

Helping our Nation's First Responders



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States Apply Through One Form in Streamlined Online Process

Today, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced the allocation of over \$2.2 billion dollars in grant funding from the Office for Domestic Preparedness demonstrating the Administration's commitment to enhance the abilities of our first responders to prevent, respond and recover from potential acts of terrorism. For the first time, states can apply online for their allocated grants using one form that will serve as a "one-stop-shop" application for three different programs that benefit first responders and will provide additional resources to state and local government counterterrorism efforts.

"No longer will our state and local partners have to go to different places within the department to apply for terrorism-related funding. It ensures that nationwide, Homeland Security officials have one place where they can tap into the resources as well as the information they need," said Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. "State and local communication and coordination, after all, reflects the very nature of homeland security, the federal government working with the home towns of America to keep our country safe and free."

Since March 1, DHS will have allocated or awarded over \$6 billion dollars in grant funding for first responders from the FY '03 Budget, the FY '03 Supplemental and the FY '04 Budget to help first responders across the country enhance their capabilities and provide additional resources for state and local governments to protect their citizens and critical infrastructure.

The \$2.2 billion dollars allocated to DHS from the FY '04 Budget will be distributed as part of three programs that provide significant resources to the state and local governments in different areas. These three programs are the State Homeland Security Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and Citizen Corps. Under the new system, the State Administrative Agencies apply with one application form online as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program, streamlining the process with which DHS distributes the funds through the state governments. In addition to the single application, DHS is launching an interagency grants and training website on the DHS website at www.dhs.gov/grants. The website provides information on homeland security and public safety grant opportunities offered by the Department of Homeland Security and other federal Departments and Agencies including HHS, DOJ and the EPA and a link to the Compendium of Federal Terrorism Training for State and Local Audiences, an interagency site for training opportunities available to state and local emergency personnel.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES
\$1.7 BILLION FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES**

Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced today that nearly \$1.7 billion is being made available to the states, localities and U.S. territories through the Office for Domestic Preparedness as part of the State Homeland Security Program. These funds represent the Administration's continued commitment to first responders and will help state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel pay for planning, training, equipment and exercises and other costs associated with enhancing the capabilities on a state and local level to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks.

"This funding for the men and women on the front lines of the war on terrorism is essential. We do not underestimate the role that state and local governments play in protecting American citizens against the threat of terrorism. The Department of Homeland Security is pleased to be able to work with the states and localities to enhance the capabilities of our nation's first responders," said Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge.

These funds are being made available in addition to \$2 billion that was awarded through the State Homeland Security Grant program from the FY '03 budget and the FY '03 Supplemental Budget. In addition to states and localities receiving more funding for its first responders for planning, training and exercises, there is also an expanded approved equipment list to choose from when purchasing new equipment.

Application forms for the grant awards have been posted on the web and states will have 30 days to complete and submit their applications to ODP. States are required to distribute 80 percent of their awarded funds to the localities.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Helping our Nation's First Preventers

The Department of Homeland Security is pleased to announce \$500 million dollars in the form of grants designed to meet the needs of law enforcement as part of a new initiative called the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). This grant program seeks to provide law enforcement communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting and preventing acts of terrorism with a specific focus on the prevention of a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) incident.

“This new program is the result of a concerted effort to enhance resources available for prevention efforts,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. “The law enforcement community is an essential line of defense for terrorism intervention and prevention at the source. DHS is pleased to be able to provide additional resources for our state and local first preventers as part of this new program.”

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program will provide law enforcement communities with funds to enhance their capabilities to share information to preempt terrorist attacks, reduce vulnerability of certain high value targets, recognize the potential development of a threat, provide intervention activities before a threat could be executed, enhance interoperability communications and assist in management and administration. The funds can be used for these activities within the areas of planning, organization, training, exercises and equipment from an authorized equipment list that includes an expanded category for law enforcement equipment related to threat intervention, such as SWAT gear. This program also allows for overtime costs specifically related to Homeland Security efforts.

Grant funds will be made available to the states through their State Administrative Agencies, and the states are required to provide no less than 80 percent of LETPP funds to local law enforcement agencies for terrorism prevention activities. States must utilize their State Homeland Security Strategies as the basis for the allocation of their funds to meet the prioritized needs established for their state.

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DHS TO AWARD \$35 MILLION FOR CITIZEN CORPS GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Homeland Security, through the Office for Domestic Preparedness is pleased to announce \$35 million in direct grants to states for the Citizen Corps Program. The Citizen Corps funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities. This program will provide the necessary resources for states and local communities to develop and sustain a local Citizen Corps Council.

“It is essential to communities across the country to involve all citizens at the state and local level in our national preparedness and prevention efforts. The local communities are the fundamental building blocks to our nation’s front lines in this war against terror,” said Secretary Ridge.

