

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

01/08/08 Opening Date

Closing Date 02/08/08

Introduction

The Central Region Homeland Security Council is pleased to announce that it is making available up to \$50,000 per community (ies) for planning, exercises, training and equipment purchases. These activities must support the FY2006 Investment Justifications from the Executive Office of Safety and Security (EOPSS) and Homeland Security. A total of 7 grants will be funded under this initiative. Applications must be received by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission no later than February 8th 2008, 4PM. The municipality or municipalities will be responsible for ensuring that all items are procured according to MGL 30B.

FY2006 Investment Justifications, Explanations and Guidance

FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

I. Purpose:

In order to receive Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding from the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS), each of the Massachusetts Homeland Security Planning Regions (Region) is required to update their regional homeland security plan. Plans must continue to be consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the current Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy and address the eight (8) priority homeland security investments described herein.

II. Process:

In accordance with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) FFY06 application and award process, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts selected priority investments to be addressed with FFY06 HSGP funding.

III Grant Application Instructions

Grant applicants can submit applications for planning, training, exercises and equipment as long as they support at least one of the eight investment justifications. Please read below for a more detailed explanation of each investment. For instance if you wished to purchase equipment for CBRNE, you will need to indicate how it supports the Executive Office of Safety and Security's guidelines for CBRNE. For those wishing to seek funding for training, please ensure that you read the Training and Exercise guidance from EOPSS,

which has also been posted on the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission's website.

http://www.cmrpc.org/document_detail.aspx?page_id=34&document_id=311

Sample Budget

Investment:	CBRNE
Training:	\$2,000
Equipment	\$20,000
Total	\$22,000

Investments that should be supported by the grant application (at least one)

1. CBRNE Detection Response and Decontamination
2. Enhancement of State and Regional Information Sharing Capacity
3. Statewide Database Development
4. NIMS Compliance
5. Enhancement of Regional and State Interoperable Communications
6. Exercising Operational Plans
7. Enhancement of Regional and State Preparedness Programs
8. Enhancement of Preparedness and Response to Pandemic Influenza

IV. EOPS Prescribed Investments:

1. *Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection Response & Decontamination*

- I. Personal Protective Equipment and Chemical Protective Clothing for hazmat team members.
- II. CBRNE team training, trainers, and training materials.
- III. Team member communications equipment.
- IV. Entry cameras for use within a hazardous materials "hot spot." Hazmat teams will have real-time visual assistance to and provide visualization of the internal aspect of a hazardous materials incident.

2. *Enhancement of State and Regional Information Sharing Capacity*

This investment specifically addresses the goal of creating greater state and regional collaboration through the establishment of regional information/intelligence nodes. These nodes will be established, following processes consistent with state and federal procurement and grant guidelines, at the discretion of the Regions. The Commonwealth's homeland security efforts are guided by the understanding that efforts to detect, prevent, respond to, and manage the consequences of acts of terrorism and other critical incidents

are built upon a solid foundation of multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional information sharing.

3. *Statewide Database Development*

The Data Base will be a web-based system that contains the resource information for local, regional, state and on-governmental (private and voluntary) agencies to be used during times of emergency. Funds to the regions must support:

- I. Consultant/contractor to survey localities within the region to determine existing resources
- II. Consultant/contractor performs data entry to the resource database

4. *National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance*

Funding may be utilized for backfill and overtime to support the following ten first responder disciplines, as defined by DHS:

1. Emergency Management
2. Emergency Medical Services
3. Fire Service
4. Hazardous Materials
5. Governmental Administrative
6. Health Care
7. Law Enforcement
8. Public Health
9. Public Safety Communications
10. Public Works

Funding may be utilized for backfill and overtime for first responders to attend the following NIMS training courses:

1. IS-700 Introduction to the National Incident Management System*
2. IS-800 Introduction to the National Response Plan*
3. ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)*
4. ICS-200 Basic ICS*
5. ICS-300 Intermediate ICS*
6. ICS-400 Advanced ICS*
7. ICS-402 ICS for Executives**
8. NIMS Multi-agency Coordination Systems**
9. NIMS Public Information Systems**
10. NIMS Resource Management**
11. NIMS Resource Typing**
12. NIMS Mutual Aid**
13. NIMS Preparedness**
14. NIMS Communication and Information Management**

