative agreement program – that focus on preparedness capabilities. CDC's 15 public health preparedness capabilities and ASPR's four healthcare preparedness capabilities serve as operational components for many of the core capabilities, and collaboration with the PHEP directors and HPP coordinators can build capacity around shared interests and investments that fall in the scope of these HHS cooperative agreements and the HSGP. States and Urban Areas should coordinate among the entire scope of federal partners, national initiatives and grant programs to identify opportunities to leverage resources when implementing their preparedness programs. These may include but are not limited to: Medical Reserve Corps; Emergency Medical Services for Children grants; ASPR HPP; CDC PHEP; CDC Cities Readiness Initiative; Strategic National Stockpile Programs; EMS; Department of Justice grants; the Department of Defense 1033 Program (also known as the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program); and NPPD/Office of Infrastructure Protection's Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP). However, coordination is not limited to grant funding. It also includes leveraging assessments such as a TSA's Baseline Assessment and Security Enhancement (BASE); reporting from the Intelligence Community, risk information such as U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime Security Risk Analysis Model (MSRAM), and USBP Sector Analysis.

Each SHSP and UASI funded investment that addresses biological risk, patient care or health systems preparedness should be implemented in a coordinated manner with other Federal programs that support biological and public health incident preparedness such as those administered by the

HHS ASPR, the CDC, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Federal agencies participating in the Emergency Preparedness Grant Coordination process are working to identify current preparedness activities and areas for collaboration across federal grants with public health and healthcare preparedness components. The participating federal agencies include:

- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Federal agencies are actively coordinating guidance and technical assistance and encourage all recipients to actively coordinate preparedness activities for their jurisdictions. More information on the Emergency Preparedness Grant Coordination process can be found [here](#).

Collaboration with Health Care Coalitions (HCCs)

HCCs are regional entities comprised of health care, public health, emergency management and emergency medical services organizations that plan and respond together, leverage resources, and address challenges in health care delivery brought on by public health and medical incidents. Given that many of the risks being mitigated include the potential for a range of mass casualties, including those across the CBRNE spectrum, planning efforts should include the participation of HCCs, and should take into account the elements and capabilities articulated in the 2017-2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities (<https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/hpp/reports/Documents/2017-2022-healthcare-pr-capabilities.pdf>).

Collaboration with Nonprofit Organizations

SHSP and UASI recipients are encouraged to work with the nonprofit community to address terrorism and all hazards prevention concerns, seek input on the needs of the nonprofit sector and support the goals of their investments.

Collaboration with Tribes

DHS/FEMA strongly encourages states, Urban Areas, and regions to work with tribal nations in overall initiatives such as whole community preparedness and emergency management planning.

Ensuring the Protection of Civil Rights

As the Nation works towards achieving the Goal, it is important to continue to protect the civil rights of individuals. Recipients must carry out their programs and activities, including those related to the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities, in a manner that respects and ensures the protection of civil rights for protected populations. These populations include but are not limited to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, individuals with limited

English proficiency, and other diverse racial and ethnic populations in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and related statutes. The DHS Standard Terms and Conditions include the civil rights provisions that apply to recipients. These terms and conditions can be found at [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions](#). Additional information on civil rights provisions is available at <https://www.fema.gov/office-equal-rights>.

Whole Community Preparedness

SHSP and UASI recipients should engage with the whole community to advance community and individual preparedness and to work as a nation to build and sustain resilience. Recipients should have a coordinating body to serve as their Citizen Corps or Whole Community Council, with membership that may include, but is not limited to: representatives from emergency management, homeland security, law enforcement, fire service, EMS, public health, hospitals, HCCs, or their designee, elected officials, the private sector (especially privately owned critical infrastructure), private nonprofits, nongovernmental organizations (including faith-based, community-based, and voluntary organizations), advocacy groups for under-represented diverse populations that may be more impacted by disasters including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs, individuals with diverse culture and language use, individuals with lower economic capacity and other underserved populations. Recipients must also integrate program design and delivery practices that ensure representation and services for under-represented diverse populations that may be more impacted by disasters including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs, individuals with diverse culture and language use, individuals with lower economic capacity and other underserved populations.

Individual preparedness must be coordinated by an integrated body of government and nongovernmental representatives. Recipients must have a coordinating body to serve as their Citizen Corps Whole Community Council, with membership that includes, but is not limited to: representatives from emergency management, homeland security, law enforcement, fire service, EMS, public health, hospitals, HCCs, or their designee, elected officials, the private sector (especially privately owned critical infrastructure), private nonprofits, nongovernmental organizations (including faith-based, community-based, and voluntary organizations), advocacy groups for under-represented diverse populations that may be more impacted by disasters including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs, individuals with diverse culture and language use, individuals with lower economic capacity and other underserved populations.

In addition to the Citizen Corps Whole Community Councils and CERT programs, the following preparedness programs are allowable expenses:

- **PrepareAthon:** FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) launched PrepareAthon™ (formerly America's PrepareAthon!) in 2013, with the goal of empowering individuals and communities to take action to improve their preparedness and resilience. The purpose of PrepareAthon is to motivate people and communities to take action to prepare for and protect themselves against disasters. Supported by FEMA, communities conduct PrepareAthon events year-round with a focus on encouraging participants to take specific actions to protect themselves from the disasters most likely to affect them and their community. PrepareAthon events are unique to each community and may be aligned with a particular theme in the Ready Campaign's National Seasonal

Preparedness Messaging Calendar (www.ready.gov/prepare). PrepareAthon is a critical part of FEMA's overarching mission to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a Nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

- **Youth Preparedness Resources** to support practitioners as they create and run programs in their communities are available at www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness. One of these resources, the Youth Preparedness Catalog, identifies over 200 existing programs, curricula, and resources that may be of interest to those seeking an introduction to, or learning more about, youth preparedness programs. The Catalog describes national, regional, and state-level programs. The Catalog can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/94775>.

Supplemental OPSG Guidance

OPSG provides funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States Borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

OPSG is intended to support Border States and territories of the United States in accomplishing the following objectives:

- Increase capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues;
- Increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies;
- Continue the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection;
- Provide intelligence-based operations through USBP Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities;
- Support a request to any Governor to activate, deploy, or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of state law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements operational activities; and
- Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

OPSG funds must be used to provide an enhanced law enforcement presence and to increase operational capabilities of Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within Border States and territories of the United States.

- **Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial OPSG Integrated Planning Team (IPT).** It is required that Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners establish and maintain a formalized OPSG IPT with representation from all participating law enforcement agencies, co-chaired by representatives from USBP, the SAA, and participating law enforcement agencies' OPSG program representatives.

- **No less than two IPT meetings must take place during every funding year:**
 - Prior to submitting the Concept of Operations (application)
 - Prior to submitting the Campaign Plan

Coordination Requirements

All operational plans should be crafted in cooperation and coordination among Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. Consideration will be given to applications that are coordinated across multiple jurisdictions. All applicants must coordinate with the USBP Sector Headquarters with geographic responsibility for the applicant's location in developing and submitting an Operations Order with an embedded budget to the SAA.

After awards are announced, prospective recipients will re-scope the draft Operations Order and resubmit as a final Operations Order with an embedded budget, based on actual dollar amounts awarded. The appropriate Sector Headquarters will approve final Operations Orders and forwarded to Headquarters, Office of Border Patrol, Washington, D.C., before funding is released.

Recipients may not begin operations, obligate, or expend any funds until FEMA GPD has approved the final Operations Order and the embedded budget and USBP Headquarters and any existing special conditions and/or restrictions are removed.

Appendix C – FY 2018 HSGP Funding Guidelines

Recipients must comply with all the requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (*Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*).

In general, recipients should consult with their FEMA HQ Program Analyst prior to making any investment that does not clearly meet the allowable expense criteria established by this NOFO. Funding guidelines established within this section support the five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery—and associated core capabilities within the Goal.

Allowable investments made in support of the HSGP priorities as well as other capability-enhancing projects must have a nexus to terrorism preparedness and fall into the categories of planning, organization, exercises, training, or equipment aligned to capability gaps identified during the THIRA/SPR process. Recipients are encouraged to use grant funds for evaluating grant-funded project effectiveness and return on investment FEMA encourages recipients to provide the results of that analysis to FEMA.

Multiple Purpose or Dual-Use of Funds

For both SHSP and UASI, many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. However, all SHSP and UASI funded projects must assist recipients and subrecipients in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.

Planning (SHSP and UASI)

SHSP and UASI funds may be used for a range of emergency preparedness and management planning activities and such as those associated with the development, and review and revision of the THIRA, SPR, continuity of operations plans and other planning activities that support the Goal and placing an emphasis on updating and maintaining a current EOP that conforms to the guidelines outlined in CPG 101 v 2.0.

Organization (SHSP and UASI)

Organizational activities include:

- Program management;
- Development of whole community partnerships, through groups such as Citizen Corp Councils;
- Structures and mechanisms for information sharing between the public and private sector;
- Implementing models, programs, and workforce enhancement initiatives to address ideologically-inspired radicalization to violence in the homeland;
- Tools, resources, and activities that facilitate shared situational awareness between the public and private sectors;
- Operational Support;
- Utilization of standardized resource management concepts such as typing, inventorying, organizing, and tracking to facilitate the dispatch, deployment, and recovery of resources before, during, and after an incident;

- Responding to an increase in the threat level under the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS), or needs in resulting from a National Special Security Event; and
- Paying salaries and benefits for personnel to serve as qualified intelligence analysts.

States and Urban Areas must justify proposed expenditures of SHSP or UASI funds to support organization activities within their IJ submission. All SAAs are allowed to utilize up to 50 percent of their SHSP funding, and all Urban Areas are allowed up to 50 percent of their UASI funding for personnel costs. Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant only to the extent that such expenses are for the allowable activities within the scope of the grant. Personnel expenses may include but are not limited to: training and exercise coordinators, program managers and planners, intelligence analysts, and statewide interoperability coordinators (SWIC).

At the request of a recipient, the FEMA Administrator may grant a waiver of this 50 percent limitation. Requests for waivers to the personnel cap must be submitted by the authorized representative of the SAA to GPD in writing on official letterhead, with the following information:

- Documentation explaining why the cap should be waived;
- Conditions under which the request is being submitted; and
- A budget and method of calculation of personnel costs both in percentages of the grant award and in total dollar amount.

Organizational activities under SHSP and UASI include:

- **Intelligence Analysts.** Per the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act (Pub. L. No. 110-412), SHSP and UASI funds may be used to hire new staff and/or contractor positions to serve as intelligence analysts to enable information/intelligence sharing capabilities, as well as support existing intelligence analysts previously covered by SHSP or UASI funding. In order to be hired as an intelligence analyst, staff and/or contractor personnel must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Complete training to ensure baseline proficiency in intelligence analysis and production within six months of being hired; and/or,
 - Previously served as an intelligence analyst for a minimum of two years either in a Federal intelligence agency, the military, or state and/or local law enforcement intelligence unit.

All fusion center analytic personnel must demonstrate qualifications that meet or exceed competencies identified in the Common Competencies for State, Local, and Tribal Intelligence Analysts, which outlines the minimum categories of training needed for intelligence analysts. A certificate of completion of such training must be on file with the SAA and must be made available to the recipient's respective FEMA HQ Program Analyst upon request.

Operational Overtime Costs. In support of efforts to enhance capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events, operational overtime costs are allowable for increased protective security measures at critical infrastructure sites or other high-risk locations and to enhance public safety during mass gatherings and high-profile events. In that regard, HSGP recipients are urged to consider using grant funding to support soft target preparedness activities. SHSP or UASI funds may be used to support select operational expenses

associated with increased security measures in the authorized categories cited in the table below, but this table is not exhaustive. DHS/FEMA retains the discretion to approve other types of requests that do not fit within one of the categories of the table.

Table 1: Authorized Operational Overtime Categories

	Category	Description
1	National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS)	Security measures in response to an <u>increase in the threat level</u> under the NTAS to an “elevated” or “imminent” alert status. GPD Information Bulletin No. 367, <u><i>Impact of National Terrorism Advisory System on Homeland Security Grant Programs</i></u> , remains applicable; therefore, advance authorization from FEMA is not required. Refer to https://www.dhs.gov/topic/ntas for additional information on the NTAS.
2	National Security Special Event (NSSE)	Security measures for a <u>designated</u> NSSE. NSSEs are events of national or international significance deemed by DHS to be a potential target for terrorism or other criminal activity.
3	Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) Level 1 through Level 4 Events	<p>Security measures required for SEAR Level 1 through Level 4 events as designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and included in the DHS National Special Events List, as defined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAR 1: A significant event with national and/or international importance that may require extensive Federal interagency support; • SEAR 2: A significant event with national and/or international importance that may require some level of Federal interagency support. • SEAR 3: An event of national and/or international importance that requires only limited Federal support. • SEAR 4: An event with limited national importance that is managed at state and local level. <p>NOTE: In cases where a threat of terrorism can be associated with a SEAR Level 5 event, the event planners should coordinate with their state or territory Homeland Security Advisor to seek re-adjudication of the SEAR rating. Operational overtime for security measures associated with such events will be considered for approval by FEMA if re-adjudication results in a SEAR 1 through 4 rating.</p>
4	States of Emergency	Declarations of states of emergency by the Governor <u>associated with a terrorism-related threat or incident</u> . This excludes Presidentially-declared major disasters or emergencies where federal funding support for the proposed grant-funded activity is made available through the FEMA Public Assistance program or other Federal disaster grants.
5	National Critical Infrastructure Prioritization Program (NCIPP)	Protection of Level 1 and Level 2 facilities identified through the Department of Homeland Security’s NCIPP <u>based on a terrorism-related threat</u> to critical infrastructure.

