STATE SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL NONPROFIT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) today announced that it is seeking Requests for Applications (RFA) for federal grant funding made available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Fiscal Year 2011 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant (NPSG) Program.

There is $18,962,000 available nationally for organizations located within any of the 31 designated UASI sites. The greater New York City metropolitan area is the only designated UASI in New York State. Awards of up to $75,000 per organization will be made by the federal agency through a competitive process.

UASI-NSGP provides funding support for target hardening activities to non-profit organizations that may be at high risk of terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk non-profit organizations, the program seeks to integrate non-profit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It also is designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils.

Eligibility
To be considered for funding, eligible organizations must:

- Be designated as a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
- Be registered, have recently applied for registration or be exempt from registering with the NYS Attorney General’s Office, Charities Bureau;
- Be located within New York’s only UASI-eligible urban area:
  - New York City Area (includes the Cities of New York and Yonkers and the Counties of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk);
- Be at high risk of a terrorist attack; and
- Be (or become) a member of their local Citizen Corps Council, where one exists.
Application Period
Beginning May 24, 2011, applications will be accepted via the DHSES E-Grants system. All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 9, 2011. Not all organizations are guaranteed funding. Allocation decisions will be made by the federal Department of Homeland Security and based on risk and how well the applicant addresses program requirements through their applications. Organizations who have not previously received funding may be eligible for a one point bonus during the scoring of their applications. Supporting documentation must be received as an attachment to the application or by facsimile by the same date and time.

Applications and supporting documentation received after the due date and time will not be considered.

For more information, please check our website at: http://www.dhces.ny.gov/grants/

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