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To: State Homeland Security Grants – Local Homeland Security Grant Points of Contact

From: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner of Safety

Re: Approval of Homeland Local Grant Allocations for Federal Fiscal Year 2005

I am pleased to communicate that Governor Lynch and the Executive Council approved the local 2005 Homeland Security grants on May 4, 2005. It was the desire of Governor Lynch and the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from the law enforcement, fire service and EMS communities, to allocate the local funds on a competitive basis.

FFY 2005 Homeland Security grants are divided into two programs: State Homeland Security Program for First Responders and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. The committee has created two pools of competitive funds for each program: "All-Hazards" and Threat-Risk. You can view the award summary on the NH Department of Safety website: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/index.html> You will find extensive information that will assist you in understanding which competitive process best fits your community's needs. At this site you will also find:

- Application information forms that must be used to apply for these funds,
- Explanations of "All-Hazards" and Threat-Risk competitive applications,
- One Authorized Equipment List for all programs,
- Competitive score criteria used by the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee,
- Contact information for the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee,
- The Department of Homeland Security approved NH State Strategy,
- First Responder Radio Statewide Interoperability project information,
- Training and Exercise fund allocations and contact information,
- Frequently asked questions.

The competitive grant applications for both programs will be due in the Department of Safety, Grants Management Unit at 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305 at noon on Wednesday June 15, 2005. These grant requests will be reviewed and scored by the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee. Statewide video outreach information sessions will be conducted May 9, 18 and 23. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Once funds are awarded, municipalities will be able to choose their own local procurement process to secure eligible approved equipment. 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 are subject to State and Federal approvals. The Department of Safety Grant Administrator, Pam Urban-Morin will coordinate approval with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as necessary. It is critical that applicants remain consistent with their approved application when purchasing equipment, or conducting training and exercises.

In FFY 2005, the First Responder Radio Interoperability project will continue with \$4.5 million in local funds dedicated to upgrading the statewide Fire and EMS communications platform with standardized APCO-25 compliant communications equipment. This equipment will continue to be distributed based on locally identified needs. Please see our website for more information.

We look forward to assisting you with the 2005 Homeland grant process. Please contact Pam at 603-271-7663 for more information or e-mail: homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us.