

NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

State Homeland Security Grant Program 2018

Understanding Your Part in the Process

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Investment Justification (IJ) Process

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Grant Basics



State Homeland Security Program Grant

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – is to assist State, Tribal, Territorial, and Local preparedness activities that address High priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness. All supported investments are based on capability targets and gaps identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

[From pg. 2, of the 2017 Grant Guidance]

*The THIRA/SPR/TEPW Workshop for the next (2018) IJ was held for grant sub-recipients on 26 & 27 October 2017

Why THIRA/SPR/TEPW?

What is the Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA)?

Sets the stage capability targets and gaps identification across the State

ex. Gaps...Dam Failure

ex. Capabilities... Develop, implement, and maintain 100% of all physical protections, countermeasures, and policies that protect people, structures, materials, products and systems associated with key operations and critical infrastructure systems.

What is the State Preparedness Report (SPR)?

An annual 'self-assessment' of State preparedness submitted by the 56 States and Territories to DHS/FEMA

What is the Training, Exercise and Planning workshop?

A process to schedule the exercise events and support training activities in the multi-year (3 yr.) Training & Exercise Progressive Plan for the State of Nebraska

****The projects should be written to directly tie to an identified gap in a region or jurisdiction****



State Homeland Security Program Grant Award

- **3,752,000** – is what we and 23 other States receive in grant funds for 2017
 - Project Requests in 2017 amounted to \$3,855,843
 - For an **average** of the entire grant by **\$103,543**
 - The grant is divided into 2 parts.....80% or \$3,001,600 is the local share; and 20% Or \$750,400 is the State share
 - Out of the 80%, 25% is carved out for Law Enforcement projects, leaving 55% to fund all other local projects including Statewide initiatives
 - Out of the 20% State share, 25% is carved out for the Fusion Center
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Special Notes

1. No Federal Approved Budget
 2. Erring on the side of caution, we will resume previous funding levels...
\$3,734,500, FY 2015 & 2016
80%: \$2,987,600 for the local share
20%: \$746,900 for the State share
 3. Of the proposed investments, recipients using SHSP funds are required to propose one (1) single investment in support of a designated Fusion Center that will be funded by SHSP funds.
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Your Part in the Process



Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

Purpose: To review and prioritize project proposals, to cut those projects that don't meet the criteria of the grant, and to identify the projects that should be carried over for funding at the next cycle.

Group Composition: The SMEs are made up of local, regional, and State representatives, and were asked to participate in this process because of their expertise, role, or position, as it relates to an IJ area.

SME Review Areas:

- **Ag**
 - **Citizen Corps**
 - **HazMat**
 - **Interoperable Communications**
 - **Law Enforcement**
 - **MMRS**
 - **PET**
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Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) con't

You will be charged with ensuring that the proposals meet the Grant Requirements:

National Priorities

- Cyber-Security, Infrastructure Systems, Access Control & Identity Verification, Economic Recovery, Housing, and Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction

State Priorities

- Are based on the State Preparedness Report (SPR) [2017-2019 is available on our website], and informed by State and Regional THIRA results
- **Sustainment** is the main priority, as opposed to new projects

Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

Since 2014 the emphasis of this grant has been Sustainment.....2018 will be no different. This year the IJ Workshop is centered around you, with equal State and Local representation. Your task is to ensure the projects presented to you by the SME groups:

1. Align with the HSGP solution areas – Planning, Organization, Exercise, Training, and/or Equipment
2. Determine both feasibility & effectiveness to reduce the risk for which the project was proposed; and, able to be completed within the 3 year period of performance of the grant

You Have Options

Options are:

- ✓ Fund now with budget in balance
- ✓ Have sub-recipient wait until the next grant cycle to request project again if it puts us over budget, or
- ✓ Not to fund at all (doesn't meet the grant criteria, not clearly written, cost estimates over-exaggerated, etc.)

The SAC's recommendations then go to the Policy Group who will review the recommendations, discuss, and advise the Lt. Governor.

Policy Group

The SAC will have already done the preliminary work for you with their review and recommendation. However, as in years past there may arise a need for policy setting and a decision.

Example: the question came up last year regarding the purchasing of UTVs for search and rescue efforts by law enforcement. The Policy Group discussed, applied grant criteria, and decided that although the purchase of these vehicles is not prohibited by the grant, this was not the best choice of use of the funds for the state.

- The Lt. Governor and the Policy Group have the final word on how the grant projects will proceed over the period of performance.

TimeLine



January

IJ Process Reviewed & Recruitment of Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) & Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

(Anticipated)
Grant Guidance issued to NEMA

SMEs, SAC, & Policy Group participate in Process Refresher Webinar

February

PET Regions/State Agencies/Others develop project proposals for funding based on guidelines and submit to NEMA

SAC recommendations sent to Policy Group - Policy Group meets with Lt. Governor to make final decisions on projects

****NEW for 2018****
IJ Workshop held for SAC only to review SMEs prioritization & offer cuts if needed to balance grant funding

SMEs meet to prioritize projects, outcome of those meetings go to Regions & Agencies for preview of SAC submission

SMEs review proposed projects independently using guidelines & criteria to prioritize

April

March



Going Through the Process



SMEs – Process

1. February ~ IJ Process Presentation and Q & A
2. March ~ Individual Review of proposed projects and prioritization on web-based ranking sheets
 - Group to convene at least once in person (or via web participation) for discussion of prioritization, re-prioritize as necessary, and agreement on final projects to go forward
 - Projects may be removed from consideration at this time (not well written; should be budgeted for in a jurisdiction; outside the guidance & criteria of the grant; no nexus of terror present)

The Public Policy Center will be facilitating this process, and assigning staff to facilitate the SME groups and the IJ Workshop.



SAC & Policy Group – Process

1. February ~ IJ Process Presentation and Q & A
2. April ~ IJ Workshop in Grand Island (**CHANGE: only for SME's and SAC**)
 - SAC – You will review the submissions from the SMEs and discuss – make modification if needed, vote on final recommendations to put before the Policy Group.
 - Policy Group & Lt. Governor – Review recommendations from the SAC, make further modification if needed to balance the budget, discuss and vote of acceptance.
 - **Optional** ~ attendance of the IJ Workshop either in person or via web

This is the vote that will determine the projects & budgets for the period of performance of the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program.

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