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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner

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Re: Announcement of FFY 2015 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce pending availability of the Federal FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The anticipated award will be: \$3,734,500. Funds will likely be available by early Fall. Governor Hassan and the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from the local law enforcement, fire service, EMS communities, and key State agencies, wish to allocate grants in strict alignment with evolving grant guidance to insure investments are eligible and most beneficial to the goals of the national program and the NH grantees. 2015 HSGP continues to play 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 objective is to facilitate an integrated, all-of-Nation, risk informed, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Using the Core Capabilities, the focus of the 2015 Grant Program is:

- A shift at the Federal level which 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.
- DHS/FEMA shifted away from identifying program-specific priorities and instead directs grantees to prioritize grant funds to increase a jurisdiction's capabilities based on the grantees' capability targets set through the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and capability gaps identified through the annual State Preparedness Report as prepared by HSEM.
- Grantees are encouraged to utilize grant funding to maintain and sustain current critical core capabilities through investments in training and exercises, updates to current planning and procedures, and lifecycle replacement of equipment. New capabilities that are built using Homeland Security Grant funding must be deployable if needed to support regional and national efforts. All capabilities being built or sustained must have a clear linkage to the core capabilities in the National Preparedness Goal.

Competitive Grant Applications, membership of 2015 Grant Review Committee & the grant allocation plan will be available no later than today at: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. **General Competitive Grant applications will be due September 3, 2015 at Noon.**

We look forward to assisting you with the 2015 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@DOS.NH.gov.