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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner

### **Re: Announcement of FFY 2006 Competitive Local Grant Application Period**

I am pleased to announce the receipt of the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is the desire of Governor Lynch and the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee comprised of members from law enforcement, fire service, EMS and key State agencies, to allocate the local portion of the grant on a competitive basis.

The FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) has several significant changes from past grant years. Most significantly, Congress adjusted the funding level and the DHS allocation formula Nationally to facilitate the allocation and application of resources to generate the highest return on the National investment in order to strengthen National preparedness in the most effective and efficient manner. DHS is presenting a collective vision for preparedness by establishing National Priorities. Significant goals include:

- Assisting in the prioritization of the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources
- Regionalization of prevention, protection, response and recovery efforts
- Radio Interoperability
- Intelligence gathering, analysis and information sharing techniques
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- CBRNE detection, response, recovery and decontamination
- Strengthening of medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

The FFY 2006 grant is divided into two programs described below:

**State Homeland Security Program (SHSP):** SHSP supports the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address the identified planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism. In addition, SHSP supports the implementation of the National Preparedness Goal, NIMS and the National Response Plan.

**Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP):** LETPP focuses upon the prevention of terrorist attacks and provides law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support the following activities: intelligence gathering and information sharing through enhancing/establishing fusion centers hardening high value targets; planning strategically; continuing to build interoperable communications; and collaborating with non-law enforcement partners, other government agencies and the private sector.

You will find extensive information about these programs, the National Preparedness Goal, NIMS and the National Response Plan on our website <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/index.html> . At this site you will also find:

- LETPP and SHSP application forms
- FY 2006 Authorized Equipment List
- Executive Summary of the NH State Homeland Security Strategy
- Contact Information for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee
- Contact Information for Application Help
- Contact Information for Training and Exercise Funds
- Grant Outreach Session information
- Frequently Asked Questions

**All competitive grant applications are due to the Department of Safety Grants Management Unit no later than noon on Friday, November 3, 2006.** These grant requests will be reviewed and scored by the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee.

Statewide video and live outreach sessions will be held on September 7, 18 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see our website for details regarding location and registration information.

Once funds are awarded, you will have 120 days to obligate FY 2006 grant funds. Municipalities will be able to choose their own local procurement process to secure eligible approved equipment in alignment with over-arching Federal procurement compliance standards. Grant reimbursement to municipalities will be made after purchases are completed at the local level and invoices and canceled checks are submitted to the Grants Management Unit. All Homeland equipment purchases, planning activities, exercises and training activities are subject to State and Federal approvals. The Department of Safety Grant Administrator will coordinate approval with DHS as necessary. It is critical that applicants remain consistent with their approved application when purchasing equipment or conducting training and exercises.

In FFY 2006, the First Responder Radio Interoperability project will continue with \$1 million in local funds dedicated to upgrading the statewide Fire and EMS radio infrastructure. This equipment will be distributed based on locally identified needs. Please check our website in the next few months for information on this phase of the project.

We look forward to assisting you with the 2006 Homeland grant process. Please contact the Grants Management Unit at 271-7663 for more information. Or you can e-mail your questions and comments to [homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us).