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Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 DLSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2011 DLSGP is to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents issued by states¹. The DLSGP is intended to address a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve the integrity and security of state-issued driver's licenses (DLs) and identification cards (IDs). States are encouraged to work collectively to develop more secure systems to verify an applicant's identity before issuing a DL or ID that can be accepted for official purposes.

2. How much funding was available under the FY 2011 DLSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 DLSGP was \$45,188,000.

3. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2011 DLSGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2011 DLSGP were State Driver's License Agencies (SDLAs), also known as state Departments of Motor Vehicles (DMVs) or Motor Vehicle Administrations (MVAs). Other eligible applicants included state Public Safety Agencies or Departments with overall responsibility for drivers' license issuance in the state. These agencies were able to apply on behalf of the state DMV/MVA.

4. How were the FY 2011 DLSGP funds determined?

FY 2011 DLSGP funds were allocated to 48 states and territories that applied for funds. For the purposes of this grant, states were grouped into four categories based upon the number of DLs/IDs issued. The available target funding allocations were adjusted due to:

- (1) Some states did not apply;
- (2) Some states asked for less than the amount allocated; or
- (3) Individual state applications were inconsistent with program requirements.

If the total of all state awards was less than the amount available for any of these reasons, remaining program funds were redistributed to applicant states and territories.

¹ For purposes of the *REAL ID Act*, "State" is defined at sec. 201(5) as "a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States." This package will refer to all 56 States, the District of Columbia and territories as "States."

Additionally, through the recovery of previous years' funding, an additional \$92,385 was provided to Mississippi and an additional \$185,615 was provided to Missouri.

5. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 DLSGP?

The *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) provided funding for this program.

6. Where is the FY 2011 DLSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 DLSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

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

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling & Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

8. What is the FY 2011 DLSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.