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## **FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN TWELVE COUNTIES**

HAMILTON — Nonprofit agencies that could be targets of a terrorist attack and are located in twelve counties can apply for federal grants of up to \$75,000 to improve their security, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today.

For the third year in a row, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is offering grants to nonprofit agencies operating within New Jersey's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region, which is made up of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, and Union counties. For the federal fiscal year 2009 cycle, OHSP is expanding the eligibility criteria to nonprofit agencies that are also operating within the six Metropolitan Statistical Area counties, which include Hunterdon, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Pike County Pennsylvania. DHS has allotted \$15 million nationwide for the program.

Cañas said that, last year, DHS selected 13 New Jersey nonprofit schools, hospitals and religious organizations to share almost \$835,000 in federal grant funds to improve their security.

Grants will be awarded to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations in the seven UASI and six MSA counties according to criteria that include whether the organization:

- Maintains a site with symbolic value and is a recognized national or historical institution that makes it an attractive target;
- Has a role in responding to or recovering from a terrorist attack;
- Has potential vulnerabilities to attack, especially as documented by a prior risk assessment; and
- Has been the subject of an identified and substantiated attack — or is closely allied with an organization that has been the subject of attack — by a terrorist organization inside or outside the U.S.

The grant funds must be used for “target hardening” activities, such as the purchase and installation of physical security equipment or for training organization personnel. The grants require the organizations to provide a 25 percent non-cash or cash match.

Applications are due to OHSP by the close of business on Friday, February 20, 2009. For more information, grant guidelines and an application, log on to <http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/grants/2009/2009.html> and look for documents under the banner “Applying for the UASI Nonprofit Grant Program.”

The federal UASI program is designed to provide funding to high-threat, high-density urban areas to help them build capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. For 2009, there are 62 UASI regions nationwide. New Jersey's UASI, which is grouped among the seven “Tier 1” UASI regions based on greatest risk, has received more than \$203 million since 2003 to protect the state's densely populated northern counties.



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