15. ICS-100 for Schools**
16. ICS-100 for Hospitals**
17. ICS-200 for Hospitals**
18. NIMS ICS All Hazards Position Specific Training**
19. Incident Management Team Training
20. Any future NIMS training deemed necessary by DHS

*Required Training

**Recommended training only

The above mentioned courses may be found at either the State training academies or online at the Emergency Management Institute of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The various training academies of the Commonwealth [MEMA, DFS, and the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC)] have the resources to provide training free of cost to municipalities when requested.

MEMA: 508-820-2000

DFS: 978-567-3220

MPTC: 508-821-2644 x2115

Municipalities intending to conduct their own in-house training must seek prior approval from EOPS. Approval must be given at least 30 days before the training is set to begin.

5. *Enhancement of Regional and State Interoperable Communications* - Must relate to and support the Commonwealth's interoperability study
6. *Exercising Operational Plans* – Improvised Explosive Device (IED)-based scenario; regionally-based exercise. Please see EOPSS Training guidance for more information.
7. *Enhancement of Preparedness and Response to Pandemic Influenza* - Develop regional planning capacity in coordination with state and federal planning
8. *Enhancement of Regional and State Preparedness Programs* - Evacuation, sheltering, mass care focus

Grant Application

Requesting Municipality/Municipalities: If submitting a cooperative application, the lead community will need to submit a cover letter with the name of the point of contact (please also include email and phone number). The cover letter will be on the municipality's letter head and state that the applicant will adhere to MGL 30B procurement laws and that any funding received will be spent by June 30th 2008. Spent

means that the items must be purchased and delivered to the successful applicant no later than June 30th 2008.

The cover letter needs to be signed by one of the following; Town Administrator/Manager or senior elected municipal official. If partnering with other communities, they will need to send letters of support on official letter head. Applications are limited to 5 pages including a cover letter. Letters of support will not count towards the 5 page limit. Applications must be received electronically at the Offices of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission no later than February 8th 2008, 4PM

Send applications to:

Jonathan Church, AICP
Community Development Manager
CMRPC
jchurch@cmrpc.org

Early submissions are encouraged.

Grant Application Questions

1. Amount Requested up to \$50,000 (applicants may only submit one application)
2. Has your municipality or municipalities submitted a NIMS Certification of Completion of NIMS Training? Please explain why if not? (up to 60 points) If a multiple-municipality request is submitted, all municipalities must have submitted Certifications to receive full points. If no, a justification must be submitted.
3. Is the proposal regional in scope? (Please note that this does not apply to municipalities who are requesting funds to support backfill/overtime for NIMS-related training). (If yes, up to ten (10) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s).
4. Does the proposal align with one or more of the FFY 2006 Investment Justifications? Proposals must address one or more of the FFY 2006 Investment Justifications listed above. (If yes, up to ten (10) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s). Please see CMRPC website
5. Does the proposal meet a need cited in an AAR or needs assessment? (If yes, up to five (5) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s). Please see CMRPC website
http://www.cmrpc.org/document_display.aspx?page_id=34&cat_id=49&cat_type=CAT

6. Does the proposal contain a line-item budget? (If yes, up to five (5) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s). Please see 2006 Investment Guidance above for more information
7. Does the proposal contain a timeline? (If yes, up to five (5) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s).
8. Does the proposal contain a brief and clear narrative detailing the request? (If yes, up to five (5) points may be awarded by the Council to the applicant(s).

Narrative

- a. Background/problem definition (why you need this money)
- b. Purpose
- c. Strategy/approach
- d. The investment activities associated with each goal and objective
- e. Amount of funds associated with each investment activity, the funding stream to be used and the disciplines involved

Grants are expected to be awarded in the beginning of March 2008. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Church at 508-459-3316 or email jchurch@cmrpc.org.