	Category	Description
6	Directed Transit Patrols	Targeted security patrols in airports and major transit hubs <u>based on a terrorism-related threat</u> to transportation systems.
7	Other Related Personnel Overtime Costs	Overtime costs may be authorized for personnel assigned to directly support any of the security activities relating to the categories above. Examples include firefighters and emergency medical services personnel; public works employees who may be responsible for installing protective barriers and fencing; public safety personnel assigned to assist with event access and crowd control; emergency communications specialists; fusion center analysts; National Guard; contract security services; etc.
8	Operational Support to a Federal Agency	Overtime costs are allowable for personnel to participate in information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities related to homeland security/terrorism preparedness and specifically requested by a federal agency. Allowable costs are limited to overtime associated with federally requested participation in eligible activities, including anti-terrorism task forces, Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs), Area Maritime Security Committees (as required by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002), DHS Border Enforcement Security Task Forces, and Integrated Border Enforcement Teams. In addition, reimbursement for operational overtime law enforcement activities related to combating transnational crime organizations in support of efforts to enhance capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism is an allowable expense under SHSP and UASI on a case by case basis. Grant funding can only be used in proportion to the federal man-hour estimate, and only after funding for these activities from other federal sources (i.e., FBI JTTF payments to state and local agencies) has been exhausted.

All allowable operational overtime costs are also subject to the administration requirements outlined in the following subsection.

Administration of Operational Overtime Requests

- With the exception of an elevated NTAS alert, SHSP or UASI funds may only be spent for operational overtime costs upon prior written approval by FEMA. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) must submit operational overtime requests in writing, to its assigned FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) Program Analyst (PA). FEMA GPD will consider requests for special event activities up to one year in advance. However such requests must be within the award's current period of performance and not result in the need for a request to extend the period of performance. SAAs should contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) for PA contact information. CSID can be reached by phone at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.dhs.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.
- All operational overtime requests must clearly explain how the request meets the criteria of one or more of the categories listed in the table above. Requests must address the threat

environment as it relates to the event or activity requiring operational overtime support and explains how the overtime activity is responsive to the threat. Request letters sent to FEMA GPD must be UNCLASSIFIED but may be labeled “For Official Use Only.” If explaining the threat will require the sharing of classified information, the letter should state as such. FEMA GPD will then make arrangements for the sharing of classified information through official channels.

- Post-event operational overtime requests will only be considered on a case-by-case basis, where it is demonstrated that exigent circumstances prevented submission of a request in advance of the event or activity.
- Under no circumstances may DHS/FEMA grant funding be used to pay for costs already supported by funding from another federal source.
- States with UASI jurisdictions can use funds retained at the state level to reimburse eligible operational overtime expenses incurred by the state (per the above guidance limitations). Any UASI funds retained by the state must be used in direct support of the Urban Area. States must provide documentation to the UAWG and DHS/FEMA upon request demonstrating how any UASI funds retained by the state would directly support the Urban Area.
- FEMA will consult and coordinate with appropriate DHS components as necessary to verify information used to support operational overtime requests. For example, the review of operational overtime requests for the protection of critical infrastructure will be coordinated with DHS Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis to verify the Level I or Level II NCIPP designation. Also, DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis will be consulted to validate reported threat information associated with the event or activity.

Personnel Costs. Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant in order to perform allowable HSGP planning, training, exercise, and equipment activities. Personnel may include but are not limited to: training and exercise coordinators, program managers for activities directly associated with SHSP and UASI funded activities, intelligence analysts, and statewide interoperability coordinators (SWIC).

For further details, SAAs should refer to [FP 207-093-1, Clarification on the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act of 2008 \(Public Law 110-412 – the PRICE Act\)](#), or contact their FEMA HQ Program Analyst.

HSGP funds may not be used to support the hiring of any personnel to fulfil traditional public health and safety duties or to supplant traditional public health and safety positions and responsibilities.

The following are definitions as it relates to personnel costs:

- *Hiring.* State and local entities may use grant funding to cover the salary of newly hired personnel who are exclusively undertaking allowable DHS/FEMA grant activities as specified in this guidance. This may not include new personnel who are hired to fulfill any non-DHS/FEMA program activities under any circumstances. Hiring will always result in a net increase of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees.
- *Overtime.* These expenses are limited to the additional costs which result from personnel working over and above 40 hours of weekly work time as a direct result of their

performance of DHS/FEMA-approved activities specified in this guidance. Overtime associated with any other activity is not eligible.

- *Backfill-related Overtime.* Also called “Overtime as Backfill,” these expenses are limited to overtime costs which result from personnel who are working overtime (as identified above) to perform the duties of other personnel who are temporarily assigned to DHS/FEMA-approved activities outside their core responsibilities. Neither overtime nor backfill expenses are the result of an increase of FTE employees.
- *Supplanting.* Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or recipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

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Operational Overtime Costs. OPSG funds should be used for operational overtime costs associated with law enforcement activities, in support of border law enforcement agencies for increased border security enhancement. Overtime pay is for enhanced patrol for certified public safety officers, along with limited support for other law enforcement direct support personnel (i.e., Communication Officers/Dispatchers, non-sworn patrol pilots). Overtime shall be reimbursed consistent with the non-Federal entity’s overtime policy and the requirements as stated below:

- a) Overtime is time worked that exceeds the required number of hours during an employee’s designated shift.
- b) Overtime must be worked to increase patrol capacity and in support of identified and approved USBP border security operations.
- c) The OPSG overtime hourly rate of pay will be no more than the approved overtime rate per local law and policy and in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
- d) Exempt salaried employees may not be reimbursed for overtime unless the non-Federal entity’s policy specifically allows for overtime reimbursement.
- e) The non-Federal entity may not utilize OPSG funding to pay for an employee’s overtime hours or pay that exceeds 16-hours worked in any 24-hour period.

Personnel Costs.

- Up to 50 percent of an OPSG award may be used to pay for all personnel costs (only to the extent that such expenses are for the allowable activities within the scope of the grant). At the request of a recipient, the FEMA Administrator may waive the 50 percent personnel cap. Waiver decisions are at the discretion of the FEMA Administrator and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A formal OPSG personnel waiver request should:
 - Be requested on official letterhead, include a written justification, and be signed by the local jurisdiction;
 - Include a budget and method of calculation of personnel costs both in the percentage of the grant award and in total dollar amount;
 - Include an approved Operations Order from the USBP Sector office which supports the local jurisdiction’s written justification; and

- Be coordinated with the USBP Sector, SAA, and the DHS/CBP Office of the Border Patrol (OBP).
- OPSG funds may be used to pay additional current part-time law enforcement personnel salaries in order to bring them to temporary full-time status.
- OPSG funds may support a Governor's request to activate, deploy, or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Package and/or elements of state law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements' operational activities.
- Costs associated with backfill for personnel supporting operational activities are allowable.
- As with all OPSG personnel costs, OPSG grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or recipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.
- Temporary or Term Appointments
 - Subrecipients may utilize temporary or term appointments to augment the law enforcement presence on the borders. However, applying funds toward hiring full-time or permanent sworn public safety officers is unallowable.
 - For OPSG purposes, temporary appointments are non-status appointments for less than one year.
 - For OPSG purposes, term appointments are non-status appointments for one year, extendable for one year as necessary.
 - OPSG-funded temporary or term appointments may not exceed the approved period of performance.
 - OPSG funding for temporary or term appointments may pay for salary only. Benefits are not allowable expenses for term or temporary employees.
 - OPSG remains a non-hiring program. Appropriate uses of temporary or term appointments include:
 - To carry out specific enforcement operations work for ongoing OPSG funded patrols throughout the Sector Area of Operation;
 - To staff operations of limited duration; such as OPSG enhanced enforcement patrols targeting specific locations or criminal activity; and,
 - To fill OPSG positions in activities undergoing transition or personnel shortages and local backfill policies (medical/military deployments)
 - OPSG term and temporary appointments must have all necessary certifications and training to enforce state and local laws. OPSG funds will not be used to train or certify term or temporary appointments except as otherwise stated in the OPSG section of this NOFO.
 - DHS provides no guarantee of funding for temporary or term appointments. In addition to the terms of this NOFO, subrecipients must follow their own applicable policies and procedures regarding temporary or term appointments.

Travel, Per Diem, and Lodging Costs. OPSG funds may be used for domestic travel and per diem, including costs associated with the deployment/redeployment of personnel to border areas and for travel associated with law enforcement entities assisting other local

jurisdictions in law enforcement activities. In addition, allowable costs include supporting up to six-month deployment of law enforcement personnel to critical Southwest Border locations for operational activities (travel costs must be in accordance with applicable travel regulations).

Management and Administration (M&A)

Management and administration (M&A) activities are those directly relating to the management and administration of OPSG funds, such as financial management and monitoring. Sub-recipients and friendly forces may retain funding for M&A purposes; however, the total amount retained by both the subrecipient and friendly forces cannot exceed 5 percent of the subrecipient award.

Friendly forces are local law enforcement entities that are second tier subrecipients under OPSG. In other words, friendly forces are entities that receive a subaward from a subrecipient under the OPSG program. Friendly forces must comply with all requirements of subrecipients under 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

Equipment (SHSP and UASI)

The 21 allowable prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery equipment categories for HSGP are listed on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The AEL is available at <http://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>. Some equipment items require prior approval before the obligation or purchase of the items. Please reference the grant notes for each equipment item to ensure prior approval is not required.

Unless otherwise stated, equipment must meet all mandatory regulatory and/or DHS/FEMA-adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using these funds. In addition, agencies will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment.

Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable [SAFECON Guidance](#). Such investments must be coordinated with the SWIC and the State Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB) to ensure interoperability and long-term compatibility.

Grant funds may be used for the procurement of medical countermeasures. Procurement of medical countermeasures must be conducted in collaboration with state, city, or local health departments that administer Federal funds from HHS for this purpose and with existing MMRS committees where available, in order to sustain their long-term planning for appropriate, rapid, and local medical countermeasures, including antibiotics and antidotes for nerve agents, cyanide, and other toxins. Procurement must have a sound threat based justification with an aim to reduce the consequences of mass casualty incidents during the first crucial hours of a response. Prior to procuring pharmaceuticals, recipients must have in place an inventory management plan to avoid large periodic variations in supplies due to coinciding purchase and expiration dates. Recipients are encouraged to enter into rotational procurement agreements with vendors and distributors. Purchases of pharmaceuticals must include a budget for the disposal of expired drugs within each fiscal year's PoP for HSGP. The cost of disposal cannot be carried over to another DHS/FEMA grant or grant period.

EMS electronic patient care data systems should comply with the most current data standard of the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (www.NEMSIS.org).

Equipment (OPSG)

- **Equipment Marking.** Because equipment purchased with OPSG funding is intended to be used to support Operation Stonegarden activities, it must be appropriately marked to ensure its ready identification and primary use for that purpose. When practicable, any equipment purchased with OPSG funding shall be prominently marked as follows:

"Purchased with DHS funds for Operation Stonegarden Use"

- **Fuel Cost and/or Mileage Reimbursement.** There is no cap for reimbursement of fuel and mileage costs in support of operational activities.
- **Vehicle and Equipment Rentals.** Allowable purchases under OPSG include patrol cars and other mission-specific vehicles whose primary use is to increase operational activities/patrols on or near a border nexus in support of approved border security operations. A detailed justification must be submitted to the respective FEMA HQ Program Analyst prior to purchase.

Requirements for Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SHSP, UASI, and OPSG)

All requests to purchase Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) with FEMA grant funding must comply with [IB 426](#) and also include a description of the policies and procedures in place to safeguard individuals' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of the jurisdiction that will purchase, take title to or otherwise use the SUAS equipment.

Training (SHSP and UASI)

Allowable training-related costs under HSGP include the establishment, support, conduct, and attendance of training specifically identified under the SHSP and UASI programs and/or in conjunction with emergency preparedness training by other Federal agencies (e.g., HHS and DOT). Training conducted using HSGP funds should address a performance gap identified through a TEP or other assessments (e.g., National Emergency Communications Plan NECP Goal Assessments) and contribute to building a capability that will be evaluated through a formal exercise. Any training or training gaps, including training related to under-represented diverse populations that may be more impacted by disasters, including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs, individuals with diverse culture and language use, individuals with lower economic capacity and other underserved populations, should be identified in a TEP and addressed in the state or Urban Area training cycle. Recipients are encouraged to use existing training rather than developing new courses. When developing new courses, recipients are encouraged to apply the Analyze, Design, Develop, Implement, and Evaluate (ADDIE) model of instructional design.

Recipients are also encouraged to utilize the National Training and Education Division's National Preparedness Course Catalog. Trainings include programs or courses developed for and delivered by institutions and organizations funded by DHS/FEMA/NTED. This includes the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), and NTED's Training Partner

Programs, including the Continuing Training Grants (CTG), the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC), and other partners.

The catalog features a wide range of course topics in multiple delivery modes to meet FEMA's mission scope as well as the increasing training needs of Federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal audiences. All courses have been approved through NTED's course review and approval process. The catalog can be accessed at <http://www.firstrespondertraining.gov>.

