



Homeland Security

Historical Overview of DHS-FEMA Grant Programs Awarded to U.S. Colleges and Universities

The preparedness programs administered by the Grant Programs Directorate within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) all support the achievement of the National Preparedness Guidelines and the National Priorities, the building and sustainment of capabilities over the long-term, and the implementation of a common framework grounded in capabilities-based planning. Although each program has been designed to support a specific purpose, the policy priorities driving each program are mutually reinforcing and ultimately contribute to raising the preparedness baseline nationally.

Historical Grant Funding Awarded to U.S. Colleges and Universities

In the past, colleges and universities have applied, as sub-grantees, for funding under the Homeland Security Grant Program. The Homeland Security Grant Program includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Areas Security Grant Program (UASI), the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and all Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (the former Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant Program).

The **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)** supports building and sustaining capabilities at the state and local levels through planning, equipment, training and exercise activities and helps states to implement the strategic goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies. The SHSP supports activities within all four homeland security mission areas (i.e. prevent, protect, respond, recover) as well as the National Priorities identified in the National Preparedness Goal. The FY 2010 SHSP allocations total **\$842 million** and provides funding to 56 states and territories based on a combination of formula, risk and effectiveness.

The **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)** addresses the unique multi-disciplinary planning, operations, equipment, training and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assists them in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. This program provides funding to 64 high-threat high-density urban areas based on risk and effectiveness. FY 2010 allocations for UASI total about **\$832.5 million** to enhance regional preparedness by strengthening capabilities in the 64 high-risk urban areas.

The **Citizen Corps Program (CCP)** supports Citizen Corps Councils with efforts to engage citizens in personal preparedness, exercises, ongoing volunteer programs and surge capacity response, to better prepare citizens to be fully aware, trained and practiced on how to prevent, protect/mitigate, prepare for and respond to all threats and hazards. This program provides funding by formula basis to all 56 states and territories. FY 2010 allocations total over **\$12.4 million** for states and territories to bring community and government leaders together to engage citizens in community preparedness, response and recovery activities.

The **Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)** program assists designated local, metropolitan areas to sustain and further enhance regionally integrated all-hazards mass casualty preparedness and response capabilities to achieve: adequate progress in meeting designated target capabilities; increased integration with statewide mass casualty initiatives and capabilities; and effective coordination with mutually supporting program guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services and other relevant federal agencies. This program provides funding by formula basis to 124 MMRS jurisdictions. FY 2010 allocations total **\$39.3 million** divided evenly among 124 MMRS jurisdictions.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities--Although the FY 2010 DHS Appropriations Act did not provide a separate appropriation for a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, the 9/11 Act requires grantees to dedicate at least 25 percent from both SHSP and UASI funds for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.)

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities builds state and local law enforcement capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks and provide law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support critical prevention activities. This program provides funding to all 56 states and territories based on a combination of formula, risk, and effectiveness.

Other grant programs colleges and universities have applied for in the past include:

Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program. FP&S Grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and reduce injury and prevent death. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

The **Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)** program assists state and local governments to sustain and enhance the effectiveness of their emergency management program. This program provides funding by formula basis to all 56 states and territories as well as the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 EMPG will be **\$329,799,991**.

Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) FY 2010 funds to be distributed total **\$48 million**. BZPP supports the development and implementation of Buffer Zone Plans for preventing and protecting the perimeter of critical infrastructure sites, including chemical facilities, nuclear and electric power plants, dams, stadiums, arenas and other high-risk areas from terrorist site surveillance or attacks with a focus on public-private partnership and fusion center coordination. This program provides funding to states and territories with eligible critical infrastructure and key resource (CI/KR) sites.

Urban Areas Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program (UASI-NSGP) UASI-NSGP provides funding to support target-hardening activities by nonprofit organizations that are considered at high risk for international terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations, the program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

Nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas must apply to the SAA for funds. In FY 2010, the total amount of NPSG funds to be distributed total **\$19 million**.

Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) The total FY 2010 funds to be distributed total **\$48 million** to assist governments in carrying out initiatives identified in Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans and improve interoperable emergency communications used to respond to natural disasters and acts of terrorism.

Samples of Projects Funded by Colleges and Universities Through FEMA Grants

Samples of Projects Funded by Colleges and Universities	DHS-FEMA Grant Programs
Manage, update and/or implement the State Homeland Security Strategy	State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
Assess vulnerability of and/or harden/protect critical infrastructure and key assets Purchasing critical infrastructure and target hardening equipment	SHSP, UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Buffer Zone Protection Grant Program (BZPP); Urban Areas Security Grant Program (UASI) or Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)
Enhance Capabilities to respond to all-hazards events	SHSP, LETPA
Build/enhance a pharmaceutical stockpile and/or distribution network for university-based hospitals	Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS);
Enhance capabilities to respond to all-hazards events	SHSP, LETPA
Adopt and implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to include the integration of core concepts into plans and procedures	SHSP
Develop/enhance plans, procedures and protocols Colleges and universities have conducted vulnerability assessments as well as the development and revision of Emergency Operations Procedures	Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), UASI or LETPA
Develop/enhance interoperable communications systems	SHSP, UASI or LETPA

Develop/enhance a state and local geospatial data system (GIS) and law enforcement equipment	SHSP
Establish/enhance regional response teams	SHSP or UASI
Establish/enhance a public-private emergency preparedness program such as citizen preparedness	SHSP
Establish/enhance a public health surveillance system	UASI
Establish/enhance a mass care shelter and alternative medical facilities operations	SHSP
Establish/enhance a sustainable homeland security training program such as curriculum development and course delivery for NIMS and fire training	SHSP, LETPA, Citizen Corps Program (CCP)
Establish/enhance a terrorism intelligence/early warning system center or task force	SHSP
Establish/enhance citizen volunteer initiatives and Citizen Corps Councils	CCP
Establish/enhance agro-terrorism preparedness capabilities	SHSP
Establish/enhance a cyber security program	SHSP
Establish/Enhance an Emergency operation Center	SHSP
Establish/enhance a sustainable homeland security exercise program Exercise funding can include planning, execution and After Action Reports (AAR)	SHSP
Establish/enhance plans and procedures to reflect the National Response Plan Planning events for colleges and universities have included the development of Emergency Operation Procedures, citizen preparedness and agro-terrorism	CCP

Establish/enhance citizen awareness of emergency preparedness, prevention and response measures	SHSP
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What Colleges and Universities Need to Do

There are few DHS-FEMA homeland security and preparedness grant programs that make awards directly to Colleges and Universities. Almost all DHS-FEMA grant funds are awarded to the State Administrative Agency (SAA). The SAA is then responsible for soliciting projects and awarding sub-grants to jurisdictions and entities within their jurisdictions. Therefore, it is essential to develop a relationship with the State Administrative Agency (SAA) in the state, the State Emergency Management Agency and the UASI and MMRS jurisdictions. Access the current list of SAAs on the FEMA Web site at www.fema.gov/grants on the grants web page.

There is some direct funding available for fire safety research through the Assistance to Firefighter Programs. Please refer to the AFG website at www.firegrantsupport.com for more information.

In all cases, read the grant program guidance and application kits for grant programs at www.fema.gov/grants to become familiar with program eligibility, program requirements and allowable expenditures. Determine needs or capabilities of their university and college in relation to the various grant programs.

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