The FY ‘04 Citizen Corps funds were distributed based on a formula that provided a base amount for all states and territories and the remainder of funds based on population. The funds provide resources necessary for states and local communities to bring together the appropriate leadership to form and sustain a Citizen Corps Council and develop and implement a plan for the community to engage all citizens in homeland security, community preparedness, and family safety. In addition, the funds should be used to conduct public education to inform citizens about their role in crime prevention, mitigation, emergency preparedness for all hazards, public health measures, including bio-terrorism, and develop and implement Citizen Corps programs offering training and volunteer opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety efforts.

States are required to provide no less than 80 percent of Citizen Corps funds to local units of government within 60 days of receipt of funds from the Office for Domestic Preparedness. These funds may be provided as products, services, or direct funding to directly benefit local communities who have an approved Citizen Corps Council or who will establish a Citizen Corps Council as a condition of receiving the assistance.

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**FY '04 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
COUNTERTERRORISM GRANTS - State Allocations**

<u>State/Territory</u>	<u>State Grant Allocation</u>	<u>LETPP Program</u>	<u>Citizen Corps</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alabama	28,138,000	8,350,000	584,000	37,072,000
Alaska	14,862,000	4,410,000	309,000	19,581,000
Arizona	31,490,000	9,344,000	654,000	41,488,000
Arkansas	22,001,000	6,529,000	457,000	28,987,000
California	133,964,000	39,752,000	2,783,000	176,499,000
Colorado	28,208,000	8,370,000	586,000	37,164,000
Connecticut	24,594,000	7,298,000	511,000	32,403,000
Delaware	15,427,000	4,578,000	320,000	20,325,000
District of Columbia	14,610,000	4,335,000	303,000	19,248,000
Florida	70,382,000	20,885,000	1,462,000	92,729,000
Georgia	42,214,000	12,526,000	877,000	55,617,000
Hawaii	16,939,000	5,026,000	352,000	22,317,000
Idaho	17,271,000	5,125,000	359,000	22,755,000
Illinois	56,173,000	16,669,000	1,167,000	74,009,000
Indiana	33,917,000	10,065,000	704,000	44,686,000
Iowa	22,784,000	6,761,000	473,000	30,018,000
Kansas	22,021,000	6,534,000	457,000	29,012,000
Kentucky	26,779,000	7,946,000	556,000	35,281,000
Louisiana	28,125,000	8,346,000	584,000	37,055,000
Maine	17,110,000	5,077,000	355,000	22,542,000
Maryland	31,495,000	9,346,000	654,000	41,495,000
Massachusetts	34,846,000	10,340,000	724,000	45,910,000
Michigan	47,362,000	14,054,000	984,000	62,400,000
Minnesota	29,981,000	8,896,000	623,000	39,500,000
Mississippi	22,560,000	6,694,000	469,000	29,723,000
Missouri	32,236,000	9,556,000	670,000	42,472,000
Montana	15,780,000	4,682,000	328,000	20,790,000
Nebraska	18,612,000	5,523,000	387,000	24,522,000
Nevada	20,147,000	5,978,000	418,000	26,543,000
New Hampshire	17,043,000	5,057,000	354,000	22,454,000
New Jersey	42,317,000	12,557,000	879,000	55,753,000
New Mexico	19,047,000	5,652,000	396,000	25,095,000
New York	78,827,000	23,391,000	1,637,000	103,855,000
North Carolina	41,384,000	12,280,000	860,000	54,524,000
North Dakota	14,828,000	4,400,000	308,000	19,536,000
Ohio	52,098,000	15,459,000	1,082,000	68,639,000
Oklahoma	24,708,000	7,332,000	513,000	32,553,000
Oregon	24,804,000	7,360,000	515,000	32,679,000
Pennsylvania	55,255,000	16,396,000	1,148,000	72,799,000
Rhode Island	16,333,000	4,847,000	339,000	21,519,000
South Carolina	26,828,000	7,961,000	557,000	35,346,000
South Dakota	15,267,000	4,530,000	317,000	20,114,000
Tennessee	32,667,000	9,694,000	679,000	43,040,000
Texas	87,888,000	26,079,000	1,826,000	115,793,000
Utah	20,640,000	6,125,000	429,000	27,194,000
Vermont	14,768,000	4,382,000	307,000	19,457,000
Virginia	37,837,000	11,228,000	786,000	49,851,000
Washington	33,606,000	9,972,000	698,000	44,276,000
West Virginia	18,863,000	5,597,000	392,000	24,852,000
Wisconsin	31,437,000	9,329,000	653,000	41,419,000
Wyoming	14,360,000	4,261,000	298,000	18,919,000
Puerto Rico	25,970,000	7,706,000	539,000	34,215,000
Virgin Islands	4,588,000	1,361,000	95,000	6,044,000
American Samoa	4,410,000	1,309,000	92,000	5,811,000
Guam	4,747,000	1,409,000	99,000	6,255,000
Northern Mariana Islands	4,452,000	1,321,000	92,000	5,865,000
TOTALS	1,685,000,000	500,000,000	35,000,000	2,220,000,000

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