



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – 2016 \$3,734,500

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 **p**lanning, **o**rganization, **e**quipment, **t**raining, and **e**xercise (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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (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), Non-profit Security Grant Program, or Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**), as 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.

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 13, 2016.



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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-two (32) 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 POETE.

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. Access Control and Identity Verification**
Apply and support necessary physical, technological, and cyber measures to control admittance to critical locations and systems.
- 2. Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities**
Identify, assess, and prioritize risks to inform Protection activities, countermeasures, and investments.
- 3. Threats and Hazards Identification**
Identify the threats and hazards that occur in the geographic area; determine the frequency and magnitude; and incorporate this into analysis and planning processes so as to clearly understand the needs of a community or entity.
- 4. Long-term Vulnerability Reduction**
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.



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5. Operational Coordination

Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.

6. Cyber Security

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. Planning

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

8. Infrastructure Systems

Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community.

9. On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

Ensure a safe and secure environment through law enforcement and related security and protection operations for people and communities located within affected areas and also for response personnel engaged in lifesaving and life-sustaining operations.

10. Operational Communication:

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.

More information regarding Core Capabilities can be found here:

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



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Total Federal Funding Allocated to RI: \$3,734,500

- Pass through, 80% minimum: \$2,987,600.00
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA), 25% minimum: \$933,625.00
- Management & Administration (M&A), 5% maximum: \$186,725.00
- 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).

Special Conditions:

Sub-recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Current National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation and compliance
- Must be compliant with RI Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)
- Current sub-recipients that are delinquent in reporting or non-compliant will not be considered
- Have or obtain a Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number
- DUNS number registered with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov)
- Current W-9 on file with RI Department of Administration



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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 2016 awards are being accepted until **May 13, 2016**.

Sub-recipients are expected to consider areas for improvement which include cybersecurity, recovery-focused core capabilities, 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 FY16 SHSP NOFO are available and can be found here:

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