

Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP)

Preparedness Directorate

FY 2006 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)



Strengthening the Security of Critical Infrastructure

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP) is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the security of America's critical infrastructure. This program implements the objectives addressed in a series of laws, strategy documents, plans and Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs). Of particular significance are the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) and its associated work products, the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), and the National Strategy for Transportation Security (NSTS).

*In Fiscal Year 2006, the DHS Infrastructure Protection Program will award approximately **\$373 million** to strengthen the nation's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.*

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) is one component of the DHS Infrastructure Protection Grant program. Other components include the FY 2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), the FY 2006 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), the FY 2006 Intercity Passenger Rail Security Grant Program (IPRSGP), the FY 2006 Trucking Security Program (TSP), and the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP).

Purpose

The purpose of the FY 2006 IBSGP is to create a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and severe disruption.

Funding

- Provides **\$9,503,000** to owners/operators of fixed route intercity and charter bus services using over-the-road buses.

Eligibility

- Funding under this program will be limited to owners/operators of fixed route intercity and/or charter bus services using over-the-road buses.
- Fixed route, intercity bus service is defined as passenger transportation service provided to the general public for compensation over specified, pre-determined, and published routes between cities or terminals using over-the-road-buses. Eligible fixed route and charter services use over-the-road buses, provide trips annually to a defined Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdiction or a facility located within a UASI jurisdiction. An over-the-road bus is defined as a vehicle designated for long-distance transportation of passengers, characterized by integral construction with an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment and at least 35 feet in length with a capacity of more than 30 passengers.

- Eligibility will be determined based on the type of service provided (fixed route intercity or charter bus services using over-the-road buses) and service to defined Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions.

Program Highlights

- The FY 2006 IBSGP focuses on:
 - Facility security enhancements in defined UASI jurisdictions;
 - Driver security enhancements;
 - Vehicle security enhancements;
 - Emergency communication technology;
 - Coordinating with local police and emergency responders; and
 - Training and exercises.
- The program places a strong emphasis on prevention and detection relative to improvised explosive devices (IEDs), including sensors, and canine units, etc.
- Successful applicants will be selected through a competitive process.

Program Coordination

The following entities were involved in developing the FY 2006 IBSGP guidance:

- Department of Homeland Security
 - Office of Grants and Training (G&T)
 - Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- Department of Transportation
 - Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- Industry
 - American Bus Association (ABA)
 - United Motorcoach Association (UMA)