Exercises (SHSP and UASI)

Exercises conducted with grant funding should be managed and conducted consistent with HSEEP. HSEEP guidance for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning is located at <https://www.fema.gov/exercise>.

Maintenance and Sustainment (SHSP, UASI, and OPSG)

The use of DHS/FEMA preparedness grant funds for maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable, as described in FEMA Policy [FP 205-402-125-1](#) under all active and future grant awards, unless otherwise noted. With the exception of maintenance plans purchased incidental to the original purchase of the equipment, the period covered by maintenance or warranty plan must not exceed the PoP of the specific grant funds used to purchase the plan or warranty.

Grant funds are intended to support the Goal by funding projects that build and sustain the core capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from those threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the Nation. In order to provide recipients the ability to meet this objective, the policy set forth in GPD's [IB 379: Guidance to State Administrative Agencies to Expedite the Expenditure of Certain DHS/FEMA Grant Funding](#) allows for the expansion of eligible maintenance and sustainment costs which must be in 1) direct support of existing capabilities; (2) must be an otherwise allowable expenditure under the applicable grant program; (3) be tied to one of the core capabilities in the five mission areas contained within the Goal, and (4) shareable through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Additionally, eligible costs may also be in support of equipment, training, and critical resources that have previously been purchased with either federal grant or any other source of funding other than DHS/FEMA preparedness grant program dollars.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Allowable Costs (SHSP and UASI)

Activities eligible for the use of LETPA focused funds include but are not limited to:

- Maturation and enhancement of designated state and major Urban Area fusion centers, including information sharing and analysis, threat recognition, terrorist interdiction, and training/ hiring of intelligence analysts;
- Coordination between fusion centers and other analytical and investigative efforts including, but not limited to Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs), Field Intelligence Groups (FIGs), High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Centers, criminal intelligence units, and real-time crime analysis centers;
- Implementation and maintenance of the Nationwide SAR Initiative, including training for front-line personnel on identifying and reporting suspicious activities;
- Implementation of the "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign to raise public

awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime and associated efforts to increase the sharing of information with public and private sector partners, including nonprofit organizations. Note: DHS requires that all public and private sector partners wanting to implement and/or expand the DHS "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign using grant funds work directly with the DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE) to ensure all public awareness materials (e.g., videos, posters, tri-folds, etc.) are consistent with the Department's messaging and strategy for the campaign and compliant with the initiative's trademark, which is licensed to DHS by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Coordination with OPE, through the Campaign's Office (seesay@hq.dhs.gov), must be facilitated by the FEMA HQ Program Analyst;

- Increase physical security, through law enforcement personnel and other protective measures, by implementing preventive and protective measures at critical infrastructure site or at-risk nonprofit organizations; and
- Building and sustaining preventive radiological and nuclear detection capabilities, including those developed through the Securing the Cities initiative.

Law Enforcement Readiness (SHSP, UASI, and OPSG)

OPSG grant funds may be used to increase operational, material, and technological readiness of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The Delegation of Immigration Authority, Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) program allows a state or local law enforcement entity to enter into a partnership with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), under a joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in order to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdictions. SHSP, UASI, or OPSG grant funds may be requested and may be approved on a case by case basis for immigration enforcement training in support of the border security mission. Requests for training will be evaluated on a case by case basis and can only be used for certification in the 287 (g) program provided by DHS/ICE. SHSP, UASI, or OPSG subrecipients with agreements under Section 287(g) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdictions may also be reimbursed for 287(g) related operational activities with approval from FEMA on a case by case basis. For OPSG, subrecipients must be authorized by USBP Headquarters and Sectors and operational activities must be coordinated through a USBP Sector.

Regional Border Projects (OPSG)

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize the acquisition and development of regional projects on the borders to maximize interoperability and coordination capabilities among federal agencies and with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners.

Such regional projects include:

- Communications equipment:
- Radio systems and repeaters
- Situational Awareness equipment:
 - License Plate Reader Networks
 - Visual detection and surveillance systems
 - Sensor Systems
 - Radar Systems (for air incursions)

Critical Emergency Supplies (SHSP and UASI)

Critical emergency supplies, such as shelf stable products, water, and medical equipment and supplies are an allowable expense under SHSP and UASI. Prior to the allocation of grant funds for stockpiling purposes, each state must have DHS/FEMA's approval of a five-year viable inventory management plan, which should include a distribution strategy and related sustainment costs if planned grant expenditure is over \$100,000.

If grant expenditures exceed the minimum threshold, the five-year inventory management plan will be developed by the recipient and monitored by FEMA GPD with the assistance of the FEMA Logistics Management Directorate (LMD). FEMA GPD will coordinate with LMD and the respective FEMA Region to provide program oversight and technical assistance as it relates to the purchase of critical emergency supplies under UASI. FEMA GPD and LMD will establish guidelines and requirements for the purchase of these supplies under UASI and monitor development and status of the state's inventory management plan.

SAAAs (through their Emergency Management Office) are strongly encouraged to consult with their respective FEMA Regional Logistics Chief regarding disaster logistics- related issues. States are further encouraged to share their DHS/FEMA approved plan with local jurisdictions and Tribes.

Construction and Renovation (SHSP and UASI)

Project construction using SHSP and UASI funds may not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000 or 15 percent of the grant award. For the purposes of the limitations on funding levels, communications towers are not considered construction. See guidance on communication towers below.

Written approval must be provided by DHS/FEMA prior to the use of any HSGP funds for construction or renovation. When applying for construction funds, recipients must submit evidence of approved zoning ordinances, architectural plans, and any other locally required planning permits. Additionally, recipients are required to submit a SF-424C Budget and Budget detail citing the project costs.

Recipients using funds for construction projects must comply with the *Davis-Bacon Act* (40 U.S.C. § 3141 *et seq.*). Recipients must ensure that their contractors or subcontractors for construction projects pay workers no less than the prevailing wages for laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the state in which the work is to be performed. Additional information regarding compliance with the *Davis-Bacon Act*, including Department of Labor (DOL) wage determinations, is available online at <https://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts/dbra.htm>.

OPSG funds may not be used for any construction.

Communications Towers. When applying for funds to construct communication towers, recipients and subrecipients must submit evidence that the FCC's Section 106 review process has been completed and submit all documentation resulting from that review to GPD using the guidelines in EHP Supplement prior to submitting materials for EHP review. Completed EHP review materials for construction and communication tower projects must be submitted as soon as possible to get approved by the end of the PoP. EHP review materials should be sent to

gpdehpinfo@fema.dhs.gov.

Western Hemispheric Travel Initiative (SHSP)

In addition to the expenditures outlined above, SHSP funds may be used to support the implementation activities associated with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), including the issuance of WHTI-compliant tribal identification cards. More information on the WHTI may be found at http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1200693579776.shtm.

Other Secure Identification Initiatives (SHSP)

SHSP funds may also be used to support the Department's additional efforts to enhance secure identification, including driver's license and identification security enhancements. Activities that facilitate secure identification, including IT enhancements for identification management and verification systems, are a priority. DHS is currently developing and implementing a number of screening programs in which secure identification credentials figure prominently. These include the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program which promotes tamper-resistant biometric credentials for workers who require unescorted access to secure areas of ports, vessels, outer continental shelf facilities, and all credentialed merchant mariners; and the credentialing of first responders which entails enhancing real-time electronic authentication of identity and attribute(s) (qualification, certification, authorization, and/or privilege) of emergency response/critical government personnel responding to terrorist attacks or other catastrophic events.

States may continue implementing activities previously funded through the Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP) that focus on securing driver's license and identification card issuance processes. Initiatives related to securing identification should:

- Have the greatest impact on reducing the issuance and use of fraudulent driver's license and identification cards;
- Reduce the cost of program implementation for individuals, states, and the Federal Government;
- Satisfy driver's license identification material requirements;
- Expedite state progress toward meeting minimum security standards; and
- Plan and expedite state-specific activities to support federal data and document verification requirements and standards.

Emergency Management Accreditation Program

With funds provided through FY 2018 HSGP, states have the opportunity to encourage their local jurisdictions to pursue assessment and accreditation under the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

EMAP's assessment and accreditation of emergency management organizations against consensus-based, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-certified standards allows for standardized benchmarking of critical functions necessary for an emergency management organization to meet the core capabilities identified in the Goal. Additional information on the EMAP Standard is available at <http://www.emap.org>.

National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)

DHS/FEMA requires all grant recipients to use the latest NIEM specifications and guidelines when

using HSGP funds to develop, procure, or implement homeland security information exchanges, including systems and databases. This includes, but is not limited to the use of Extensible Markup Language (XML) and Java Script Object Notation (JSON). Further information about NIEM specifications and guidelines is available at <http://www.niem.gov>. More information on the purpose of NIEM is located in [Appendix G – FY 2018 HSGP Supplemental Material](#) of this NOFO.

28 C.F.R. Part 23 Guidance

DHS/FEMA requires that any information technology system funded or supported by these funds comply with 28 C.F.R. Part 23, Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies if this regulation is determined to be applicable.

Unallowable Costs (OPSG)

OPSG unallowable costs include costs associated with staffing and general IT computing equipment and hardware, such as personal computers, faxes, copy machines, modems, etc. OPSG is not intended as a hiring program. Therefore, applying funds toward hiring full-time or permanent sworn public safety officers is unallowable. OPSG funding shall not be used to supplant inherent routine patrols and law enforcement operations or activities not directly related to providing enhanced coordination between local and federal law enforcement agencies. Finally, construction and/or renovation costs are prohibited under OPSG. Applicants should refer to FP 207-093-1 at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/85384>, or contact their FEMA HQ Program Analyst at (800) 368-6498 for guidance and clarification.

Due to the nature of OPSG, exercise expenses are not allowable costs under OPSG.

Unallowable Costs (SHSP, UASI, and OPSG)

- Per FEMA policy, the purchase of weapons and weapons accessories, including ammunition, is not allowed with HSGP funds.
- Grant funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment not approved by DHS/FEMA. Grant funds must comply with [IB 426](#) and may not be used for the purchase of the following equipment: firearms; ammunition; grenade launchers; bayonets; or weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind with weapons installed.
- Unauthorized exercise-related costs include:
 - Reimbursement for the maintenance and/or wear and tear costs of general use vehicles (e.g., construction vehicles), medical supplies, and emergency response apparatus (e.g., fire trucks, ambulances).
 - Equipment that is purchased for permanent installation and/or use, beyond the scope of the conclusion of the exercise (e.g., electronic messaging sign).

Resources for Planning, Training, and Exercising

Planning Assistance

FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) offers technical assistance (TA) that is designed to provide recipients and subrecipients with specialized expertise to improve and enhance the continuing development of state and local emergency management across the five mission areas of the Goal and across all core capabilities. TA provides the opportunity to engage emergency managers, emergency planners, and appropriate decision-makers in open discussion of

options to improve plans and planning in light of their jurisdiction's needs. Although there is no direct cost to approved jurisdictions for DHS/FEMA TA, jurisdictions are expected to invest staff resources and take ownership of the resulting products and tools.

TA deliveries combine current emergency management best practices with practical consideration of emerging trends, through discussion facilitated by DHS/FEMA contract specialists and with the support of FEMA Region operational specialists. Additionally, peer-to-peer representation may also be included from other jurisdictions that have recently addressed the same planning issue.

The TA request form can be accessed at <http://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system/fema-technical-assistance-division>.

Training Information

Per DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Policy [FP 207-008-064-1](#), Review and Approval Requirements for Training Courses Funded Through Preparedness Grants, issued on September 9, 2013, states, territories, tribal entities and Urban Areas are no longer required to request approval from FEMA for personnel to attend non-DHS FEMA training as long as the training is coordinated with and approved by the state, territory, tribal or Urban Area Training Point of Contact (TPOC) and falls within the FEMA mission scope and the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The only exception to this policy is for Countering Violent Extremism courses, which must be approved in advance by the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. For additional information on review and approval requirements for training courses funded with preparedness grants, please refer to the following policy: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34856>.

DHS/FEMA will conduct periodic reviews of all state, local, territory, and Urban Area training funded by DHS/FEMA. These reviews may include requests for all course materials and physical observation of, or participation in, the funded training. If these reviews determine that courses are outside the scope of this guidance, recipients will be asked to repay grant funds expended in support of those efforts.

For further information on developing courses using the instructional design methodology and tools that can facilitate the process, SAAs and TPOCs are encouraged to review the [NTED Responder Training Development Center \(RTDC\)](#) website.

DHS/FEMA/National Training and Education Division (NTED) Provided Training

Trainings include programs or courses developed for and delivered by institutions and organizations funded by DHS/FEMA/NTED. This includes the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), and NTED's Training Partner Programs, including the Continuing Training Grants (CTG), the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC), and other partners.

NTED's National Preparedness Course Catalog

This online searchable catalog features a compilation of courses managed by the three primary FEMA training organizations: the CDP, EMI, and NTED. The catalog features a wide range of course topics in multiple delivery modes to meet FEMA's mission scope as well as the increasing training needs of Federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal audiences. All courses have been

approved through NTED's course review and approval process. The catalog can be accessed at <http://www.firstrespondertraining.gov>.

Training Not Provided by DHS/FEMA. These trainings include courses that are either state-sponsored or federal sponsored (non-DHS/FEMA), coordinated and approved by the SAA or their designated TPOC, and fall within the DHS/FEMA mission scope to prepare state, local, tribal, and territorial personnel to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or catastrophic events.

