

FY 2014 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA) – KEY CHANGES

OVERVIEW INFORMATION

Under “Other Key Dates” the description of the 2-step application process has been deleted and replaced with the Period of Performance (POP) dates for the FY 2014 HSGP.

Note: The FY 2014 Opportunity Number and key dates and time will be updated accordingly.

FOA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A paragraph was added to describe how the HSGP supports the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) and the core capabilities.

References to cost match and indirect costs were deleted and incorporated in further sections of the FOA.

FULL FOA

Section I. Funding Opportunity Description-

- The program priorities were deleted from this section and incorporated into Appendix B

Section IV. Funding Restrictions-

- The descriptions of allowable and unallowable costs under the HSGP were expanded

Section VI. Federal Award Administration Information-

- A table showing the reporting periods and reporting due dates for the Performance Progress Report (PPR) was added
- Information on the Initial Strategy Implementation Plan (ISIP) was deleted as the ISIP will no longer be required
- The pass-through certification requirement was added, requiring grantees to certify in writing within 60 days of the award date that the 80% pass-through obligation has been met
- The closeout process language was expanded to provide further details on the steps necessary to close grant awards
- The extensions process was incorporated

Section VIII. Other Critical Information-

- Added standard language about the Unified Report Tool (URT)
- Language regarding National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), and Citizen Corps Reporting, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Membership, SAFECOM, Environmental Planning and Historic

- **Supplemental Guidance:** Reporting of the Senior Advisory Committee and Urban Area Working Group Charter compliance was consolidated in to the Unified Reporting Tool

Appendix C

Under the Critical Emergency Supplies heading, the requirement to increase the viable inventory management plan to a five year plan is noted and added a threshold of \$100,000 before the viable inventory management plan is required.

Under the Training Activities heading, it is noted that reporting training activities through Web-Forms is not required under FY 2014 HSGP. Additionally, grantees are no longer required to request approval for training from FEMA for personnel to attend non-FEMA training as long as the training is coordinated with and approved by the State Administrative Agency (SAA) state/territory or Training Point of Contact (TPOC) and falls within the FEMA mission scope and the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Under the Exercises Activity heading, all grantees will develop and maintain a progressive exercise program consistent with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) (http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1914-25045-8890/hseep_apr13_.pdf). A progressive, multi-year exercise program enables organizations to participate in a series of increasingly complex exercises, with each successive exercise building upon the previous one until mastery is achieved while also taking into account prior lessons learned. The After-Action Report (AAR)/Improvement Plan (IP) are still submitted to hseep@dhs.gov.

Appendix D

No changes were made to the FY 2014 OPSG Ops Order.

Appendix E

No changes were made to the FY 2014 OPSG Operational Guidance.

In FY2013 we had an additional appendix that included a table of the questions and format of the Investment Justification. That appendix was removed and is replaced with a supplemental document titled "Investment Justification Planning Guide" found at www.fema.gov/grants.

Preservation (EHP) Compliance, and Emergency Operations Plans were moved to Appendices B and C

APPENDICES

Appendix A

FY 2014 funding amounts for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will be incorporated when available.

Eligible OPSG States and territories will be incorporated when available

Note: In FY 2014 the number of eligible Urban Areas has changed and are reflected in Appendix A.

Appendix B

In FY 2014, the Department shifted away from identifying program-specific priorities and instead directs grantees to prioritize grant funds to increase the jurisdiction's capabilities based on the grantees capability targets set through the annual THIRA and capability gaps identified through the annual SPR.

FEMA has identified several ways to better organize the grant reporting requirements in order to reduce the burden on the grantees to manage the completion and timely submission of these requirements. The following updates to grant reporting requirements are effective starting in FY 2014:

- **Identifying and Assessing Risk and Estimating Capability Requirements:** The THIRA language has been modified to reflect CPG 201, Second Edition. Grantees will continue to use the URT to submit their THIRAs and SPRs.
- **Building and Sustaining Capabilities:** In FY 2014, grantees are required to describe how expenditures support maintenance and sustainment of core capabilities and how expenditures support a gap identified in the THIRA/SPR within the quarterly performance progress reports. In addition, grantees will report NIMS implementation in the SPR.
- **Planning to Deliver Capabilities:** In FY 2014 FEMA revised CPG 101 v2 compliance submission to reflect new reporting within the SPR.
- **Validating Capabilities:** Grantees must either submit one After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) that captures the lessons learned and corrective actions from the progressive exercise program conducted within the HSGP Period of Performance; or submit individual AAR/IPs for each HSGP-funded exercise.
- **Mass Casualty Events:** Grantees will no longer report the percentage of funding used for mass casualty events. This includes grantees with FY 2013 funds. An Information Bulletin with more details will be published.
- **Community Preparedness:** Grantees will no longer report percentage of funding community preparedness. This includes grantees with FY 2013 funds. An Information Bulletin with more details will be published.