

FY07 Homeland Security Grants

Dallas City Council

Public Safety Committee Briefing

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Purpose

- Give an overview of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- Highlight City of Dallas projects funded by the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant award

Homeland Security Grant Program

Overview

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was created in 2002 by President George Bush in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.
- Starting in 2003, DHS began issuing grants to local governments to aid the abilities of first responders to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters.

Overview – Continued

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is comprised of five separate grant programs:
 - Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
 - State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
 - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)
 - Citizen Corps Program (CCP)
 - Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

Grant Process

- Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Urban Area includes:
 - Three core cities of **Dallas, Fort Worth, and Arlington**
 - Counties of **Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise**
 - Partner cities of **Carrollton, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Mesquite, Plano**
 - Cities within a 10-mile buffer extending from the border of the combined area

Grant Process – Continued

- Funding is broken into two tiers:
 - Tier 1 is the 6 cities with the largest terror threat
 - Competed for \$411 million (55% of available UASI funds)
 - Tier 2 is the 43 other designated Urban Areas
 - Competed for \$336 million (45% of available UASI funds)
 - **In FY 2007, the D/FW/A UASI received the highest award of all Tier 2 cities**

- Fund allocation is a two-step process:
 - The initial allocation is based on a formula developed by DHS, including critical assets, population, and overall risk
 - The final allocation is awarded competitively, based on the effectiveness of the Urban Area's grant application.

Grant Process – Continued

- UASI is a direct grant to major Urban Areas nationwide
 - UASI funding is allocated regionally through the Metropolitan Urban Area Security Initiative (MUASI) Working Group

- SHSP, LETPP, and CCP are administered through NCTCOG
 - Funding allocations for these grants are made by a regional committee comprised of Homeland Security specialists.

- MMRS is allocated evenly across all eligible jurisdictions nationwide



Regional Strategy

- Through NCTCOG, the D/FW/A Urban Area has developed a regional strategy to identify needs and capability gaps in our preparedness efforts
- The strategy is updated every year, and is approved by the COG executive board and DHS
- The HSGP application is developed based on capability gaps and needs identified in the D/FW/A Regional Strategy



Regional Strategy – Continued

- City of Dallas departments work collaboratively to submit project proposals that:
 - benefit city-wide preparedness and response, and
 - are based on capability gaps identified in the D/FW/A Regional Strategy.

- The regional committees rate, rank, and prioritize projects based on the identified regional capability gaps and strategies.

City of Dallas Projects

- Since 2003, the City of Dallas has received \$18.4 million in Homeland Security funding
 - Includes UASI, SHSP, LETPP, MMRS, and CCP awards from FY2003-2006

- Funds have been used for:
 - Purchase of a centralized Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) for Police and Fire Departments
 - Development of the Urban Search & Rescue Team
 - Creation of the City of Dallas Fusion Center
 - Renovation of the Emergency Operations Center
 - Radio equipment to make all first-responders throughout the City interoperable
 - Citizen awareness initiatives and public notification systems
 - Generators to ensure continuity of operations for the water system
 - Miscellaneous prevention and emergency response equipment

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- The City of Dallas is awarded **\$8.68 million** from the FY 2007 HSGP, as follows:

UASI	SHSP	LETPP	CCP	MMRS
\$7,421,500	\$475,000	\$510,542	\$17,755	\$258,145

- This represents a \$3.2 million increase from FY2006
- The performance period for the grants runs from October 12, 2007 to February 28, 2010

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- Fusion Center Enhancements \$4,000,000
 - Enhance analytical capabilities through tools and analyst training
 - Purchase and install a public safety Records Management System (to be implemented by CIS)

- Terrorist Recognition Training \$178,000
 - All sworn officers will receive training to help identify the indicators of a potential terrorist

- Emergency Response Command Vehicle \$300,000
 - Used for on-site incident command

- Personal Protective Equipment \$80,000
 - Law enforcement specific design allows for pre-deployment to areas of high risk

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- Explosives Identification Equipment \$58,000
 - Allows for immediate, on-site detection of explosives at Dallas Love Field
- Bomb Robot \$194,000
- Urban Search & Rescue Team \$400,000
 - Sustain Texas Task Force II
 - Develop a Canine Search & Rescue Unit
- Thermal Imagers \$450,000
- High Rise Equipment \$600,000
 - High Rise Firefighting Equipment targeting the unique needs of urban Fire-Rescue
- Interoperability Enhancements \$170,000
 - Includes a Microwave Multiplexer and a Fixed Audio Gateway

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- EOC Enhancements \$100,000
- CBRNE, WMD, and HazMat \$475,000
 - Equipment and training to enhance our ability to detect chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) devices, weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials
- HazMat Satellite Station \$300,000
 - Allows for a secondary HazMat deployment site
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) \$200,000
 - Will train 200 citizens on what to do and how to help in the event of an emergency, and expand the program into the private sector
- Citizen Corps Program \$17,755
 - Supplies, uniforms and training manuals to support community efforts such as Volunteers in Patrol and Crime Watch

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- Water Infrastructure Safety \$400,000
 - Training and personal protective equipment for on-site personnel
- Planning \$281,000
 - Provides for the costs associated with updating and implementing City of Dallas and regional Homeland Security plans and procedures
 - Includes multi-UASI planning throughout Texas
- MMRS \$258,145
 - Purchase operational equipment and personal protective equipment for the Dallas Medical Strike team
 - Conduct training and exercises to ensure internal and external partners understand and can implement mass casualty plans
- Management & Administration \$220,500
 - Allows for costs associated with managing the grant, including salaries, travel, training, equipment, and supplies

City of Dallas Projects – Continued

- Regional Projects Supported by the City
 - KnoWhat2Do Campaign
 - Public awareness campaign that encourages citizens to prepare for all hazards through disaster education
 - Recently won a Public Awareness Award from the International Association of Emergency Managers
 - Digital Sandbox
 - Homeland Security-specific risk management software
 - E-team incident command software
 - Allows multiple jurisdictions to collaborate and manage their efforts during an emergency from a single common view and coordination point



Recommendation

- Accept FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds



Next Steps

- Authorize acceptance of Homeland Security Grant funds at City Council meeting on November 28, 2007