- *State Sponsored Courses.* These courses are developed for and/or delivered by institutions or organizations other than federal entities or DHS/FEMA and are sponsored by the SAA or their designated TPOC.
- *Joint Training and Exercises with the Public and Private Sectors.* These courses are sponsored and coordinated by private sector entities to enhance public-private partnerships for training personnel to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or catastrophic events. In addition, states, territories, Tribes, and Urban Areas are encouraged to incorporate the private sector in government-sponsored training and exercises.

Additional information on both DHS/FEMA provided training and other Federal and state training can be found at <http://www.firstrespondertraining.gov>.

Training Information Reporting System ("Web-Forms")

Web-Forms is an electronic data management system built to assist SAA TPOCs and Federal agencies with submitting non-NTED provided training courses for inclusion in the State/Federal-Sponsored Course Catalog through electronic forms. The information collected is used in a two-step review process to ensure the training programs adhere to the intent of the HSGP guidance and the course content is structurally sound and current. As these programs may be delivered nationwide, it is vital to ensure each training program's viability and relevance to the Homeland Security mission. Reporting training activities through Web-Forms is not required under FY 2018 HSGP. However, the system remains available and can be accessed through the DHS/FEMA Toolkit located at <https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frt/> to support recipients in their own tracking of training deliveries.

Exercise Information

Recipients that use HSGP funds to conduct an exercise(s) are encouraged to complete a progressive exercise series. Exercises conducted by states and Urban Areas may be used to fulfill similar exercise requirements required by other grant programs. Recipients are encouraged to invite representatives/planners involved with other Federally-mandated or private exercise activities. States and Urban Areas are encouraged to share, at a minimum, the multi-year training and exercise schedule with those departments, agencies, and organizations included in the plan.

- *Validating Capabilities.* Exercises examine and validate capabilities-based planning across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas. The extensive engagement of the whole community, including but not limited to examining the needs and requirements for individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency and others with access and functional needs, is essential to the development of

an effective and comprehensive exercise program. Exercises are designed to be progressive – increasing in scope and complexity and drawing upon results and outcomes from prior exercises and real-world incidents – to challenge participating communities. Consistent with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program guidance and tools, the National Exercise Program (NEP) serves as the principal exercise mechanism for examining national preparedness and measuring readiness.

Exercises should align with priorities and capabilities identified in a multi-year TEP.

- *Special Event Planning.* If a state or Urban Area will be hosting a special event (e.g., Super Bowl, G-8 Summit), the special event planning should be considered as a training or exercise activity for the purpose of the multi-year TEP. States must include all confirmed or planned special events in the Multi-year TEP. The state or Urban Area may plan to use SHSP or UASI funding to finance training and exercise activities in preparation for those events. States and Urban Areas should also consider exercises at major venues (e.g., arenas, convention centers) that focus on evacuations, communications, and command and control.
- *Regional Exercises.* States should also anticipate participating in at least one regional exercise annually.
- *Role of Non-Governmental Entities in Exercises.* Non-governmental participation in all levels of exercises is strongly encouraged. Leaders from non-governmental entities should be included in the planning, design, and evaluation of an exercise. State, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions are encouraged to develop exercises that test the integration and use of resources provided by non-governmental entities, defined as the private sector and private non-profit, faith-based, and community organizations. Participation in exercises should be coordinated with local Citizen Corps Whole Community Council(s) or their equivalents and other partner agencies.

Appendix D – FY 2018 OPSG Operations Order Template and Instructions

Operations Order Template Instructions

The OPSG Operations Order Template can be found by selecting the link for the FY 2018 HSGP NOFO on FEMA’s preparedness grants page (<https://www.fema.gov/preparedness-non-disaster-grants>).

Executive Summary Overview

Operations Order Executive Summary must:

- Identify the organization name, point of contact, committees, and other structures accountable for implementing OPSG in the jurisdiction (typically this will be a program lead or manager overseeing operations and individuals assigned to that agency).
- Describe how Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies will work together to establish and enhance coordination and collaboration on border security issues.

Budget Requirements Overview

Operations Order Detailed Annual Budget must:

- Explain how costs and expenses were estimated.
- Provide a narrative justification for costs and expenses. Supporting tables describing cost and expense elements (e.g., equipment, fuel, vehicle maintenance costs) may be included.

Submission Requirements

Operations Orders must meet the following submission requirements:

- Must be created and submitted in Microsoft Word (*.doc)
- Must be submitted using the following file naming convention: “FY 20XX OPSG <State Abbreviation> - <Local Unit of Government Name>”
- OO must be reviewed by the Sector and the SAA prior to submission into the CBP Operation Stonegarden Data Management System.

Due to the competitive nature of this program, separate attachments will not be accepted or reviewed.

Appendix E – FY 2018 OPSG Operational Guidance

Appendix E is intended to provide operational guidance to OPSG applicants on the development of a concept of operations and campaign planning, the tactical operation period, and reporting procedures. This guidance also delineates specific roles and responsibilities, expectations for operations, and performance measures. Successful execution of these objectives will promote situational awareness among participating agencies and ensure a rapid, fluid response to emerging border-security conditions.

OPSG uses an integrated approach to address transnational criminal activity. Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners are required to establish and maintain an OPSG Integrated Planning Team (IPT) with representation from all participating law enforcement agencies, co-chaired by representatives from USBP, the SAA, and participating local law enforcement agencies' OPSG program representatives. USBP will provide routine monitoring and technical expertise to each participating agency. The content of each operational plan, to include the requested items will be reviewed for border-security value and approved by the corresponding sector's Chief Patrol Agent or his/her designee.

All operational plans should be crafted in cooperation and coordination with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, to meet the needs of the USBP Sector. Consideration will be given to applications that are coordinated across multiple jurisdictions. All applicants must coordinate with the CBP/USBP Sector Headquarters with geographic responsibility for the applicant's location in developing and submitting an Operations Order with an embedded budget to the SAA.

As OPSG continues to evolve, several proven practices are being recognized, centered on short-term, periodic operations in support of overarching near and long-term goals. A multi-step process will be established through the area IPT, including a campaign plan and a cycle of operations to ensure that OPSG partners maintain synergism and have a coordinated impact on reducing border-security risk.

I. Concept of Operations and Campaign Planning (Post-Allocation Announcement/Pre-Award)

The overarching operational cycle involves three stages: 1) application, 2) concept of operations to formulate a Campaign Plan, and 3) one or more tactical operational periods, which are all developed by the IPT. All Operations Orders: Concept of Operations (CONOPS), Operation Orders (OO) or Campaign Plans and Fragmentary Orders (FRAGOs) shall be submitted through the CBP Stonegarden Data Management System. All OPSG grant Application packages shall be submitted to the SAA for entry into [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Application: Please refer to [Section D – Application and Submission Information](#) of this NOFO.

Campaign Plan: After awards are announced participants will create and submit an operations order that forms a campaign plan and captures the initial, generalized-budgetary intent to their IPT.

The campaign plan should articulate the participant agency's long-term border security objectives and goals designed to mitigate border-security risk.

Funds should be obligated as needed to target specific threats or vulnerabilities and ensure that OPSG usage is commensurate to the unique risk of each border region. This may require several short-term operations that combine to form an ongoing operational cycle, ensuring that USBP commanders and state, local, tribal, and territorial agency partners reserve the flexibility to respond to the ever-changing elements of border security.

The operations plan also will articulate the budgetary intent of how funds are to be used throughout the performance period. The operations plan will project planned expenditures in the following categories: overtime, equipment, travel, maintenance, fuel, and administrative funds. The subrecipient can initiate the procurement of equipment, as well as state how much the county intends to use for M&A while keeping funds for overtime or residual equipment funds available for use as needed. If the subrecipient intends to spend more than 50 percent of its award on overtime over the course of the performance period, a PRICE Act waiver request must be submitted in accordance with [IB 379: Guidance to State Administrative Agencies to Expedite the Expenditure of Certain DHS/FEMA Grant Funding](#). The operations plan will meet both the SAA expectations to obligate the funds within 45 days of the award announcement and the demands of the grant's operational intent. **Sector approved campaign plans must be submitted to USBP Headquarters no later than four months after the official awards announcement has been made.**

Tactical Operational Periods: Once the subrecipient is ready to conduct operations, the area IPT will begin planning tactical operations. The operation order tracking number for each operational plan will be assigned by CBP/USBP. The operation order number will remain intact for the duration of the grant's PoP.

In the event that changes or additional funding requests to the original operational plan must be made, a Fragmentary Order (FRAGO) will be created. These modifications will be annotated in the annex section of the FRAGO.

II. Tactical Operational Period

Operational discipline is necessary for the success of OPSG. Deliberate, adaptive, integrated, and intelligence-driven planning is critical to conducting targeted enforcement operations consistent with the objectives of the OPSG. By participating in the OPSG, the state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies agree to conduct operations designed to reduce border-security risk.

Tactical operations will be conducted on a periodic basis meeting the criteria outlined below. Tactical operational periods are composed of six critical elements: 1) a pre-planning meeting with the IPT; 2) specified beginning and ending dates; 3) the integration of intelligence and border security; 4) use of targeted enforcement techniques; 5) clearly stated objectives; and 6) an after-action meeting. A campaign should involve several tactical operational periods. These periods require deliberate on-going planning to ensure command, staff, and unit activities synchronize to current and future operations. The cyclical nature of the process will ensure OPSG activities align with the fluctuating border-security threats and vulnerabilities. Planners should recognize that

shorter, frequent tactical operational periods increase the flexibility and leverage gained through OPSG funding.

The IPT should leverage information provided by the fusion center, Border Intelligence Centers or other local intelligence center, when possible, and establish a common operational vision. The USBP sector's Chief Patrol Agent, or his/her designee, will ensure that the information or intelligence has a clear nexus to border security. Intelligence will be shared and vetted for border security value, driving the focus of operations. The tactical operational period should focus on specific targets of interest or specific areas of interest identified by the IPT. Once intelligence-driven targets are identified, the IPT will decide on operational objectives that reflect the intended impact of operations. The objectives should outline how the operation will deter, deny, degrade, or dismantle the operational capacity of the targeted transnational criminal organizations.

Local risk factors should predicate the frequency and duration of each tactical operational period. The tactical periods may be broken-down into three, six or twelve-month increments. The tactical operational period may combine to develop an operational cycle that is synchronous or asynchronous, connected, or unconnected, depending on security conditions and the IPT's intent. Each tactical operational period will begin on a predetermined date and end on a predetermined date, but the dates may be subject to change commensurate with emerging security conditions. The starting date of the operational period should be established to allow sufficient time for the order to be submitted and approved by the corresponding USBP Sector and in concurrence with its SAA and USBP Headquarters. The USBP Sectors will upload copies of tactical period operations in the corresponding campaign plan folder in the CBP Stonegarden Data Management System.

The following diagrams illustrate two different approaches for conducting operations:⁴

