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FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES

Urban Areas

In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2017 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 thirty-three (33) urban areas eligible for funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). This is an increase from the twenty-nine (29) urban areas eligible in FY 2016.

Addressing Capability Gaps

In FY 2017, HSGP recipients are *required* to address capability gaps identified through the State Preparedness Report (SPR) process. This requirement allows recipients to choose whether to sustain or build capabilities as long as they link to a gap in the SPR.

Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Membership

SAC membership requirements have been expanded per the *National Defense Authorization Act* (NDAA). For a full list of the relevant stakeholders that must be part of the SAC, please refer to the FY 2017 HSGP NOFO.

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Management and Administration (M&A)

OPSG sub-recipients may use up to five percent (5%) of the funding solely for M&A that is directly allocable to OPSG. If a sub-recipient wishes to retain M&A for OPSG, the use of these funds must be detailed in the sub-recipient's operations order.

Equipment Marking

Equipment purchased with OPSG funds must be visibly marked as such.

Law Enforcement Readiness (OPSG)

OPSG grant funds may be used to increase operational, material, and technological readiness of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. Grantees may request approval to use funds for immigration enforcement training and operational activities in support of the border security mission. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Transnational Crime Organizations (SHSP and UASI)

Operational overtime for law enforcement activities related to combating transnational crime organizations in support of efforts to enhance capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism is an allowable expense under SHSP and UASI. Allowable costs are limited to overtime associated with federally requested participation in federally led task forces and investigations, including anti-terrorism task forces, Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs), Area Maritime Security Committees (as required by the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of*

2002), DHS Border Enforcement Security Task Forces, and Integrated Border Enforcement Teams.

Regional Border Projects (OPSG)

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize the acquisition and development of regional projects on the borders to maximize interoperability and coordination capabilities among federal agencies and with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners.

Temporary or Term Appointments

OPSG recipients may use temporary or term appointments to augment law enforcement on the border. However, hiring full-time or permanent sworn public safety officers remains unallowable.