



## Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Request for Applications (RFA) for Preventive Radiological and Nuclear Detection (PRND) Projects

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The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. HSGD provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this solicitation is to support state and local activities aimed at the prevention of a radiological or nuclear attack and that address high-priority preparedness gaps within the *Interdiction and Disruption*, and *Screening, Search and Detection* core capabilities. All investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The SHSP-PRND is intended to support investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions to:

- **Prevent** a threatened or an actual act of terrorism; and/or
- **Protect** its citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards.

Many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. However, **all SHSP-PRND projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, or protecting against, acts of terrorism.**

**Available Funding:** Federal funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603). State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Homeland Security. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

**Funding Levels:**

Minimum: \$2,500

Maximum for Local and Regional projects: None

Maximum for State Agency projects: None.

**\*Note:** HSGD expects to make available approximately \$450,000 to state agencies and select local units of government in support of projects under this solicitation. Funding requests should be consistent with the equipment procurement plans established by the Texas Nuclear Sector Working Group.

**Match Requirement:** None

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the requirements applicable to this fund source cited in the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR 200); and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

**Prohibitions:** Grant funds may **not** be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 4) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use and/or do not have a clear nexus to terrorism prevention, interdiction, and disruption (i.e. mobile data terminals, body cameras, in-car video systems, or radar units, etc. for officers assigned to routine patrol; general firefighting equipment or uniforms);
- 5) weapons, ammunition, tasers, tracked armored vehicles, weaponized vehicles or explosives (exceptions may be granted when explosives are used for bomb squad training);
- 6) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 7) promotional gifts;
- 8) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments, except for eligible per diem associated with grant-related travel or where pre-approved for working events;
- 9) membership dues for individuals;
- 10) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project;
- 11) any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
- 12) fundraising;
- 13) legal services for adult offenders;
- 14) amateur radios and equipment, FMS radios, GMRS radios, or other radio equipment that is not P25 compliant; and
- 15) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

All eligible applicants must be participating partners in the Texas Nuclear Sector Working Group. The eligible applicants are limited to the following:

- 1) State Agencies: Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of State Health Services.
- 2) Local Units of Government: City of Austin, City of El Paso, City of San Antonio, and Bexar County.

### **Eligible Activities:**

- 1) Grant projects must be consistent with the program purpose stated above and must be submitted in support of the following activity area(s):
  - a. Special Response Teams and First Responder Capabilities (including Border Security capabilities)
    - i. Sustaining and enhancing capacity to detect and resolve threats involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) devices or weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

- ii. Sustaining and enhancing tactical teams including HAZMAT response and decontamination, Urban Search and Rescue, and SWAT.
- iii. Sustaining equipment needs, including personal protective equipment, WMD pharmaceuticals, calibration and maintenance for WMD-related detection and identification systems, and closely related investments to update or sustain current equipment.
- iv. Sustaining and enhancing efforts to delay, divert, intercept, halt, apprehend, or secure threats or hazards.
- v. Coordinating regional training exercises with federal, state and local law enforcement participation focused on responding to terrorism-related events and increasing participation with community and business organizations.
- vi. Identifying or locating terrorists through active and passive surveillance and search procedures including systematic examinations and assessments, bio-surveillance, sensor technologies, or physical investigation and intelligence.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) Grantees are required to maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NIMS uses a systematic approach to integrate the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management across all homeland security activities including prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery. Grantees must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking and recovery of resources.
- 2) Cities and counties must have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period and must be at least at the Intermediate Level. If you have questions concerning your Emergency Management Plan (preparedness) level, contact your Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or your regional Council of Governments (COG). For questions concerning plan deficiencies, contact TDEM at [tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov](mailto:tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov).
- 3) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2017.
- 4) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the prior Calendar Year.
- 5) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
- 6) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

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**Project Period:** Grant-funded projects must begin between October 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017, and expire on or before May 31, 2018.

**Application Process:**

- 1) Eligible applicants may submit applications directly to HSGD.
- 2) All applicants must access HSGD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

**NOTE:** Applicants must upload the required [Direct Deposit forms](#), [New Payee Identification Form](#), and [W9 Form](#) for each application prior to submission. The eGrants system will not allow an application submission until these forms are attached to the application. These forms are available at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/updates.aspx> under the Financial Management Tools section or by clicking on the hyperlinks above.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be certified via HSGD's grant management website on or before August 15, 2017.

**Selection Process:** For these discretionary projects, applications will be reviewed by HSGD staff members or a review group that consist of subject matter experts selected by the HSGD Director. HSGD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

**Contact Information:** For technical assistance or additional information, contact HSGD at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov) or (512) 463-8382.