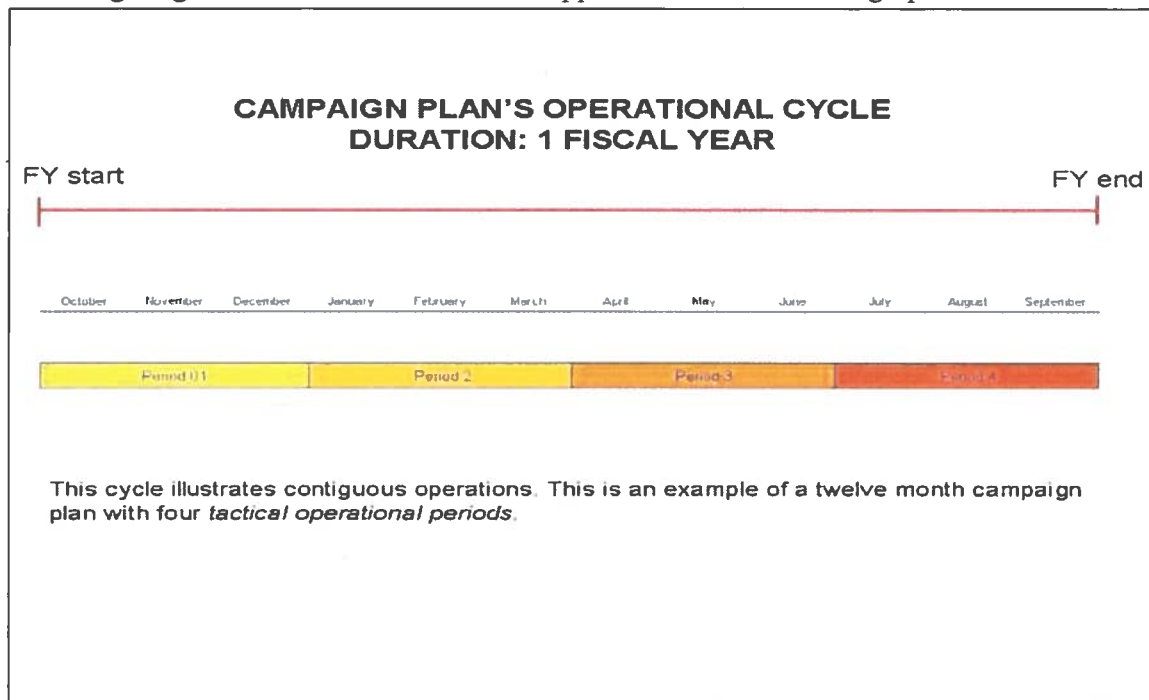


Figure 1: Example of an Ongoing Synchronized Operational Cycle

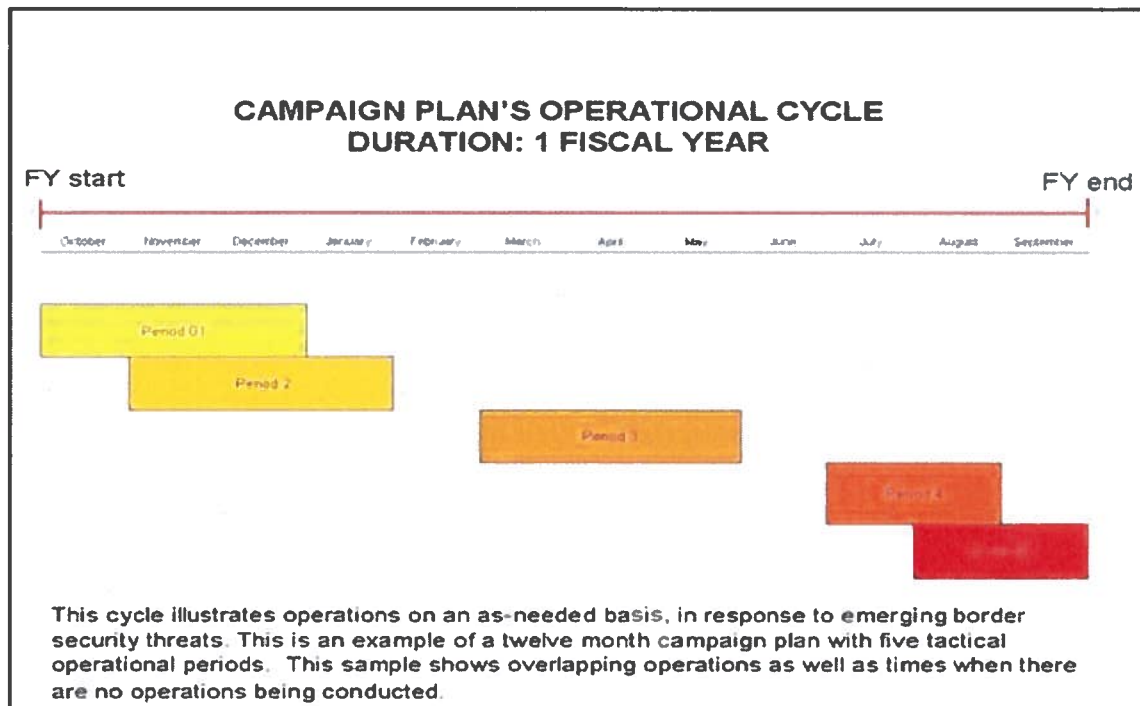


Figure 2: Example of a Dynamic, Unsynchronized Operational Cycle

⁴ These illustrations reflect a twelve month campaign plan. A campaign plan should be written to encompass the performance period. Performance periods vary from state to state, please contact the State Administrative Agency for clarification.

III. Reporting Procedures

Participation in OPSG requires accurate, consistent, and timely reporting of how funds are used, and how the state, local and tribal agencies' operations have impacted border security through the mitigation of threat or vulnerability and the overall reduction of risk. Reporting will focus on: monitoring program performance; determining the level of integration and information sharing; and developing best practices for future operations. To ensure consistent reporting each state, local and tribal agency will identify a single point of contact to represent their agency as a member of the IPT and to coordinate the submission of reports or execute other aspects of the grant.

The Daily Activity Report, which can be found by selecting the link for the FY 2018 HSGP NOFO on FEMA's preparedness grants page (<https://www.fema.gov/preparedness-non-disaster-grants>), is to be used to submit the ongoing results and outputs from OPSG operations conducted. The information and statistics included in the DAR will be delineated by agency (friendly forces). The Daily Activity Report must be submitted to the USBP sector, or the participating agency's OPSG coordinator within 48-hours of the conclusion of each OPSG shift. Subrecipients and Sectors are responsible to ensure that DARs are submitted in the proper format and in a timely manner. DARs will be submitted using the CBP Stonegarden Data Management System. Friendly Forces receiving funding through a subrecipient will submit DARs within 48 hours. Border Patrol Sectors and OPSG subrecipients will implement internal protocols to ensure operational data from subrecipients and friendly force DARs are properly collected following the established guidelines. USBP Sector Coordinators will compile the results from each Daily Activity Report at the end of the month and reconcile with the OPSG subrecipients by the 10th day of the following month. The USBP sector will compile the reconciled results from the participating agencies and submit the results to USBP Headquarters by the 15th of each following month.

In addition to the ongoing reporting of outputs, subrecipient participants will be required to submit After Action Reports to USBP sectors within 10 days of closing the operational PoP for that funding year. The After Action Report should carefully articulate outcomes and outputs, as well as how the results of the operation compare with the objectives identified during the pre-planning meeting. Failure to submit the After Action report in a timely manner may prevent the approval of future operations requests. All AARs and other OPSG reporting requirements will be submitted through the CBP Stonegarden Data Management System. Sectors are responsible for submitting AARs into Border Patrol Enforcement Tracking System (BPETS) as applicable.

IV. Operational Roles and Responsibilities

In order to achieve unity of effort, it is essential that each participant know the roles and responsibilities within the IPT.

The USBP sector's Chief Patrol Agent, or his/her designee, will:

- Coordinate and chair the area Integrated Planning Team's meetings;
- Coordinate with all interested and eligible state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies in the sector's area of operation during the open period of the OPSG application process by:
 - Assisting applicants in completing the operations planning portion of the

- application, which is similar to the Operations Order used by the Border Patrol
 - Forwarding the approved operation portion of the application to CBP/USBP Headquarters, as well as to the SAA to complete the application process set by DHS/FEMA/GPD
 - Detailing what operational support the USBP Sector anticipates for specific periods and matching the capabilities of partners to fill those gaps; and
- Following the announcement of grant awards, coordinate and chair a meeting with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies that received OPSG awards to develop an individualized campaign plan. This includes:
 - Working with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, along with other federal law enforcement agencies to determine the dates, focus, and needs of each tactical operational period, ensuring that each operation has a nexus to border security;
 - Receiving the first periodic operations order from the state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and ensuring that the operation is conducted as outlined in Section I;
 - Monitoring and supporting the Operational Cycle throughout the performance period;
 - Ensuring Daily Activity and After Action Reports are submitted by state, local and tribal agencies in the proper format and within the established timeframes;
 - Providing instruction, when possible, to state, local and tribal agencies regarding techniques, methods, and trends used by transnational criminal organizations in the area;
 - Providing a single point of contact to participants as a subject-matter expert in OPSG that can coordinate, collect, and report operational activities within the established reporting procedures;
 - Providing verification that operations are conducted;
 - Documenting and conducting random, on-site operational verification of OPSG patrols by subrecipients and friendly forces;
 - Verifying that subrecipients are performing OPSG enforcement duties in accordance with the applicable grant, statute, regulatory guidance, and instructions; and
 - Ensuring that grant funds are appropriately expended to meet sector border enforcement operational requirements and assist in enhancing subrecipient/friendly force capabilities in order to provide for enhanced enforcement presence, operational integration, and intelligence sharing in border communities.

The state, local or tribal agency lead, or their designee, will:

- Coordinate with the SAA on all grant management matters, including but not limited to the development and review of operations orders, expenditure of funds, allowable costs, reporting requirements;
- Upon receiving a grant award, coordinate and meet as a member of the Integrated Planning team to develop an individualized campaign plan that

- covers the length of the grant performance period;
- Work within the Integrated Planning team to develop an initial Operational Cycle and determine the duration of the first operational period based on the tactical needs specific to the area;
- Submit all operations orders to the SAA for review, and submit the first periodic operations order to the Border Patrol and ensure the operation meets the six criteria established in Section II;
- Conduct operations, on an as-needed basis throughout the length of the grant performance period;
- Integrate law enforcement partners from contiguous counties and towns into their tactical operations to expand the layer of security beyond existing areas;
- Ensure all required reports, including reports from friendly forces, are submitted to the Border Patrol and the SAA, when applicable, in the proper format and within established timeframes;
- Ensure applicable Operation Stonegarden derived data is shared with the designated fusion center in the state and/or Urban Areas.
- Request instruction and information from the SAA, when applicable, and/or Border Patrol and other federal law enforcement agencies regarding techniques, methods, and trends used by transnational criminal organizations in the area; and
- Provide the SAA and Border Patrol a single point of contact that maintains subject-matter expertise in OPSG who can coordinate, collect, and report operational activities within the established reporting procedures.

The SAA will:

- Actively engage in the IPT meetings;
- Work in direct coordination and communication with the local or tribal agency lead on all grant management matters;
- Review all operations orders created by the local or tribal agency;
- Acts as the fiduciary agent for the program and provide expertise in state policy and regulations;
- Enter into a sub-award agreement to disburse the allocated funding awarded through DHS/FEMA/GPD;
- Generate biannual reports to DHS/FEMA capturing the subrecipients' obligation and expenditure of funds;
- Determine if the grant's performance period requires additional refinement over the federally established 36-month period; and
- Conduct audits of the program to ensure that the subrecipients are in compliance with program guidance.

V. Definitions (OPSG only)

Area of Interest: A specific area, areas, or facilities known to be used by transnational criminal organizations in furtherance of their criminal activity.

Campaign Plan: The first Operational Order based on the CONOP aimed at accomplishing a strategic or operational objective within a given time and space.

Concept of Operations (CONOP): A written statement that clearly and concisely expresses what the state, local or tribal commander intends to accomplish and how it will be done using available resources (and funding). It is also the operational equivalent of the OPSG grant application.

Fragmentary Order (FRAGO): A fragmentary order is a modification of the approved campaign plan. After an operation order has been approved, any changes to a campaign plan will be submitted as a FRAGO. Subsequent FRAGO's are permissible.

Friendly Forces: Local law enforcement entities with whom OPSG subrecipients provide funding to support border security operations.

Integrated Planning Team: Group that coordinates on all aspects of OPSG application, planning, and de-briefings.

Operational Cycle: A deliberate on-going cycle of command, staff, and unit activities intended to synchronize current and future operations (driven by current intelligence and short-term goals that support the campaign).

Operational Discipline: The organized manner in which an organization plans, coordinates, and executes the OPSG mission with common objectives toward a particular outcome.

Operation/Operational Order (OO): A formal description of the action to be taken to accomplish or satisfy a CONOP, Campaign Plan, or FRAGO. The OO includes a detailed description of actions to be taken and required logistical needs to execute an operation.

Performance Measure: A numerical expression that quantitatively conveys how well the organization is doing against an associated performance goal, objective, or standard.

Risk: Potential for an adverse outcome assessed as a function of threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences associated with an incident, event, or occurrence.

Tactical Operational Period: An operational segment that meets the following six criteria: 1) specified beginning and ending dates; 2) begins with pre-planning; 3) is intelligence-driven; 4) uses targeted enforcement techniques; 5) has clearly stated objectives; and 6) concludes with an after-action meeting.

Targeted Enforcement: The leveraging of all available assets against a specific action, area, individual, or organization and using those deemed most appropriate to mitigate risk.

Target of Interest: A specific person, group of persons, or conveyance known to be part

of, or used by transnational criminal organizations to advance their criminal activity.

Threat: Information expressing intent to conduct illegal activity often derived from intelligence sources, the overall context, a specific event or series of events, or observation of suspicious activity.

Tier: Tier refers to the geographical location of a municipality, county or tribe with respect to the border, i.e., Tier 1 is a county located on the border; a Tier 2 county is a county contiguous to a Tier 1 county. A Tier 3 is a county not located on the physical border; a Tier 3 county is a county contiguous to a Tier 2 county.

Unity of Effort: Coordination and cooperation among all organizational elements, even though they may not be part of the same “command” structure, to achieve success.

Vulnerability: The protective measures in place are less than the protective measures needed to mitigate risk.

