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Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 BZPP?

The purpose of the FY 2009 BZPP grants is to help state and local governments protect national critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) from terrorist attacks. The program supports the implementation of Buffer Zone Plans (BZPs) by providing the funding to buy equipment and support planning efforts.

2. How much funding was available under the FY 2009 BZPP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2009 BZPP will be \$48,575,000.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2009 BZPP?

DHS encourages state and local jurisdictions to consider the following activities as priorities under the FY 2009 BZPP:

- Coordination of operational activities with public and private sector partners
- Coordination of operational and situational awareness activities with fusion centers and/or emergency operations centers (EOCs)
- Coordination and involvement of multidisciplinary partners in the development and implementation of preventive and protective measures
- Strengthening IED attack prevention and protection capabilities
- Integration of Constellation/Automated Critical Asset Management System (CA/CAMS) and the DHS CIKR Taxonomy in CIKR collection, storage/catalog, and reporting information technology (IT) solutions, databases and processes

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 BZPP funds?

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2009 BZPP funds and is responsible for obligating the funds to the appropriate local units of government or other designated recipients. The SAA must coordinate all BZPP activities with the respective State Homeland Security Advisor (HSA).

5. How will the FY 2009 BZPP funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for BZPP builds upon the program plan and methodology in place last year. *Tier 1* and *Tier 2* assets have been prioritized, and funds are being systematically applied to address the list of assets supported by the BZPP. Based upon the results of DHS prioritization work with state and local colleagues, eligible states, territories and the District of Columbia participate in and receive funding under the FY 2009 BZPP. The specific sites and their locations are sensitive and DHS has directly contacted each state with information regarding the identity and location, as well as funding amounts of the selected high-risk sites in their area.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 BZPP?

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2009 BZPP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 BZPP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.
- The Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Protective Security Coordination Division (PSCD) provides a range of support to BZPP grantees and sub-grantees. The PSCD can provide a federally guided vulnerability assessment team to assist in the development of the BZP. BZP workshops, which train law enforcement and other homeland security prevention personnel on the BZP development process, are also available to support grantee and sub-grantee jurisdictions. For more information on assessments or the assessment process, please contact ipassessments@dhs.gov.

9. What is the FY 2009 BZPP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA that includes specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.