

Guidance for HazMat/WMD Grant Funding

Overview

As outlined in the West Virginia State Homeland Security Strategy, a variety of threats exist within the state which require maintenance of a detection, response, and decontamination capability for incidents involving hazardous materials, chemical/biological/radiological/nuclear/explosive (CBRNE) materials, and weapons of mass destruction. This grant opportunity is designed to help the state identify, prioritize, and sustain the needed capability.

Application Deadline: The application must be received in the Homeland Security State Administrative Agency office by 4:30 pm on July 13, 2012

Hard copies of grant applications should be submitted to:

WV Homeland Security State Administrative Agency
c/o David Hoge
Building 1, W-400
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston WV 25305

The HS State Administrative Agency (HS SAA) is not using a Project Concept or a regional approach to award this money. Applicants will complete a grant application and related certifications, and submit directly to the HS SAA. There is no match requirement for these funds.

All equipment must be allowable according to the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) located at www.rkb.us. The US Department of Homeland Security is currently updating the AEL to be compliant with Presidential Policy Directive-8. If you have questions on permissibility, please contact Ed Holsclaw at the SAA at 304 558-2930.

Eligible Organizations

Organizations which provide services that enable a response and/or recovery capability to incidents involving hazardous materials; chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive materials; and/or weapons of mass destruction, and who meet the eligibility criteria are eligible for this grant funding. The applicant must be a local unit of government which may be either a county commission or a municipality. The local unit of government can act as fiscal agent for other government agencies or non-governmental organizations. For example, an applicant would be the City of Clarksburg and a recipient would be the Clarksburg Fire Department.

Strategic Direction

This funding should result in a strengthened response/recovery capability to incidents involving hazardous materials, CBRNE, and weapons of mass destruction. It is understood that there are preparedness actions including training, procurement and exercises that are necessary to develop and validate response/recovery capabilities.

Funding Priorities

The following criteria will be utilized to prioritize the applications and make funding decisions. Depending on the quantity of applications received, additional criteria may be developed to ensure a standardized, risk-reducing, and capabilities based system is utilized.

- Investments which produce regional (multi-agency/multi-county) benefits
- Investments focused on responder safety
- Organizations which host units of the Regional Response Team
- Requests consistent with recommendations identified in the report submitted by the RRT Advisory Committee in 2011
- Sustainment of capabilities that have a history of usage in real events
- Fire service, law enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) disciplines

Application Process

Applicants must fully complete and submit the following to the Homeland Security State Administrative Agency at the address above:

- Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant Application
- DHS/FEMA certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters; and drug-free workplace requirements
- HS Grant Eligibility Certification for recipient organizations
- A copy of the 2010 HS Goals and Objectives with the relevant goals/objectives circled

Questions

Please direct all questions to the HS State Administrative Agency at (304) 558-2930.

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