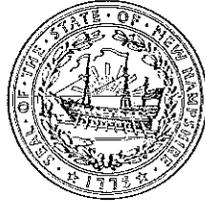


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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact
From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner 
Re: Announcement of FFY 2011 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce the availability and the receipt of the Federal FY 2011 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 2010/2011 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, 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**. There has been 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. The focus of the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program is to be:

- Guarding against terrorism
- "Whole Community" approach to use funds to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism and advance a whole community, collective capacity approach.
- THIRA-Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. In order to qualify for funding, all 2011 grantees shall develop and maintain a THIRA per DHS/FEMA. (see link on <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/index.html>)
- Organizational capacity re: the Typing of Equipment and Training (and reporting on the same).
- Building Prevention and Protection capabilities
- Maturation and Enhancement of State "intelligence" capabilities.

Membership of the 2010/2011 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 27, 2011 to deliberate and recommend the local allocation of funding for this grant cycle. General *Competitive Grant applications* will be due January 20, 2012 at Noon.

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 2011 Homeland grant process. A updated detailed list of "Frequently Asked Questions" 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.