Appendix F – FY 2018 HSGP Allowable Cost Matrix

Allowable Program Activities ⁶	SHSP	UASI	OPSG
Allowable Planning Costs			
Developing hazard/threat-specific annexes that incorporate the range of prevention, protection, response, and recovery activities	Y	Y	N
Developing and implementing homeland security support programs and adopting ongoing DHS/FEMA national initiatives	Y	Y	N
Developing related terrorism and other catastrophic event prevention activities	Y	Y	N
Developing and enhancing plans and protocols	Y	Y	N
Developing or conducting assessments	Y	Y	N
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contract/consultants to assist with planning activities only to the extent that such expenses are for allowable activities within the scope of the grant (not for the purpose of hiring public safety	Y	Y	N
Materials required to conduct planning activities	Y	Y	N
Travel/per diem related to planning activities	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill costs (in accordance with operational Cost Guidance)	Y	Y	Y
Issuance of WHTI-compliant Tribal identification cards	Y	N	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and limited English proficiency.	Y	Y	N
Coordination with Citizen Corps Councils for public information/education and development of volunteer programs	Y	Y	N
Update governance structures and processes and plans for emergency communications	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with limited English proficiency	Y	Y	Y
Allowable Organizational Activities Note: Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant only to the extent that such expenses are for the allowable activities within the scope of the grant.			
Reimbursement for select operational expenses associated with increased security measures at critical infrastructure sites incurred (up to 50 percent of the allocation)	Y	Y	N
Overtime for information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities (up to 50 percent of the allocation)	Y	Y	Y
Hiring of new staff positions/contractors/consultants for participation in information/intelligence analysis and sharing groups or fusion center activities (up to 50 percent of the allocation).	Y	Y	N
Allowable Equipment Categories			
Personal Protective Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation Equipment	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Operational Search and Rescue Equipment	Y	Y	N
Information Technology	Y	Y	Y
Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment	Y	Y	N
Interoperable Communications Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Detection	Y	Y	Y
Decontamination	Y	Y	N
Medical	Y	Y	Y
Power (e.g., generators, batteries, power cells)	Y	Y	Y
CBRNE Reference Materials	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles	Y	Y	N
Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Physical Security Enhancement Equipment	Y	Y	Y

⁶ Current as of publication for FY 2018 Programs. This list is not all-inclusive. See the respective program guidance for additional details and/or requirements

Allowable Program Activities ⁶	SHSP	UASI	OPSG
Inspection and Screening Systems	Y	Y	Y
Animal Care and Foreign Animal Disease	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Prevention and Response Watercraft	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Aviation Equipment	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment	Y	Y	N
Intervention Equipment (e.g., tactical entry, crime scene processing)	Y	Y	Y
Other Authorized Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Allowable Training Costs			
Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending DHS/FEMA-sponsored and approved training classes	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA training	Y	Y	Y
Training workshops and conferences	Y	Y	Y
Activities to achieve training inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and limited English proficiency	Y	Y	N
Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants	Y	Y	Y
Travel	Y	Y	Y
Supplies	Y	Y	N
Instructor certification/re-certification	Y	Y	N
Coordination with Citizen Corps Councils in conducting training exercises	Y	Y	N
Interoperable communications training	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with limited English proficiency.	Y	Y	N
Allowable Exercise Related Costs			
Design, Develop, Conduct, and Evaluate an Exercise	Y	Y	N
Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants	Y	Y	N
Overtime and backfill costs, including expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA exercises	Y	Y	N
Implementation of HSEEP	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve exercises inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.	Y	Y	N
Travel	Y	Y	N
Supplies	Y	Y	N
Interoperable communications exercises	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with limited English proficiency.	Y	Y	N
Allowable Management & Administrative Costs			
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants to assist with the management of the respective grant program, application requirements, and compliance with reporting and data collection requirements	Y	Y	Y
Development of operating plans for information collection and processing necessary to respond to DHS/FEMA data calls	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill costs	Y	Y	Y
Travel	Y	Y	Y
Meeting related expenses	Y	Y	Y
Authorized office equipment	Y	Y	N
Recurring expenses such as those associated with cell phones and faxes during the PoP of the grant program	Y	Y	N
Leasing or renting of space for newly hired personnel during the PoP of the grant program	Y	Y	N

Appendix G – FY 2018 HSGP Supplemental Material

GPD collaborates with various subject-matter experts and acknowledges the value and expertise these federal partner agencies provide to help shape the development and implementation of the HSGP. This continued partnership and collaboration helps provide recipients with the greatest number of resources required to effectively manage and implement funds as well as promote transparency. Therefore, GPD is providing hyperlinks to information on various subjects and policies that are relevant to the mission and intent of the DHS/FEMA and its preparedness grant programs.

Radiological/Nuclear Detection

The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) is charged with coordinating the development of the global nuclear detection and reporting architecture for a managed and coordinated response to radiological and nuclear threats. This is achieved through planning and coordination efforts with partners from federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international governments and the private sector. To support these efforts, DNDO has developed a Radiological/Nuclear Detection Supplemental Resource to provide guidance to stakeholders seeking to build or sustain preventive radiological and nuclear detection capabilities using DHS/FEMA preparedness grants. The guidance outlines integrating these capabilities with broader national preparedness initiatives, including PPD-8 and THIRA, as well as the Global Nuclear Detection Architecture using POETE-aligned activities. For more information, refer to <http://www.dhs.gov/publication/homeland-security-grant-program-hsgp-supplemental-resource-radiologicalnuclear-detection>.

National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)

NIEM is a common vocabulary that enables efficient information exchange across diverse public and private organizations. NIEM can save time and money by providing consistent, reusable data terms and definitions and repeatable processes. To support information sharing, all recipients of grants for projects implementing information exchange capabilities are required to use NIEM and to adhere to the NIEM conformance rules. Got to <https://niem.gov/grants> for guidance on how to utilize DHS/FEMA award funding for information sharing, exchange, and interoperability activities.

The NIEM Emergency Management domain supports emergency-related services (including preparing first responders and responding to disasters), information sharing, and activities such as homeland security and resource and communications management. The Emergency Management domain has an inclusive governance structure that includes federal, state, local, industry, and, where necessary, international partnerships. The NIEM Emergency Management domain is committed to community support via technical assistance and NIEM training. For more information on the NIEM Emergency Management domain, to request training or technical assistance or to just get involved, go to <https://niem.gov/EM>.

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

The 2018 IPAWS Supplemental Guidance on Public Alert and Warning provides guidance on eligible public alert and warning activities and equipment standards for prospective state, local, tribal, and territorial recipients. The intent of this document is to promote consistency in policy across federal grant programs and to ensure compatibility among federally-funded projects. For

more information on the IPAWS, go to <https://www.fema.gov/informational-materials>.

Homeland Security Information Network

HSIN is a user-driven, web-based, information sharing platform that connects all homeland security professionals including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, international, and private sector partners across all homeland security mission areas. HSIN is used to support daily operations, events, exercises, natural disasters, and incidents. To support user mission needs, HSIN provides three sets of services for secure information sharing. The first service provides a shared place for communities to securely collaborate on homeland security issues and includes core functions such as a web conferencing and instant messaging tools with white boarding, video, and chat services for real-time communication and situational awareness. The second set provides secure dissemination and sharing capabilities for homeland security alerts, reports, and products. The third set allows users to access and query a variety of shared data and services from all homeland security mission areas and trusted federal partners. Preparedness grant funds may be used to support planning, training and development costs associated with developing and managing, mission-critical, HSIN communities of interest and sites. Learn more about HSIN at <http://www.dhs.gov/hsin-hsgp-guidance>.

GSA's State and Local Purchasing Programs

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) offers two efficient and effective procurement programs for State and local and governments and certain other non-Federal entities, to purchase products and services directly from pre-vetted contractors, to fulfill homeland security and technology needs. The GSA Schedules (also referred to as the Multiple Award Schedules and the Federal Supply Schedules) are long-term government-wide contracts with commercial firms that provide access to millions of commercial products and services at volume discount pricing. For further information, refer to the section on Procurement Integrity in this NOFO and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326.

Cooperative Purchasing (www.gsa.gov/cooperativepurchasing)

Cooperative Purchasing, authorized by statute, allows state and local governments to purchase under specific GSA Federal Supply Schedule (also known as Multiple Award Schedules (MAS) and Schedules) contracts to save time, money, and meet their everyday needs and mission. State and local governments are authorized to purchase IT products, software and services found under **Federal Supply Schedule 70** and the IT-related categories under the Consolidated Schedule through the introduction of Cooperative Purchasing, and state and local governments may purchase alarm and signal systems, facility management systems, firefighting and rescue equipment, law enforcement and security equipment, marine craft and related equipment, special purpose clothing, and related services as contained in **Federal Supply Schedule 84** (or any amended or subsequent version of that Federal supply classification group).

Disaster Purchasing (www.gsa.gov/disasterpurchasing)

Disaster Purchasing, authorized by statute, allows state and local governments access to all Federal Supply Schedules, for the purchase of products and services to facilitate disaster preparedness or response or recovery from major disasters declared by the

president under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act OR to facilitate recovery from terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Cybersecurity Engagement Program

The DHS Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C), within the National Protection and Programs Directorate, is responsible for enhancing the security, resilience, and reliability of the Nation's cyber and communications infrastructure. CS&C works to prevent or minimize disruptions to critical information infrastructure in order to protect the public, the economy, and government services. CS&C leads efforts to protect the federal ".gov" domain of civilian government networks and to collaborate with the private sector—the ".com" domain—to increase the security of critical networks.

The DHS SLTT Cybersecurity Engagement Program within CS&C was established to help non-federal public stakeholders and associations manage cyber risk. The program provides appointed and elected SLTT government officials with cybersecurity risk briefings, information on available resources, and partnership opportunities to help protect their citizens online. Through these and related activities, the program coordinates the Department's cybersecurity efforts with its SLTT partners to enhance and protect their cyber interests. More information on all of the DHS CS&C resources available to support SLTT governments is available at <https://www.us-cert.gov/ccubedvp>.

Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)

The Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) is a cooperative assessment of specific critical infrastructure within a designated geographic area and a regional analysis of the surrounding infrastructure that address a range of infrastructure resilience issues that could have regionally and nationally significant consequences. These voluntary, non-regulatory RRAP projects are led by the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), within the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate, and are selected each year by the Department with input and guidance from Federal, State, and local partners. For additional information on the RRAP, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/regional-resiliency-assessment-program>.

Law Enforcement Support Office, or 1033 Program

LESO facilitates a law enforcement support program, which originated from the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1997. This law allows the transfer of excess Department of Defense property that might otherwise be destroyed by law enforcement agencies across the United States and its territories.

No equipment is purchased for distribution. All items were excess which had been turned in by military units or had been held as part of reserve stocks until no longer needed. Requisitions cover the gamut of items used by America's military -- clothing and office supplies, tools, and rescue equipment, vehicles, small arms, and more. There is no fee for the equipment itself, however, the law enforcement agencies are responsible for the shipping costs.

For additional information on the LESO, please visit
<http://www.dla.mil/DispositionServices/Offers/Reutilization/LawEnforcement.aspx>

Appendix H – Fusion Center Performance Measures

Reference Number	Performance Measures
2018.1	Percentage of federal Information Intelligence Reports (IIRs) originating from fusion center information that address a specific Intelligence Community need
2018.2	Percentage of evaluation federal IIRs originating from fusion center information that the Intelligence Community otherwise used in performing its mission (e.g., contained first-time reporting; corroborated existing information; addressed a critical intelligence gaps; or helped define an issue or target).
2018.3	Percentage of fusion center distributable analytic products that address a specific Intelligence Community need
2018.4	Number of Suspicious Reports (SAR) vetted and submitted by fusion centers that result in the initiation or enhancement of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
2018.5	Number of SAR vetted and submitted by fusion centers that involve an individual on the TSC Watchlist
2018.6	Percentage of Requests for Information (RFIs) from the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) for which fusion centers provided information for a TSC case file
2018.7	Percentage of I&A Watchlist nominations that were initiated or updated existing case files based on information provided by fusion centers
2018.8	Number of distributable analytic products co-authored by one or more fusion centers and/or federal agencies
2018.9	Percentage of fusion center distributable analytic products that address Homeland Security topics
2018.10	Percentage of fusion center distributable analytic products that address state/local customer information needs
2018.11	Percentage of key customers reporting that they are satisfied with fusion center products and services
2018.12	Percentage of key customers reporting that fusion center products and services are relevant
2018.13	Percentage of key customers reporting that fusion center products and services are timely for mission needs
2018.14	Percentage of key customers reporting that fusion center products and services influenced their decision making related to threat response activities within their AOR
2018.15	Percentage of key customers reporting that fusion center products and services resulted in increased situational awareness of threats within their AOR
2018.16	Number of tips and leads vetted by the fusion center
2018.17	Number of tips and leads vetted by the fusion center that were provided to other F/SLTT agencies for follow up action
2018.18	Number of responses to RFIs from all sources
2018.19	Number of situational awareness products developed and disseminated by fusion centers
2018.20	Number of case support and/or tactical products developed and disseminated by fusion centers
2018.21	Percentage of federally designated special events in which fusion centers played a direct role
2018.22	Percentage of federally declared disasters in which fusion centers played a direct role
2018.23	Number of public safety incidents in which fusion centers played a direct role

Appendix I – Supplemental Emergency Communications Guidance

Lessons learned from recent major disasters, unplanned events, and full-scale exercises have identified a need for greater coordination of emergency communications among senior elected officials, emergency management agencies, and first responders at all levels of government. Federal responders arriving on the scene of a domestic incident are not always able to communicate with state, local, tribal and territorial response agencies, as well as key government officials. State and local first responders sometimes experience similar problems, particularly when the incident requires a multi-agency, regional response effort, or when primary communications capabilities fail. This lack of operability and interoperability between Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies – further complicated by problems with communications survivability and resilience – has hindered the ability to share critical information, which can compromise the unity-of-effort required for an effective incident response.

Departments and agencies at all levels of government have identified a need for improvement in a number of high-priority areas, including: Governance, Planning, Training and Exercises, Operational Coordination, and Technology. In addition, communications resilience and continuity should be viewed as a critical component within each of these areas. These priorities are explained in detail in Section 2 of the [FY 2018 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants](#) (*SAFECOM Guidance*). By addressing these priorities, which are reflective of proven best practices, emergency communications can be significantly improved at all levels of government. The end goal is to ensure operable, interoperable, and resilient communications that maintain a continuous flow of critical information, under all conditions, among multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary emergency responders, command posts, agencies, critical infrastructure sectors, and government officials for the duration of an emergency response operation, and in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the [National Emergency Communications Plan](#) (NECP), which describes goals and objectives for improving emergency communications nationwide.

