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Subject: Funding Opportunity: FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program - Notice of Intent (NOI)

Good Afternooon:

This is to inform you that the FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) for the LRGVDC Local Governments officially opens today.

Posted Date: Monday, Oct 05, 2015
Closing Date: Monday, Nov 02, 2015 Electronically submitted Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted no later than 5:00PM on the listed due date.

The LRGVDC Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) will be selecting eligible jurisdictions based on the FY2015 HSGP guidance, eligibility requirements, and amounts received from the Office of the Governor (OOG) – Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) for our region. Unlike in years past, the LRGVDC with HSAC approval has developed the attached ELECTRONIC Notice of Intent (NOI) pre-application form which will be used to select potential sub-recipients, that are in good standings, to apply once the OOG-HSGD NEW eGrants system is on-line.

It is predicted that the FY2016 HSGP funding may increase; however, planning for a reduction of funding is highly recommended, especially since funding resources continue to decrease and are streamlined by the state and federal agencies. Your agency should conduct a good assessment of current capabilities to determine the funds needed in order to continue to sustain capabilities related to Homeland Security efforts. (Interoperable Communications, Regional Response Teams, Critical Infrastructure)

Based on the FY2015 HSGP awards, the minimum and maximum expected to be awarded to our region for FY2016 is an estimated amount between $490,029.98 and $600,000.00. You may submit projects up to but <u>not to exceed the minimum</u> expected amount and one NOI per project.

***Please coordinate the submittal of applications with your City or County Emergency Management Coordinator.**

The attached NOI and subsequent applications **<u>MUST</u>** demonstrate the use of funds, alignment with regional, state, and national priorities (as identified in the region's Homeland Security Strategic Implementation Plan, THIRA and SPR); project quality; sustainability; and potential impact on multiple jurisdictions and/or multiple capability gaps. (NOTE: Out of the total amount, 25% must be awarded for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities, as per congressional mandate.)

I have included two versions of the NOI in Excel (2013 xlsx workbook & 97-2003 xls Template). Please use the one that is compatible with your system. ***A completed NOI must be submitted via (EMAIL ONLY) to:*** mcruz@lrgvdc.org

on, or before Monday, November 02, 2015 by no later than 5:00 PM.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm delivery of the application and receive confirmation from COG Homeland Security Staff by calling (956) 682-3481. **Late applications will not be accepted or considered for review.**

The FY2015 HSGP Guidance WILL APPLY and final eligibility will be determined and released by the OOG-HSGD at a later date.

Eligibility requirements remain the same for FY2016. Requirements are submit to change without any notice. Certification Form requirements are as follows:

- Annual Inventory Certification Form
- NIMS (Adoption and NIMSCAST Compliance)
- Emergency Management Plan (Intermediate Level)
- OMB Circular A-133 Single Audit
- Texas Regional Response Network Asset Reporting
- Criminal History Disposition Reporting (90% by Aug 1, 2016 for Adult and Juvenile. Cities selected for funding will forfeit funding if their county does not meet this requirement)

Local Timelines (Subject to Change)

October 5th – November 02, 2015: NOI Open and Closing dates.
November - Date TBD: HSAC will meet for the initial review of the submitted NOIs and select potential applicants.
November 25th: LRGVDC Board of Directors will review and take action on the recommendations of the HSAC.
December 2015: Regional Allocation is Announced by OOG-HSGD.
March/April 2016: Application prioritization and ranking due to OOG-HSGD.

Questions on the NOI and/or process may be directed to any of the following:

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Thank you,

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