

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

SHSP – State Homeland Security Program

\$3,734,500

Fiscal Year 2015

Date Issued: **April 16, 2015**

Application Due: **May 15, 2015**





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Federal Program:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): SHSP supports the implementation of risk driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets set in State and regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRAs). The capability targets are established during the THIRA process, and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR) and inform **planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise (POETE)** needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Further explanation of this program and guidance can be reviewed in the federal funding opportunity announcement on the FEMA website, as well as the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) website.

It should be noted that Rhode Island is not eligible to receive the other appropriations of this grant (**Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) or Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**), outlined in the complete FEMA NOFO for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

Federal Objectives:

- Achieving the National Preparedness Goals
- Using Core Capabilities to consider areas for improvement, which include cybersecurity, recovery-focused core capabilities, the integration of individuals with access and functional needs, enhancing the resilience of infrastructure systems, and maturing the role of public-private partnerships. Addressing these areas for improvement will enhance preparedness nationwide.

Further explanation of these objectives, as well as program guidance, can be found in the federal funding opportunity announcement, also located on our website.

RIEMA Overview:

In accordance with the federal funding opportunity and guidance, RIEMA is issuing a funding opportunity totaling \$3,734,500 for all eligible sub-recipients that meet the federal objectives, as well as the RIEMA priorities and objectives outlined below. Applications are due no later than May, 15 2015.



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RIEMA Priorities and Objectives:

RIEMA has recently completed a statewide all hazard risk analysis through a comprehensive Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) tool that FEMA has provided each state in the nation. This tool assesses thirty-one (31) core capabilities that provide abilities to be able to prepare, mitigate, respond and recover from any threat or event in the State of Rhode Island. Based on this tool, the below capabilities are the highest priority that need sustainment or improvement throughout the State. The criteria to enhance each of these core capabilities are assessed through the categories of planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise (POETE).

In each application submitted, funds will be awarded to eligible entities that target the following priorities. Please use the categories of the POETE to indicate which area of the core capability you are proposing to improve.

RIEMA's Core Capability Priorities:

1. Public Information and Warning

Definition: Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.

2. Critical Transportation

Definition: Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas.

3. Planning

Definition: Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or community-based approaches to meet defined objectives.



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4. Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

Definition: Build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines so as to reduce their vulnerability to natural, technological, and human-caused incidents by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences related to these incidents.

5. Mass Care Services

Definition: Provide life-sustaining services to the affected population with a focus on hydration, feeding, and sheltering to those who have the most need, as well as support for reunifying families.

6. Cyber Security

Definition: Protect against damage to, the unauthorized use of, and/or the exploitation of (and, if needed, the restoration of) electronic communications systems and services (and the information contained therein).

7. Operational Communication:

Definition: Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces.

8. Economic Recovery

Definition: Return economic and business activities (including food and agriculture) to a healthy state and develop new business and employment opportunities that result in a sustainable and economically viable community.

More information regarding Core Capabilities can be found here:

<http://www.fema.gov/core-capabilities>

Special Conditions:

Sub-recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Current NIMS Implementation and compliance
- Must be compliant with 2015 RI Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)



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- Current sub-recipients that are delinquent in reporting or non-compliant will not be considered
 - Total Federal Funding Allocated to RI: \$3,734,500
 - Breakdown of Funding:
 - M&A: \$186,725.00
 - LETPA (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities): 25% minimum: \$933,625.00
 - Pass Through: 80% minimum: \$2,987,600.00
 - No Cost Share/Match

Eligible Recipients:

SHSP provides cost reimbursement aid to local governments (state, tribal, local, municipal authorities, and school districts) and certain private non-profit agencies (educational institutions, utilities, emergency services, medical facilities, custodial care facilities and others that provide health and safety services of a governmental nature).

Application Process:

Applications will be awarded based on the ability to fill gaps within each of RIEMA's core capability priorities, the additional requirements, as well as meeting the guidance of the SHSP program. Applications for SHSP 2015 awards are being accepted until **May 15, 2015**.

Sub-recipients are expected to consider areas for improvement which include cybersecurity, recovery-focused core capabilities, the integration of individuals with access and functional needs, enhancing the resilience of infrastructure systems, and maturing the role of public-private partnerships.

Applications must include:

- A narrative, on your letterhead, describing the proposed project in as much detail as possible, as well as a timeline to complete the proposed project, including milestones
- A completed Detailed Budget Worksheet. (see Sub-recipient Grant Management Handbook)

Further detail regarding RIEMA Sub-recipient Grant Management Handbook, Detailed Budget Worksheet, and the FEMA FY15 SHSP NOFO are available and can be found here:

<http://www.riema.ri.gov/grants/>

Rhode Island State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Kickoff Meetings

April 16-17, 2015



RHODE ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agenda

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

- Overview
- Milestones
- Investment Justifications Overview
- Eligibility Requirements
- Application Process
- From the Director
- Questions and Answers
- Contact Information



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SHSP FY 15 Overview

- To build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities to achieve the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation
- Gaps are identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR)
- Funding sustains current capability levels and fills identified gaps in **P**lanning, **O**rganization, **E**quipment, **T**raining, and **E**xercise activities in order to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover for acts of terrorism or catastrophic events



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SHSP FY 15 Milestones

- Submission Deadline: **5/15/2015**
- Period of Performance Start: **10/1/2015**
- Period of Performance End: **12/31/2016**
- Quarterly Financial Reporting is Required
- Performance Reporting Due (BSIR): **7/30 and 1/30**
 - Progress must be detailed and quantified
 - Program, financial monitoring, and corrective action plans are required throughout the Period of Performance



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Investment Justification Overview (IJ's)

- The 2015 SHSP requires submission of risk driven, capabilities-based IJ's, verification of alignment to State, and regional THIRAs, SPRs, and national priorities.
- Submissions must address potential gaps to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters.



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Our State Priorities as derived from the THIRA process:

- Public Information and Warning
- Critical Transportation
- Planning
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
- Mass Care Services
- Cyber Security
- Operational Communication
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State Eligibility Requirements

- ✔ National EMAC Membership
- ✔ NIMS Implementation
- ✔ Emergency Operations Plan
- ✔ THIRA
- ✔ State Preparedness Report
- ✔ SAFECOM Compliance for Interoperability Projects



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Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) (EMAC)

- Integrating preparedness activities across disciplines, the private sector, non-profit organizations, faith-based, community, 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 and framework that builds and implements preparedness initiatives which leverage DHS resources, as well as other Federal, State, territorial, local, private sector, faith-based community, and Tribal resources.
- Management of all available preparedness funding sources (multiple Federal sources as well as State and local sources) to enhance effective utilization of and elimination of duplication of effort across all stakeholders and disciplines.
- Ensuring that the application for SHSP funds align with the THIRA and work to fill capability gaps identified in the SPR.



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Application Process

Required Forms:

- Project Narrative**
- Detailed Budget Worksheet**



From the Director....

1. Federal Level-funding is a win; don't count on increased amounts...
2. Resources are limited, competition is high...
3. Not all projects can be funded, even great ones...
4. No partially-funded projects...
5. Past funding does not guarantee future funding...
6. If you have closed a gap, you could be a victim of your own success (see # 5)...
7. If the funding disappears next cycle, what is your plan to sustain what you have? (see # 1)
8. Ensure that your application for SHSP funds align with the THIRA!!!



Questions?



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