To help meet this goal, the *SAFECOM Guidance* outlines requirements for grant applications, including alignment to national, regional, and state communications plans (e.g., NECP, Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP), FEMA Regional Emergency Communications Plan (RECP), project coordination, and technical standards for emergency communications technologies. SCIPs define the current and future direction for interoperable and emergency communications within a state or territory, while TICPs are designed to allow urban areas, counties, regions, states/territories, tribes, or Federal Departments/Agencies to document interoperable communications governance structures, technology assets, and usage policies and procedures. In addition, FEMA's formal planning process has produced 10 RECPs and their associated State and/or Tribal/Territorial Annexes that identify emergency communications capability shortfalls and potential resource requirements. Grant recipients are encouraged to leverage these planning resources as a source of input and reference for all emergency communications grant applications and investment justifications.

In addition, DHS/FEMA formally recognizes several statewide emergency communications governance bodies (e.g., Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), Statewide Interoperability Governing Body [SIGB], Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), FirstNet State

Single Point of Contact (SPOC)), and strongly encourages grant recipients to closely coordinate with these entities when developing an emergency communications investment to ensure projects support the state or territory's strategy to improve their communications capabilities with the goal of achieving fully operable, interoperable, and resilient communications. In addition, grantees should work with public and private entities, and across jurisdictions and disciplines, to demonstrate engagement with the Whole Community in accordance with [Presidential Policy Directive-8 \(PPD-8\)](#).

For regional, cross-border initiatives, DHS/FEMA requires applicants to coordinate projects with national level emergency communications coordination bodies, such as the National Committee of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) and the Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Groups (RECCWGs). The NCSWIC promotes and coordinates state level activities designed to ensure the highest level of public safety communications across the nation. RECCWGs are congressionally mandated planning and coordination bodies located in each FEMA Region that and provide a collaborative forum to assess and address the survivability, sustainability, operability, and interoperability of emergency communications systems at all levels of government. Grant-funded investments that are coordinated with these bodies will help ensure that Federally-funded emergency communications investments are interoperable and support national policies.

Resilient Communications Guidance

Nothing better demonstrates a modern nation than its ability to effectively communicate. The risk imposed by the reliance on communication systems by government and the private sector can be reduced by understanding dependencies, analyzing effects, and taking action. Entities planning to use HSGP funding for communications investments are encouraged to work with State Emergency Management Agencies, SWICs, SIGBs, and appropriate stakeholders at the regional, state, local, territorial, and tribal levels to:

- Establish robust, resilient, reliable and interoperable communications capabilities. Account for the mission impact of communication system disruptions in your planning.
- Ensure mission-related communications (voice, video, data and network security requirements) are adequately planned for and understood. It is important to maintain current documentation of your communication systems architecture and perform regular audits. Your ability to continue operations is dependent on the availability of and access to communications systems with sufficient resiliency, redundancy, and accessibility to perform essential functions and provide critical services during a disruption.
- Ensure critical communication systems connectivity among key government leadership, internal elements, other supporting organizations, and the public under all conditions. As such, organizations should ensure current copies of vital records, including electronic files and software, are backed-up and maintained off-site.
- Ensure all communications systems/networks are traced from end to end to identify all Single Points of Failure (SPF). In doing so, grantees should work with communication service providers to add redundancy at key critical infrastructure facilities as needed.
- Ensure key communication systems resiliency through:
 - Ensuring availability of backup systems;
 - Ensuring diversity of network element components and routing;
 - Ensuring geographic separation of primary and alternate transmission media;

- Ensuring availability of back-up power sources;
- Ensuring availability and access to systems that are not dependent on commercial infrastructure;
- Maintain spares for designated critical communication systems; and
- Work with commercial suppliers to remediate communication Single Points of Failure.
- All communications system owners are encouraged to address the following issues:
 - Integrate communications needs into continuity planning efforts by incorporating mitigation options to ensure uninterrupted communications support;
 - Establish a cybersecurity plan that includes continuity of a communications component such as Radio Frequency (RF)-based communications that do not rely on public infrastructure.
 - Maintain communications capabilities to ensure their readiness when needed;
 - Frequently train and exercise personnel required to operate communications capabilities;
 - Test and exercise communications capabilities; and
 - Consider Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) protective measures for communications systems where practical.

DHS/FEMA Communications Support Services

DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) and FEMA offer a variety of technical assistance and other support services to assist state and local entities in their efforts to comply with the above requirements, including the *SAFECOM Guidance*, with the goal of ensuring interoperable and resilient emergency communications. A summary of DHS/FEMA support services is provided below. Grant recipients are encouraged to refer to the respective websites for additional information.

DHS OEC Support:

To assist in these efforts, DHS established OEC, which assists agencies through a myriad of services, to include direct technical assistance and training provided at no cost to the jurisdiction. The TA offerings include (but are not limited to):

- Enhanced Governance Structure – Enhanced SCIP Workshop
- Communications Unit (COMU) Policy and Planning Development at the State and County Level
- COMU Assistance under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
- Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1)
- Alerts and Warnings
- Continuity Planning

Information on these services is available at <https://www.dhs.gov/ictapscip-resources> and <https://www.dhs.gov/oec-technical-assistance-program>.

FEMA Disaster Emergency Communications Division (DEC) Support:

DEC has developed State Communications Annexes for all of the 56 States and Territories. DEC provides technical assistance, coordinated through the FEMA Region, Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator (RECC) in scheduling with the State and Territories major updates to

the Annexes. Major updates are scheduled on a 3-5 year cycle. FEMA DEC supports the major update with a team of communications and emergency management specialists that facilitate a process of interaction with state representatives. This process is coordinated through the SWICC or State designated representative. All documentation is the responsibility of the FEMA support team and validated through state interaction.

Minor yearly updates to the State Annexes is accomplished through the RECCWG process. FEMA DEC support staff, working in coordination with the Region Specific RECC, incorporate pertinent update information provided by State and local Representatives. Additionally, operational information identified through exercises and incident response activities is a source of update data. The FEMA RECC, with the support of the DEC team, is responsible for maintaining the State Annexes – changes and modifications to the Annexes are validated with the State through RECC coordination with the SWIC or designated state representative.

FEMA National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) Support:

NPD provides training, exercises, and technical assistance to state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) stakeholders that support operational and emergency communications. Descriptions and resources specific to operational communication are available on FEMA’s website (<https://www.fema.gov/core-capability-development-sheets>) within the Response Mission Area and include the following information to support jurisdictions:

- Description of the operational communications core capability
- Training for building and sustaining operational communication with specific course titles
 - Trainings can also be found at <https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frt/>.
- Example capability targets to complete a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
 - Help in developing targets can be requested at FEMA-SPR@fema.dhs.gov
- Resources Types that support operational communications
 - Additional resource types and position qualifications can be found at <https://rlt.preptoolkit.fema.gov>
- Tools to validate capabilities through exercises
 - Technical assistance and support from subject matter experts can be requested through www.fema.gov/national-exercise-program

FEMA National Continuity Programs (NCP) Support:

NCP’s support services focus on holistic continuity planning, of which communications continuity is an important component. Currently, continuity communications training and technical assistance is limited to the FEMA National Radio System (FNARS) and the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), and is delivered either on an ad hoc basis at the request of the State entity, through a FEMA Region, or via a requirement for terms of use. Entities interested in NCP support services should contact FEMA-CGC@fema.dhs.gov or consult NCP’s Continuity Resources Toolkit webpage at <https://www.fema.gov/continuity-resource-toolkit>.

FirstNet

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-96, as amended (codified in part at 47 U.S.C. §§ 1401-1473) established the First Responder Network Authority (hereinafter FirstNet Authority) as an independent authority within the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”).^[1] The FirstNet Authority’s statutory mission to establish a nationwide public safety broadband network (FirstNet).^[2] FirstNet uses the 700 MHz D block spectrum to provide Long-Term Evolution (LTE)-based broadband services and applications to public safety entities.^[3] FirstNet became operational in March 2018 and is based on a single, national network architecture that will evolve with technological advances and initially consist of a core network and radio access network (RAN).

FirstNet will provide public safety entities with mission-critical broadband data capabilities and services including, but not limited to messaging, image sharing, video streaming, group text, voice, data storage, application, location-based services, and Quality of Service, Priority, and Preemption. Public safety entities seeking to enhance their operational capabilities using broadband technology may seek grant funding to support the following:

- **Planning for integration** of information technology (IT) infrastructure, software, and site upgrades necessary to connect to FirstNet.
- **Handheld broadband devices** including smartphones, feature phones, tablets, wearables, push-to-talk (PTT) devices.
- **Vehicle-mounted or otherwise field operated data devices** such as ruggedized laptops.
- **Network access devices** including portable Wi-Fi devices, Universal Serial Bus (USB) modems/dongles, trunk-mounted modems, routers.
- **Customer Owned and Managed (COAM) broadband deployable equipment**, enabling public safety to own and dispatch coverage expansion or capacity enhancement equipment within their jurisdiction.
- **Broadband device accessories** that enable efficient and safe public safety operations such as headsets, belt clips, earpieces, remote Bluetooth sensors, ruggedized cases.
- **Subscriber Identification Modules (SIMs)/Universal Integrated Circuit Cards (UICCs)** to allow public safety users to update existing devices to operate on public safety prioritized services.
- **One-time purchase and subscription-based applications** for public safety use which could include, among a number of other options, enterprise mobility management (EMM), mobile device management (MDM), mobile Virtual Private Network (VPN), identify services, or cloud service tools.

As FirstNet is built out in all 56 states and territories and coverage and capacity for first responders expands, recipients are strongly encouraged to coordinate with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and FirstNet on (1) the planning, deployment timelines, and operational availability of the network deployment within a specific state or territory; (2) to ensure the project does not conflict with network planning efforts; and (3) that the project complies with all technical requirements. FirstNet requires participating agencies to demonstrate a subscription to public safety-prioritized broadband services to purchase FirstNet broadband devices or applications.

Information Bulletin #386 is hereby rescinded as the technical requirements and nationwide network architecture has been developed, and FirstNet is operational. Recipients, however, must coordinate with FirstNet in advance of any strategic acquisition of broadband LTE equipment

^[1] 47 U.S.C. § 1424(a).

^[2] 47 U.S.C. § 1426(b).

^[3] 47 U.S.C. §§ 1401(2), 1421(a).

to ensure that purchases adhere to all applicable standards for public safety entities. Recipients with questions on FirstNet should contact info@firstnet.gov. Refer to the [FY 2018 SAFECOM Guidance](#) for additional guidance.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY/DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

EXHIBIT G**SHARED SERVICES DIVISION
GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST****SECTION A: SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST**Please submit Grant Payment Request Form along with legible supporting documents to:Grants@auditor.lacounty.gov

In the event e-mail is not available, you can mail your Grant payment request to (please do not fax or send duplicates):

Department of Auditor-Controller
Shared Services Division / Attn: Grants Unit
3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 812
Los Angeles, CA 90010

1. Grant Name & Year:

SECTION B: SUB-RECIPIENT'S INFORMATION

1. Sub-recipient's Name: (reimbursement check will be made payable to a payee entered

3. Taxpayer ID #:

4. Contact's Name:

2. Mailing Address (please let us know where you want your check delivered, including attention line if necessary):

4. Contact's phone:

4. Contact's e-mail:

SECTION C: DETAIL PAYMENT REQUEST INFORMATION

1. SOLUTION AREA (e.g. equipment, training, planning, exercise, organization)	2. PROJECT # (e.g. 011.22)	4. EHP required? (Environmental & Historic Preservation)		5. VENDOR'S INVOICE # (Maximum of 5 invoices)	6. PURCHASE METHOD (including Training)			7. CLAIM AMOUNT (indicate the amount per each line)
		No	Yes (attach State Approval)		If Competitive, Indicate the # of bids.	Non-Competitive Bid	Sole Source	
8. TOTAL \$								-

SECTION D: SUB-RECIPIENT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that (please use the checkbox):

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1. I am the duly authorized officer of the claimant herein and this claim is in all respect true and correct. All expenditures were made in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and grant conditions and assurances.

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2. All instructions for this form were followed and all the supporting documentation (per instructions) is included with this claim.

3.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

4.

AUTHORIZED PRINTED NAME

AUTHORIZED TITLE

5. AUTHORIZED CONTACT INFORMATION (If different from Section B)

PHONE #

E-MAIL:

SECTION E: FOR SSD USE ONLY

STAMP WITH RECEIVED DATE HERE:

ASSIGNED INVOICE NO.:

NOTE: This Form is intended for Internal SSD review purpose only.

Revised on December 2019

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER / SHARED SERVICES DIVISION
INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST

Purpose of these instructions:

To assist sub-recipients in completing the Grant Payment Request. We appreciate your participation in this program, for questions or suggestions please use our e-mail below to contact us. **Please do not send these instructions to us, they are to be used for your guidance only.**

SECTION A: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST

In numeral 1 of this section, please enter the name and year of the grant program that you are submitting for payment. In addition, please help us expedite the process of your Homeland Security claims by:

- Completing the Grant payment request correctly and according to these instructions.
- Submitting your Grant payment request using our e-mail --> **Grants@auditor.lacounty.gov** (please do **not** fax documents).
- Sending your Grant payment request only once (we do not require original documents and duplicates will slow down our process).
- Using the checkboxes to ensure all the required supporting documents and files accompany your Grant payment request. Supporting documents are flagged for your convenience with a checkbox within the corresponding areas.
- Ensuring that all documents attached to your Grant payment requests are legible.
- Submitting Grant payment request timely. We do **not** guarantee the process of Grant payment requests that are submitted late or too close to the final due date. Reimbursable expenditures need to be charged within the performance period of the grant and submitted to us as soon as they are incurred.

