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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner 

Re: Announcement of FFY 2013 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Federal FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). NH has been awarded: \$3,459,364 (exclusive of Stonegarden award of \$182,333). It is the desire of Governor Hassan and the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from the local law enforcement, fire service, EMS communities, and key State agencies, to allocate grants in strict alignment with evolving grant guidance to insure investments are eligible and most beneficial to the goals of the program as well as the NH grantees. 2013 HSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) of a secure and resilient Nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government.

The 2013 grant will require grantees to have more in-depth knowledge of their threats and risks and will require more equipment typing, measurement, and reporting of equipment by capability. The objective is to facilitate an integrated, all-of-Nation, risk informed, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Using the Core Capabilities the focus of the 2013 Grant Program is:

Priority One: Implementation of the NPS and a Whole Community Approach to Homeland Security and Emergency Management

- Objective One: Completion of the THIRA process in alignment with National Preparedness System guidance to identify the resources required to deliver core capabilities. State level with local stakeholders.
- Objective Two: Conduct risk-driven, capabilities-based planning through whole community councils and working groups.
- Objective Three: Organization – Typing of equipment, and credentialing and training of personnel. Local & State grantees
- Objective Four: Sustaining Capabilities.

Priority Two: Building and Sustaining Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Capabilities (IAC for example).

Priority Three: Maturation and Enhancement of State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers.

Priority Four: Innovation and Sustained Support for the National Campaign for Preparedness

- Objective One: Foster individual and community preparedness and resilience by identifying needs; mobilizing partners; and creating innovative and effective solutions that can be grown, sustained, and replicated.

Priority Five: Improve Immediate Emergency Victim Care at Mass Casualty Events.

- Objective One: Improve emergency care to victims of mass casualty events, including mass shootings.
- Objective Two: Improve community first aid training.

Competitive Grant Applications, membership of 2013 Grant Review Committee & the grant allocation plan will be available no later than October 15, 2013 at: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. **General Competitive Grant applications will be due December 13, 2013.** Training and Exercise funds are *currently* available to the locals for eligible activities see: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>

We look forward to assisting you with the 2013 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.

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