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**The District of Columbia and the National Capital Region  
Receive an Increase of over \$2 Million in DHS Preparedness  
Grants for FY14**

**(Washington, DC)** – Recently, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced grant allocations for seven FY 2014 DHS preparedness grant programs. The District of Columbia is happy to announce that the grant allocation increased for the District and the National Capital Region. Grant funds managed by the District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), the District will receive \$4,119,000 through the State Homeland Security Program, an increase of over \$537,000 from the District's FY 2013 award. Additionally, DHS increased the District's Emergency Management Performance Grant award by over \$160,000 to a total of \$3,049,080 for FY2014. The added funds will help the District Agencies work toward its goal of ensuring a safe and secure District of Columbia that is prepared for all threats and hazards. Along with other projects, the grants will help fund the District's renewed planning efforts, important training and exercises, and vital community outreach and education efforts.

Along with the additional District grant funding, the National Capital Region (NCR) as a whole also received additional funds. Specifically, the NCR received an additional \$1,160,973 through the NCR Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and an additional \$162,782 through the UASI Non-Profit Security Grant. The total increase in funding for the District and the NCR is \$2,021,820. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority was also awarded \$7,179,016 through the Transit Security Grant Program, the fourth largest award nationally.

***"This increase in grant funding will help ensure the District can more adequately prevent and respond to emergencies and threats to the homeland in nation's capital," said Mayor Gray. "I applaud the work being done by HSEMA in conjunction with our federal partners to ensure that our important work of keeping the residents, visitors, businesses, and employees safe continues."***

More information on DHS's preparedness grant programs can be found at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) and <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

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The Mission of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency is to lead the planning and coordination of homeland security and emergency management efforts to ensure that the District of Columbia is prepared to prevent, protect against, respond to, mitigate, and recover from all threats and hazards.

