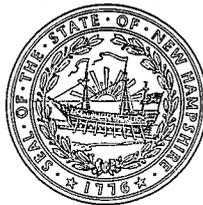


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October 27, 2010

To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JB", written over the printed name of the Commissioner.

Re: Announcement of FFY 2010 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce the availability and the receipt of the FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). It is the desire of Governor Lynch and the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from the local law enforcement, fire service, and EMS communities, and key State agencies, to allocate the grant in strict alignment with the National Priorities and Target Capabilities and be focused upon achieving goals tied to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, WMD/CBRNE Preparedness, Interoperability, Medical Surge/Mass Prophylaxis, and Informational Sharing, Analysis, and Information Gathering. However, it is also the goal of the Committee to encourage *more and broader applications within these parameters*. The focus of the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program is to be:

- Guarding against terrorism
- Securing our borders
- Enforcing our immigration laws
- Improving readiness for Response to and Recovery from Disasters.

Membership of the 2010 Grant Review Committee and grant allocation plan can be accessed at our website: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. The Committee convened on September 21, 2010 to deliberate and recommend the local allocation of funding for this grant cycle. General *Competitive Grant applications* will be due January 20, 2011. Separate Grant applications and time lines for established local HazMat team funding will be forthcoming. Training and Exercise funds are *currently* available to the locals for eligible activities. Contact information and more extensive grant application information, for all of these opportunities, is available at: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>

We look forward to assisting you with the 2010 Homeland grant process. A detailed list of "Frequently Asked Question's" will soon be available at the Grants website <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. 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.