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Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)?

The purpose of the FY 2010 IECGP is to improve interoperable emergency communications capabilities across states, territories, local and tribal governments and support the implementation of the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP). All activities proposed under IECGP must be integral to interoperable emergency communications and must be aligned with the goals, objectives and initiatives identified in the approved SCIPs. IECGP will also advance the DHS' near-term priorities that are deemed critical to improving interoperable emergency communications and are consistent with the goals and objectives of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP).

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 IECGP?

The total amount of funds to be distributed under the FY 2010 IECGP is \$48 million.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 IECGP?

For FY 2010, two priority groups were identified that are deemed critical for advancing interoperable emergency communications in alignment with the criteria established for the SCIP process: 1) Gaps in Leadership and Governance and Common Operational Planning and Protocols; and 2) Emergency Responder Skills and Capabilities Development through Training and Exercises. If a State Administrative Agency (SAA) certified that its state or territory has fulfilled all of the objectives of Priority Groups 1 and 2, the program provides the flexibility to purchase interoperable communications equipment with any remaining IECGP funds.

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2010 IECGP funds?

Eligible applicants to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2010 IECGP were SAAs for all 56 states, territories and the District of Columbia. SAAs will be responsible for obligating funds to the appropriate local units of government or other designated recipients.

5. How were the FY 2010 IECGP awards determined?

The allocation methodology for IECGP is determined by the legislation that created the grant program. Per the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, all

50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive a minimum of 0.50 percent of the total funds allocated. Four territories (American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum allocation of 0.08 percent of the total funds allocated. The remainder of the funds will be based upon a risk methodology.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 IECGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 IECGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 IECGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the FY 2010 IECGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months.