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DHS ANNOUNCES \$24 MILLION AVAILABLE TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY THROUGH UASI PROGRAM

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced today that nonprofit organizations in the 46 designated UASI areas are eligible to apply for funds as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). This grant program will provide over \$24 million to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations who are deemed high-risk of a potential international terrorist attack.

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations through their eligible State Administrative Agency (SAA) according to criteria that include:

- Prior identified and substantiated threats or attacks toward the nonprofit or closely-related organization, either within or outside the U.S., by a terrorist organization
- Symbolic value of a site as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders it a possible terrorist target
- Organization's role in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks
- Organization's credible threat or vulnerability, as well as the potential consequences of an attack, as determined by a previously conducted risk assessment

The Federal grant funds must be used for target-hardening activities, which can be accomplished through training or the purchase or installation of security equipment on real property owned or leased by the nonprofit organization. Allowable equipment is limited to physical security enhancements (e.g. alarm systems, bulletproof doors or windows) or inspection and screening systems (e.g. walk-through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices). Additionally, nonprofit organization security personnel may use NSGP funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training-related costs under NSGP are limited to attendance fees for the training, and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of CI/KR, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness. Not all eligible nonprofit organizations and UASI communities are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2007 NSGP. Allocation decisions will be made based on risk and how well applicants address program requirements through their investment justifications.

Nonprofit organizations must submit applications through their SAA to be considered eligible for an award of up to \$100,000. Nonprofit organizations must agree to match 25 percent of Federal grant funds in cash or through equivalent, related training. In the case of training projects, awardees must meet the matching requirement through cash. For example, the costs of training security guards on new screening equipment purchased under the grant would meet the match requirement.

In FY 2005, DHS awarded \$25 million to 18 high-risk urban areas to support security improvements for nonprofit organizations in their jurisdictions. Together with the FY 2007 grants, DHS direct support to safeguard nonprofit organizations now totals over \$49 million.

SAsAs must submit applications for the FY 2007 UASI NSGP online at www.grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 22, 2007.

For more information on the FY 2007 UASI NSGP and other DHS grant programs, visit www.dhs.gov.

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