



*Delaware Emergency Management Agency*  
*State Homeland Security Grant Program*

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TO: All Delaware Homeland Security Grant Partners

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SUBJECT: **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (US DHS) FY2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program Award and Initial Strategy Implementation Plan (ISIP) Preparation**

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On December 3, 2004, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced grant awards of \$1.66 billion to states and an additional \$855 million to urban areas to fund emergency responders and support state and local resources necessary to prevent, respond and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters. Delaware received a total of \$14,983,784 under the US DHS FY2005 Homeland Security Grant Program. That amount includes \$1,588,053 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, previously not considered a part of the Homeland Security Grant. Discounting the EMPG program, the total FY2005 funding for implementing Delaware's Homeland Security Strategy was reduced by 33.7% from last year's (FY2004) DHS SHSGP funding. Delaware's US DHS FY05 SHSGP funding allocation is:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): \$9,732,926
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP): \$3,539,246
- Citizen Corps Program (CCP): \$123,559
- Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG): \$1,588,053

The grant contains implementation deadlines and requirements which must be closely adhered to, which incorporates the Initial Strategy Implementation Plan. Failure to meet grant program requirements may impact future funding. For Delaware to successfully complete the funding allocation and obligation process, the following timeline is provided for information and action:

- **September 13, 2004** – Request funding requirements from all disciplines (Project-Goal-Objective) was initiated through DE Information Bulletin #1.
- **January 10, 2005** – Suspense for FY2005 requirements (training, exercise, equipment and planning) from emergency response disciplines. Submitted equipment and service needs must be related to the projects, goals and objectives contained in the Delaware State Strategy.
- **January 16, 2005** – DEMA submission of grant program narrative and initial application required.

- **Week of January 17, 2005** - DEMA presentation of FY2005 requirements to the Delaware Homeland Security Terrorism Preparedness Working Group, Funding Subcommittee for obligation evaluation and development.
- **January 24, 2005** – Delaware Homeland Security Terrorism Preparedness Working Group General Membership Meeting to evaluate and act on the Funding Subcommittee’s recommendations.
- **February 1, 2005** – FY2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program, Initial Strategy Implementation Plan (ISIP) projected start date. The ISIP has a 60-day suspense to complete.
- **April 30, 2005** – Required no-later-than ISIP submission date to DHS/ODP

I re-emphasize the last day for the FY2005 discipline funding requirements is January 10, 2005. Mr. Rob Hall, [robert.hall@state.de.us](mailto:robert.hall@state.de.us), 659-2218, is our point of contact for requirements submission.

For additional background information, the US Department of Homeland Security Press Release of the FY2005 Grant is provided.

# Press Release

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES OVER \$2.5 BILLION IN GRANTS NATIONWIDE**

CHICAGO – Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge today announced the recipients of \$1.66 billion in grants to states and an additional \$855 million in grants to urban areas to fund first responders and support state and local resources necessary to prevent, respond and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters. Totaling over \$2.5 billion in direct assistance to state and local governments for their preparedness and planning needs, these funds augment the nearly \$9 billion already delivered to state and local governments and first responders since the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

“This funding enhances the preparedness of the entire nation while targeting resources where they are needed most,” said Secretary Ridge. “We have implemented a national strategy for homeland security that includes shared responsibility and accountability in equipping our frontline first responders with the resources they need to protect our citizens. The continuing maturation of our grants programs, streamlined distribution process and greater accountability measures will ensure that, with this new allocation of over \$2.5 billion, we are even better enhancing the capabilities of our nation’s first responders to prevent terrorism and respond to emergencies. State and local jurisdictions can expect even more support in the coming months, as we announce further awards in port security, mass transit security and assistance to fire fighters.”

Under the state Homeland Security Grant Program, each state, territory and the District of Columbia receives a portion of the \$1.66 billion in grants based on a formula consisting of a baseline amount plus the population of the state or territory. The funding is used for equipment, training, planning and exercises. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) provides additional resources to those areas with greater security needs by allocating \$855 million in a formula that considers a number of factors including population and population density; critical infrastructure; threat information; formal mutual aid cooperation; and law enforcement investigations and enforcement activity.

The recipients of this round of FY’05 Homeland Security grants will benefit from new measures recently adopted following recommendations from a task force convened by Secretary Ridge to expedite the flow of funds. State and local governments may now have up to 120 days to draw down funds in advance of purchase and investments, as compared to the three to five days allowed previously, so that even small localities have the buying power to purchase expensive or backordered equipment. The Department of Homeland Security also has hosted training seminars and coordination calls with states and urban areas to ensure that they are coordinating

to prevent delays in the funding flow. Combined with a streamlined online application process, these statutory and educational measures will help Homeland Security funds flow as fast as possible to the hands that need them.

The Department of Homeland Security is ensuring that taxpayer dollars are being used to meet the real security goals and objectives identified by the states. All 56 states and territories and the UASI areas have conducted risk, capability, and needs assessments, and have developed multi-year homeland security strategies as a condition of grant awards. The department maintains oversight controls with onsite monitoring of all states, territories and UASI areas, and our reporting requirements provide additional oversight to ensure that states and localities spend their grants for the homeland security priorities identified in their strategies.

“With these new grants, the Department of Homeland Security is building upon nearly \$9 billion already allocated to equip, train and prepare our first responders and local law enforcement to prevent incidents and to be ready should one occur,” said C. Suzanne Mencer, Executive Director of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness. “I have visited states and communities and observed restored emergency operations centers, sophisticated equipment, multi-discipline exercises and new networks of communication and planning. I am inspired by the efforts conducted by these homeland security professionals across the country. This new round of grants will enhance the work already underway and address the new priorities the department and our state and local partners continue to identify.”