FY 2020 DHS / FEMA Homeland Security Grant Program Kick-Off Webinar

August 19, 2020
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FY 2020 HSGP 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 Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercise activities in order to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or catastrophic events.

• The Non-Disaster Grant program related to this roll-out is the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) also sometimes known as “SHSP.”
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New Requirements

• Cyber/Election Security (5%)
• Emergent Threats (5%)
• Soft Targets (5%)
• Enhanced Information and Intelligence Sharing (5%)

Cybersecurity Assessment – ongoing requirement

• FY 2020 recipients and subrecipients will be required to complete the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), which is open annually from October to December, by the end of calendar year 2020 in order for agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient and subrecipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment.
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Projects for Consideration

- 80% for supporting efforts such as Fusion Center, Cyber, Regional Teams, Interoperable Communications, Radiological, CBRNE/WMD, HAZMAT, planning, training, exercise, critical infrastructure protection, public information and notification.

- Eligible THIRA related projects:
  - RISCON Communications Projects
    - Note: RIEMA will not fund hand held portable radios.
  - Community Involvement (e.g.; CERT)
  - Notification/Messaging/Camera Trailer

- No construction will be considered by RIEMA
- No Cost Share / No Match Required
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Milestones

• Applications Due:
  – September 9, 2020

• Applicants Notified of Grant Determination:
  – October 1, 2020

• Period of Performance Start:
  – 10/1/2020

• Period of Performance End:
  – To Be Determined
State Priorities as derived from the THIRA process and the 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity:

- Enhancing Cyber Security (5% of overall funding)
  - including Election Security
- Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (5% of overall funding)
  - including Election Security
- Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing (5% of overall funding)
  - including State Fusion Center
- Addressing Emergent Threats (5% of overall funding)
- Interoperable Communications
- Rhode Island Preparedness Initiative; CERT
How to Apply

• RIEMA is using a portal system for grant applications accessible through the RIEMA website located at: www.riema.ri.gov

• Once you access the RIEMA website, click on the banner in order to apply for HSGP.

• Multiple projects require multiple applications, e.g. Local CERT team funding using HSGP would require its own application, while a local EMA Director’s salary would require a separate application to be submitted.

• This process is similar to the Department of Homeland Security’s application process requirements for States.
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How to Apply (cont’d)

• Applicants must submit an application for each project. Each project must have a budget figure(s) included. All fields need to be completed in order to submit. No applications will be accepted after the portal closes.

• A review process will be used to evaluate projects that fit into the State Emergency Management Strategy.

• Applicants are required to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and able to use of your local Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.
  
  o Please contact your city controller to determine your municipality’s DUNS number.

• To ascertain whether or not your city is properly registered in SAM’s go to: https://www.sam.gov
How to Apply (cont’d)

• All applicants will receive a notification of determination. Your notification may place requirements on your application, e.g. more information is needed concerning your generator project, or you may be required to provide more milestones. The aforementioned notification may also include an obligation/declination of award. The application process includes:
  o POETE
  o Budget
  o Goals/ Milestones
    ▪ Note: Please include 4 milestones in the application.
  o Project implementation
  o Project Management requirements
  o Assurance forms, to include EHP information and other requirements.
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Application Process

**Preparation**
- August 18, 2020
- RIEMA loads dormant application form on RIEMA website.

**RIEMA hosts Conference Call with State and Local partners announcing process for prescreening.**

**August 19, 2020 and August 21, 2020:**
1:00 pm until 2:00 pm
PowerPoint to accompany brief.

**August 19, 2020**
RIEMA opens application form in portal.
- RIEMA posts power point on website for review.
- RIEMA begins collecting applications for review
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Application Process (cont’d)

August 19, 2020 – September 9, 2020
RIEMA accepts formal applications (POETE/Work plan model).

September 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. RIEMA closes application portal.

September 10, 2020 – September 18, 2020
RIEMA conducts application reviews and determines awards.

September 19, 2020 – September 30, 2020
RIEMA begins award process.

October 1, 2020
Award letters with related grant packages are sent to sub-recipients.
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Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP)

DHS/FEMA is required to consider the effects of its actions on the environment and/or historic properties:

- Including but not limited to construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures and facilities, or new construction including replacement of facilities.

- Involves the submission of a detailed project description that explains the goals and objectives of the proposed project along with supporting documentation.

- Documentation required includes GPS coordinates, ground level and overhead photographs (screenshot from web-based map program), and detailed drawings.

- Any project with construction or installation related work must undergo EHP review – from mounting television monitors on walls to installation of a generator.
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**Grant Administration**

- New requirements when purchasing technical items (Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services((Interim))

- Nationwide Cyber Security Review – still applicable: Confirmation will be due to RIEMA by December 11, 2020

- Quarterly reports need to be submitted timely

- New Reimbursement Form will be forthcoming
From the Director

1. Resources are limited, there are new requirements to fund specific areas as directed by the Department of Homeland Security.

2. Not all projects can be funded.

3. No partially-funded projects.

4. Please submit your Nationwide Cyber Security Review (NCSR) as soon as possible.
Questions?
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FY 2020 HSGP Roll Out Session #1

**Time**
Aug 19, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID**
859 3726 4797

**Passcode (case-sensitive)**
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**Join Zoom Meeting**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85937264797?pwd=UWNEMEQxMi82WDI5YU8yQVh3SUxMdZ09

FY 2020 HSGP Roll Out Session #2

**Time**
Aug 21, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID**
812 8633 9327

**Passcode (case-sensitive)**
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Questions may be directed to the RIEMA Finance & Grants Division via phone (401-462-7114) or email (ema.grants@ema.ri.gov).

Please follow this link to access the FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Program application:
https://riema.wufoo.com/forms/z1shg2wi1n7qymp/