

FY 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

In FY 2015 the HSGP will have a period of performance of thirty-six months.

URBAN AREAS

In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2015 appropriation for the Department of Homeland Security, Congress expressed its intent that the Secretary fund up to eighty-five percent (85%) of nationwide risk. In accordance with that intent, the Secretary designated twenty-eight (28) Urban Areas eligible for funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative. This is a decrease from the thirty-nine (39) Urban Areas eligible in FY 2014.

HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIES

Updates to the State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies are no longer required.

FUNDING DOCUMENT TITLE AND FORMAT

The Department of Homeland Security issued Grant Alert 15-03, replacing the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) template with the NOFO template. The new template changes the format and information contained in the previous FOA.

UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Homeland Security adopted 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Now that DHS has adopted 2 C.F.R. Part 200, these new regulations will apply to all new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant awards that are made on or after December 26, 2014. The new regulations will supersede 44 C.F.R. Part 13, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-21, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-133, and sections of A-50 for all FEMA awards made on or after December 26, 2014. This means that recipients of HSGP funding must follow new administrative requirements and Cost Principles codified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 instead of the previous regulations in 44 C.F.R. Part 13.