

ATTACHMENT 1

State of West Virginia FY 16 Homeland Security Grant Program Priorities and Areas of Focus

Each year, the state must identify specific investment priorities containing tangible projects which outline how the state intends to use the grant funding to close gaps and enhance capacity of specific Core Capabilities from the National Preparedness Goal. Considerable analysis has been done using the information from local THIRA submissions, After Action Reports and Improvement Plans from dozens of drills and exercises, Improvement Planning workshops, meetings with subject matter experts, review of FY 14 and FY 15 grant awards, and inventories of available resources. From the analysis, a preliminary list of Priorities and Areas of Focus for the FY 16 Homeland Security Grant Program grant cycle has been developed. The list is centered on nine Core Capabilities as shown in the attached chart. Further information on the National Preparedness System and Core Capabilities can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-goal>. Potential sub-grantees may submit an HSGP grant proposal for any project, but preference will be given to proposals in the following areas. For further information, see the FY 16 HSGP Grant Proposal Guidance.

The FY 16 Priorities are:

- Public Information and Warning including hardware and software to alert the public before, during, and after incidents resulting from various threats and hazards.
- Operational Coordination to continue to build the available personnel and resources to effectively manage incidents of various types, sizes, and locations. This would include resources to enhance incident command posts and emergency operations centers.
- Screening, Search, and Detection to enhance our ability to identify, discover and locate various threats and hazards. This would include air monitors, cameras, X-ray, magnetometer, and drones.
- Physical Protective Measures to secure specific critical infrastructure sites. Examples could include fences, bollards, locks, and equipment to allow physical and logical access to controlled systems.
- Community Resilience to improve preparedness, self-sufficiency, and volunteerism; and lessen the impact of various threats.
- Environmental Response, Health & Safety to develop and sustain necessary hazardous material response capability including personal protective equipment and decontamination.
- On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement including in-car cameras, mobile data terminals, and SWAT capacity.
- Operational Communications to include support for the State Interoperable Radio Network. This includes expansion and maintenance on the system backbone, support for system planning to enhance intrastate and interstate cooperation, and equipment for system users. The priority for equipment will be to add new users to the system over replacing existing equipment.
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services to include situational awareness/resource management software, communications resources, medical countermeasure capacity, training, and exercises.

Note: These Core Capabilities are not listed in priority order. Other proposals can be submitted and will be considered.