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To: Law Enforcement Personnel & County Judges

From: John McDowell, Homeland Security Director

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Re: Funding Announcement for SHSP and LETPA Grant Filing

Deadline: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

The Deep East Texas Council of Governments is pleased to announce the re-opening of two solicitations from the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Division

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Program (LETPA) Is available to Law Enforcement and other local Government Agencies. The purpose of this solicitation is to support state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists. All investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR). Eligible Activities include:

- Intelligence and Information Sharing, Identifying, developing, providing, and sharing timely, accurate, and actionable information, data, or knowledge among government or private sector entities. Enabling interdiction and disruption of terrorist activity through enhanced understanding and recognition of pre-operational activity and other crimes that may be precursors or indicators of terrorist activity
- Sustaining equipment needs, including personal protective equipment, WMD pharmaceuticals, calibration and maintenance for WMD-related detection and identification systems, and closely related investments to update or sustain current equipment.
- Coordinating regional training exercises with federal, state and local law enforcement participation focused on responding to terrorism-related events and increasing participation with community and business organizations.
- Sustaining existing capabilities of Interoperable Communications equipment (e.g. life cycle replacement and maintenance of equipment) and building capabilities to meet P-25 standards.

The minimum allowed under this program is \$2,500 and there is no funding cap. There is no match requirement under this program.

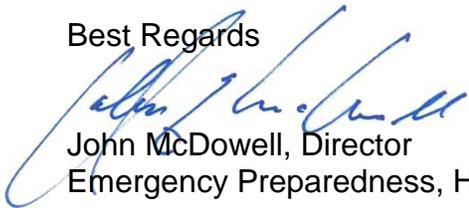
Eligibility Requirements for Applicant Include:

1. Grantees are required to maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS),
2. Have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period and must be at least at the Intermediate Level.
3. In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2017.
4. Applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
5. Applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.
6. If your jurisdiction/organization **expended over \$500,000** in Federal or State funding in **FY 2016** and that the required reporting package has been/will be provided 1) to the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) and 2) to the Federal Clearinghouse.

Applying for these Grants: Both solicitations will open on Friday, December 16, 2016 and must be certified and submitted by the deadline of Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The full Request for Proposals will be available at <http://www.egrants.gov.texas.gov>.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning these grant opportunities please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Best Regards



John McDowell, Director
Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security