Key Updates in FY 2007 HSGP

The table below highlights key changes in the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) guidance and provides page references for further detail. All applicants should read the entire FY 2007 HSGP guidance and use this table as a reference tool. This table does <u>not</u> highlight every update since the FY 2006 HSGP Guidance.

Topic	Brief Description	Page
Mid-Term Review	Applicants will have the opportunity to provide draft Investment Justifications to G&T prior to the submission deadline for review.	9
Funding Availability	For planning purposes, applicants should assume that the total amount of FY 2007 HSGP funding for States, Territories, and Urban Areas will not exceed twice the historical average percentage of HSGP program funds received annually from FY 2003 through FY 2006.	9
Period of Performance	Following input from stakeholders in State and local government, the period of performance for FY 2007 HSGP funds has been extended to 36 months.	14
Grants.gov	HSGP applicants will now use Grants.gov for submissions.	14
Investment Justification Questions	Questions, criteria, and relative weights in the Investment Justification are included in the FY 2007 HSGP guidance.	19-22
Program Evaluations	Conducting program evaluations to improve the State or Urban Area's homeland security program are now an allowable expense.	23
Counterterrorism Staffing Pilot	Tier 1 UASI jurisdictions may use FY 2007 UASI funds to support non-overtime (or regular time) operational costs for existing positions that are currently assigned to full-time counterterrorism duties, provide they include a specific implementation plan as part of their application, submit a written certification from the jurisdiction's chief elected official, and develop a detailed audit process.	25
Intelligence Analysts	Intelligence Analysts funded through UASI or LETPP must meet experience requirements or complete training within six months of being hired. Costs associated with hiring new intelligence analysts are allowable only for two years, after which States and Urban Areas shall be responsible for supporting the sustainment costs for those intelligence analysts.	26
Training and Exercise Plan	States are now required to coordinate exercises with training courses and produce a Multi-year Training and Exercise Plan.	32-33
Federal Energy Policy	According to the FY 2007 DHS Appropriations Act, all HSGP funds must meet certain Federal energy policy laws.	43
Fusion Centers	Fusion centers are now a primary program focus area for LETPP.	53
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act	While no action is required in FY 2007, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 may affect State and Urban Area reporting requirements in later years.	B-7
National Preparedness Reporting Compliance	HSPD-8 calls for an assessment of national preparedness. The FY 2007 DHS Appropriations Act also requires additional national preparedness reporting.	B-7
Protected Critical Infrastructure Information	This program enables State and local jurisdictions, and members of the private sector, to voluntarily submit sensitive information regarding the nation's CI/KR to DHS.	D-4