SECTION B: SUB-RECIPIENT'S INFORMATION

The following numerals provide the instructions to fill in the corresponding numeral in the form:

1. Please enter the name of the agency requesting for payment. The name of the agency should be typed according to its signed agreement and as you need it to appear in the payee line of the reimbursement check.
2. Please enter the complete address (street number and name, city, zip code) and attention line where you will need to receive the reimbursement check. Please note that this is not necessary for L.A. County departments.
3. Please enter the tax ID of the governmental entity requesting payment. Please leave blank for L.A. County departments.
4. Please enter the information of the person that can assist us with detail claim questions.

SECTION C: DETAIL PAYMENT REQUEST INFORMATION:

In order to expedite your Grant payment request, in this area's grid, include a **maximum of five (5) invoices or reimbursements charges (one charge or one invoice per line)**. The invoices or charges need to share the same solution area, project #.

The following numerals provide the instructions to fill in the corresponding numeral in the form:

1. Enter the solution area corresponding to the claim. This information is found in the latest budget of the grant. Examples of solution areas are: equipment, training, planning or exercise.
2. Enter the project # corresponding to the claim. This information is found in the latest budget of the grant. An example of Item # is 17.020.
4. Check with an X under either yes or no according to the claim's Environmental & Historical Preservation (EHP) requirements from the State. EHP approval needs to be obtained from the State **prior** to the start of the project on certain equipment items (see AEL description) or training/exercise projects. Please attach the following:
 - a) ☐ **State EHP Approval:** if required by the state for your claim.

SECTION C: (Continued)

5. If the expenditures that you are claiming were purchased thru a vendor or contractor, please enter the invoice # in the grid area. Please note that you are responsible for following acceptable purchasing policies and for documenting your procurement process. Additionally please include the following documentation with your claim:
- a) ☐ **Copy of the invoice:** Please attach an invoice that provides sufficient information to be used as a cross reference with the items described in your grant line item and AEL #. When the invoice includes items that are not being claimed or that belong to different claims or grants, please circle and designate on the invoice the items that you are requesting for reimbursement. Each item circled must have a project #, a funding source, and a total. Purchase orders and price quotes will not be accepted in the place of the invoice.
 - b) ☐ **Copy of the purchase order**
 - c) ☐ **Print out of the corresponding AEL # (Authorized Equipment List number).** The AEL listing can be found at: https://www.rkb.us/fema_grants.cfm
 - d) ☐ **Proof of payment of the invoice:** The proof of payment for L.A. County Departments is the printout from e-CAPS showing that the check cleared the bank. The proof of payment for **other** than L.A. County Department is the corresponding copy of the bank's cleared check .
 - e) ☐ **Calculations for use tax paid:** When use tax is paid, clearly show the calculations of the use tax in the invoice included in your claim.
 - f) ☐ **Proof of payment of the use tax:** Please provide official documents which authenticate the remittance of the use tax to the state, the amount and the reference to the invoice being claimed.
 - g) ☐ **Federal Debarment Listing:** Please provide a screen print out of the queried Federal Debarment Listing at <http://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM>. (you will need a username and a password; if you don't please create an account) . The listing needs to be queried **prior** to the selection of the vendor.
6. If you are claiming services, supplies, training related costs, or any other type of items purchased thru a vendor or contractor or government agency, please indicate with an X the method that you used to acquire the items (do **not** leave blank or mark more than one). Please note that competitive bid, non-competitive bid or sole source are the only valid purchasing methods.
- a) ☐ **Competitive Bid:** for projects that received more than one bid. Please indicate number of bids received (must be more than one).
 - b) ☐ **Non-Competitive Bid:** for single bid purchases of \$250,000 or more (effective June 21, 2018) to a single vendor or a single project, please attach the approval from the State. The approval needs to be requested from the State **prior** to the start of the project.
 - c) ☐ **Sole Source:** for non-bid purchases of \$250,000 or more effective (June 21, 2018) to a single vendor or a single project, please attach the approval from the State. The approval needs to be requested from the State **prior** to the start of the project.
7. Enter the amount of your claim after you verify that your budget is sufficient to cover your request. When the amount of the budget is not sufficient, please let your Program Coordinator know of the possible need for budget modification.
8. Enter the "Total Amount" by adding the subtotal claims included in each line.

SECTION D: SUB-RECIPIENT'S CERTIFICATION

The following numerals provide the instructions to fill in the corresponding numeral in the form:

- 1. Please read and check the box provided if you are an authorized signor.
- 2. Please read and check the box provided if you are an authorized signor.
- 3. Please sign the Grant payment request if you are an authorized signor of your agency.
- 4 & When the authorized person is the same as the contact person in Section B you do not need to enter the authorized contact information. If the
- 5. authorized person and the contact person in Section B are different, please enter all the fields in this area as requested.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT YOU NEED TO ATTACH TO YOUR GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST:

For Equipment Claims:

- a) ☐ **Equipment Inventory Listing (Print out & Excel File):** Please include both the printout of the listing and the corresponding excel file with your claim. The excel file is used to submit your claim with the state and the printout as backup document for audits. If there is no serial # for your equipment please assign a valid ID tag, or write "Consumable" (if it applies) or write N/A. please do NOT leave the corresponding space blank. ^{*1} Please refer to the Instructions to Equip Inty Tab for completion procedures of Equipment Inventory.

Additionally, please enter the appropriate CBRNE Mission (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive) in the column titled "Equipment Description & Quantity". This only applies to vehicles with AEL # 12VE-00-MISS (Vehicle Specialized Mission:CBRNE).

You need to inform us of any changes on the items above ^{*1}. This applies to each piece of equipment added in the Inventory Listing, including when the items are disposed and/or no longer useful. We will update the master inventory listing (per grant requirement) according to the information you give us. Please make sure that you include all the attachments that are necessary to provide us with the requested information.

For Training Claims:

- a) ☐ **State Sole Source Approval:** If you are claiming training related costs thru a Non-Competitive Bid or Sole Source training provider, regardless the purchased amount, please attach the State's approval (effective December 03, 2018). The approval needs to be requested from the State prior to the start of the project.
- b) ☐ **State-Sponsored Training Reporting Form (with the tracking request #):** Please add this form along with the Training Request Form Training Officer (POC), which you completed at the website, to the claim's backup documentation. All the backup documentation submitted for the training claim needs to agree with the training period and the detail description on the Training Reporting Form and the line item of the Grant. Training request #'s must be obtained from the State prior to the start of the project.
- c) ☐ **Receipts and paid invoices:** please include the complete copy of the receipts and paid invoices with your claim for itemized costs such as air plane tickets, hotel stays, instructor's fees, workshop cost, facilities fees, consulting services, etc. Additionally, you will need to include the documents requested in numeral 5 under Section C.

If you are including **personnel cost** with your training claim, please add the following:

- d) ☐ **Personnel List (Print out & Excel File):** Please include both the printout of the listing and the corresponding excel file with your claim. The excel file is used to submit your claim with the state and the printout as backup document for audits.
- e) ☐ **Documents that certify completion of the training:** please attach supporting documents that show the class name, dates of training, # of hours of the training class, printed name and signature of individual taking the class and approval signature from supervisor or trainer (attach the information for backfilled positions also). Examples of documents that certify completion of training are:
- Attendance sheets (signed by employee and instructor)
 - Sign in sheets (same as above)
 - Signed training certificates
- f) ☐ **Summary Listing of Charges:** Please use the **Training Summary Sheet** form provided in this claim packet that **clearly** shows the breakdown of the training charges per employee and that match the total claimed. This form includes the following: employee name, assignment, job title, date, salary, hours claimed, regular rate, overtime rate, employee benefits rate, claim amount per employee, clear calculations of amount claimed per employee and total (equal to the amount claimed).

Please ensure that the Training Summary Sheet is verified/approved by an authorized signatory, with printed name and title, and dated.

- g) ☐ **Backup for the Benefits Rate:** If you are adding benefits to your claim, please make sure that you include the official calculation for the rate used.
- h) ☐ **Timecards:** Include a printout of the corresponding timecards. Manual timecards need to indicate the # of hours charged per day to the grant, supervisor's signature, employee name and signature. Automatic system generated timecards need to be approved and include the name of the employee and hours charged per day to the grant.
- i) ☐ **Explanation of timekeeping codes:** When the supporting documentation (timesheet, payroll register, etc.) includes timekeeping codes please provide a printout with the explanation of the usage as detailed as possible.

- j) ☐ **Payroll register:** The payroll register needs to clearly support and explain the amount claimed per employee. It also needs to show the salary, hourly rate, employee benefits and overtime rate.
- k) ☐ **Roster of backfilled positions:** When you are claiming overtime for a backfilled position, please attach the backfilled roster to your claim. The roster needs to include the name of the backfilling employees, a short description of duties performed, the corresponding employee whose duties were covered and the dates accordingly. Please make sure that the roster is signed and that you include documentation corresponding to the employee covered by the backfilling position.

For Planning Claims:

- a) ☐ **Deliverable (or final product):** Please include with your claim the final product of the planning activity (deliverable) that was identified in the grant award.
- b) ☐ **Signed Certificate of Completion:** The certificate of completion can be an e-mail confirming that the planning activity was completed.
- c) ☐ **Invoices:** If your planning claim includes charges invoiced by vendors, please see requirements and documents you need to attach to your claim form under Section C (numeral 5 and numeral 6).
- d) ☐ **Supporting Documentation for Personnel Cost:** When your planning claim includes personnel cost, please see d) to i) under Training Claim (supporting documents needed) and add to the documentation.

For Exercise Claims:

- a) ☐ **Proof of State Approval of After Action Report (AAR):** In order for your AAR to be approved you have to submit it to the State using the ODP Portal (see link below), within 90 days after completion of the exercise. You need to notify the State when the AAR is uploaded so they can proceed with the approval process.

https://hseep.dhs.gov/DHS_SSO/

- b) ☐ **Invoices:** If your exercise claim includes charges invoiced by vendors please see requirements and documents you need to attach to your claim form under Section C (numeral 5 and numeral 6).
- c) ☐ **Supporting Documentation for Personnel Cost:** When your exercise claim includes personnel cost, please see d) to i) under Training Claim (supporting documents needed) and add to the documentation.

For Organization Claims: Please see above b) and c) under Exercise Claims

GRANT NAME: _____
SUB-RECIPIENT: _____
DATE OF REPORT: _____

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Equipment Inventory Listing Procedures for Completion

OBJECTIVE:

To provide an equipment inventory listing that links the State Homeland Security Workbook, to the Equipment Ledger and to the Equipment Listing to simplify the tracking and accountability; and to eliminate duplication and confusion.

<u>Field</u>	<u>Date Element</u>	<u>Procedure</u>
(1)	Grant Name	SHSP or EMPG
(2)	Sub-Recipient	Name of your agency
(3)	Date of Report	Date report completed {1}
(4)	Grant Year	Grant Year of funds used to purchase equipment
(5)	Project #	Project Number (from Grant Workbook Project Sheets)
(7)	AEL No.	Authorized Equip Listing No (from Grant Workbook)
(8)	Description	Description of the equipment
(9)	Serial # or Other ID #	Serial # or Other identification # used
(10)	Safecom consult	Fill out either by Yes, No, or N/A
(11)	Source of Property	Funding source, i.e, SHSP, EMPG, etc.
(12)	Title Holder	Name of agency (City/Department)
(13)	Vendor Name	Name of the vendor
(14)	Invoice Number	Invoice number
(15)	Acquisition Date	Date equipment acquired
(16)	Acquisition Cost	Cost of the individual equipment item
(17)	% of Fed Part	Fed participation in the cost of equipment
(18)	Location	Location of equipment
(19)	Use & Condition	Use & condition {2}
(20)	Disposition data	Date of disposition
(21)	Sale Price	Sale price, If applicable, or N/A for not applicable

The Equipment Inventory Listing must be completed in its entirety to meet the objective of the form.

Note {1}: This date should be the date the physical inventory of equipment was taken and the results reconciled with the equipment records (at least once every two years).

{2} Indicate: N = New, D = Deployed, O = Out of Service, L = Lost & S = Stolen

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8. Notes on Personnel Cost:

In general, costs associated with:

- ☐ Work performed under contract for a specific deliverable DOES NOT count against the personnel cap, however,
- ☐ Work performed under contract for an undefined period, such as for personnel costs supporting operational activities, including general planning, training or exercise activities DO count against the personnel cap; and
- ☐ Work performed by all non-contractor personnel, including for full- or part-time staff and operational overtime DO count against the personnel cap.

The following examples would not count towards the personnel cap:

- ☐ Vendor installation of a radio tower;
- ☐ Vendor training on new equipment purchased;
- ☐ Contractor hired to create an Emergency Operations Plan;
- ☐ Contractor hired to provide deliveries of ICS 400; and
- ☐ Contractor hired to assist with planning, training, evaluating, and reporting the effectiveness of a specific exercise.

The following examples would count towards the personnel cap:

- ☐ Contractor hired to be the State's WMD training instructor with no specific deliverables under contract;
- ☐ Contractor hired to facilitate unidentified number of exercises throughout the performance period;
- ☐ Contractor hired to be the part-time auditor of Homeland Security Grants throughout the year; and
- ☐ Contractor hired to be an intelligence analyst.

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