Homeland Security Grant Program (SHGP)

About: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issues a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year of the HSGP. DHSEM issues a FY Grant Guidance for the SHGP (State Homeland Security Grant Program). Because of the timing of the grant process, it is necessary to begin the project proposal application before the FY 2018 NOFO is released for the upcoming year. The Region relies on the NOFO from the current year (2017) in starting the Project Proposal process. The HSGP is issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD). The HSGP NOFO defines the Overview, Objectives and Priorities of the SHGP.

Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) is the entity that applies to FEMA for the FY HSGP funds on behalf of the State of Colorado, Denver UASI and the All-Hazards Regions. Visit the website at http://www.dhsem.state.co.us/ The NWAHEMR and the applicants whose project is selected are sub-recipients of the SHGP. Sub-recipients must comply with the conditions and the requirements as defined in the NOFO and DHSEM Grant Guidance.

Purpose: Under the 2017 NOFO and DHSEM 2017 Grant Guidance the purpose of the SHGP is to “support state, local and tribal efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.” (NOFO). Grant funding provides a means to enhance terrorism preparedness and to build and sustain the 32 core capabilities to meet local, regional, state and national preparedness goal of a “secure and resilient Nation” which requires the effort of the whole community. As witnessed in both Natural and Man-made Disasters and/or Acts of Terrorism the building, sustainment and delivery of the core capabilities is not exclusive to any “single level of government, organizations or community”. The HSGP provides funding for the NWAHEMR to obtain the resources necessary to support the National Preparedness System and it supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system

To date the SHGP has funded a wide variety of projects including planning, equipment purchase, training and exercise, management and coordination. The SHGP funding has decreased over the years and because of this the requirements for the funding are more stringent and objectives must be addressed through awarded projects.

Applications for the 2018 SHGP are now being accepted and are due on or before the end of the business day of February 2, 2018. All applications must be for projects proposed within the NWAHEM region and for the emergency preparedness of the communities within the NW region.