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From: Robert Quinn, Commissioner

To: NH First Responder Agencies

Re: PROSPECTIVE Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security LOCAL competitive grant process

I am pleased to announce prospective funding opportunity in anticipation of the availability of the Federal FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant (HSGP) issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Funds will likely be available by early fall of 2024. Final project funding will be approved by DHS, on a project-by-project basis, after a State recommendation. Governor Sununu and I wish to allocate grants in strict alignment with grant guidance to ensure investments are eligible and most beneficial to the goals of the national program and the NH grantees. 2024 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. FY 2024 HSGP is anticipated to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

The objective is to facilitate an integrated, all-of-Nation, risk-informed, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Using the Core Capabilities, the anticipated focus of the 2024 Grant Program is:

- Terrorism preparedness, prevention and recovery strategy for these grants. Given the evolving threat landscape, DHS/FEMA
 is continuously evaluating the national risk profile and setting priorities that help ensure appropriate allocation of scarce
 security dollars. The eight priority areas that attract the most concern are:
 - 1. Operational Communications
 - 2. Cyber Security
 - 3. Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places
 - 4. Information & Intelligence Sharing and Analysis
 - 5. Combating Domestic Violence Extremism
 - 6. Addressing WMDs/CBRNE
 - 7. Enhancing Community preparedness and resilience
 - 8. Enhancing election security

Additional priorities are likely to include: Enhancing Cyber Security and Enhancing election security

- Grantees are encouraged to utilize grant funding to maintain and sustain current critical core capabilities through proposed investments that will support the applicant's efforts to:
 - 1. Prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism;
 - 2. Prepare for all hazards and threats, while explaining the nexus to terrorism preparedness;
 - 3. Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards, relating to acts of terrorism; and/or
 - 4. Respond quickly and equitably to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or other catastrophic incidents;
 - 5. 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.

You will find information about the Homeland Security Grant to include the 2024 application forms and more on our website page:

Grants - Homeland Security Grants, NH DOS (use 2024 Homeland Security Grant link) Competitive applications for 2024 are DUE

AT Noon on 1/12/2024. Please follow the instructions on the application for submission via the on-line form at the site: Grants - Homeland Security Grants, NH DOS No paper copies accepted. Please contact Grant Administrator, Pamela Urban-Morin at 603-271-7663 if you have additional questions.