

APPENDIX A

FEMA PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides funding for purchase of equipment and retrofit or construction of fire stations to improve first responder capabilities.

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance Grants program is to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program provides planning, project, or technical assistance grant funds to assist states and communities implement measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings and other insurable structures, which may include elevations and buyouts, under the National Flood Insurance Program.

Freight Rail Security Grant Program

The Freight Rail Security Grant Program funds security training for frontline employees, the completion of vulnerability assessments, the development of security plans in the freight rail industry, and global positioning system tracking for railroad cars transporting toxic inhalation materials.

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

This core assistance program provides funds to build up capabilities at the state and local levels, and to implement the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies and initiatives in the State Preparedness Report.

Intercity Bus Security Grant Program

The Intercity Bus Security Grant Program provides funding to create a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism. The program seeks to assist operators of fixed-route intercity and charter bus services in obtaining the resources required to support security measures such as enhanced planning, facility security upgrades, and vehicle and driver protection.

Intercity Passenger Rail (Amtrak)

The purpose of the Intercity Passenger Rail is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies in the Amtrak rail system.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The NFIP is designed to reduce the risk of flood damage in flood-prone communities, and to reduce the public burden of responding to, and recovering from, floods. Under the NFIP, the Federal government provides financial backing for the sale of affordable flood insurance to

property owners in communities that participate in the program. In exchange, a participating community must agree to adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance that implements standards for development in identified flood-prone areas, thereby reducing the risk of future damage due to flooding and the need for Federal disaster assistance following floods. In support of the NFIP, FEMA has prepared Flood Insurance Rate Maps and other flood hazard data for over 20,000 participating communities across the U.S. and its territories.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program provides funding support for target-hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack, and are in one of the specific Urban Areas Security Initiative-eligible urban areas.

Operation Stonegarden (Administered through HSGP)

The intent of Operation Stonegarden is to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the U.S. borders along routes of ingress from international borders, to include travel corridors in States bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

The PSGP provides grant funding to port areas for the protection of critical port infrastructure from terrorism. PSGP funds are primarily intended to assist ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness, enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction, and other non-conventional weapons, as well as training and exercises and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program provides competitive grants to States, Territories, Tribes, and local governments for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Activities may include planning, buyouts, retrofits, relocations, elevations, minor flood control projects, and vegetative fuels reduction.

Repetitive Flood Claims Program

This program provides grant funds to assist States and communities in reducing flood damages to insured properties that have had one or more claims to the NFIP, which includes buyouts.

Severe Repetitive Loss Program

This program provides grant funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to severe repetitive loss structures insured under the NFIP, which includes buyouts.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Tribal

This program provides supplemental funding to directly eligible tribes to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. Pursuant to the 9/11 Act, “a directly eligible tribe applying for a grant under section 2004 [SHSP] shall designate an individual to serve as a tribal liaison with [DHS] and other Federal, state, local, and regional

government officials concerning preventing, preparing for, protecting against and responding to acts of terrorism.”

Transit Security Grant Program

The Transit Security Grant Program provides grant funding to the nation’s key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for their critical transit infrastructure, including bus, ferry, and rail systems.

Urban Areas Security Initiative Program (Administered through HSGP)

The Urban Areas Security Initiative Program focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. The Program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the National Preparedness Guidelines, and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery.