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September 17, 2020

Mr. Neil A. Morgan
County Administrator
York County
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RE: FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program - Urban Area Security Initiative (HSGP-UASI)

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is pleased to announce the allocation of a **2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Area Security Initiative (HSGP-UASI) CFDA 97.067** from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Appropriation authority for this program is *The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-93)*. Your locality has been allocated funding for:

EGMS Award Title: FY20 HR UASI Interoperability Communications 1
Proposal Title: Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Upgrade
Federal Grant Allocation: \$250,000.00
Subrecipient's Required Cost Share/Match Amount: N/A
Total Grant Award: \$250,000.00
Obligation Period: October 01, 2020 to June 30, 2022

***This letter serves as notification of your allocation and is not an authorization to incur expenditures.** Funds will be formally awarded to your locality through a Grant Agreement issued by VDEM upon its satisfactory review of your application package submission and approval of a budget application in VDEM's electronic Grants Management System (eGMS).*

You must initiate these steps, described under *Accessing Your Allocation*, **within 30 days from the date of this notification.**

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[OPT-Out Notice](#)

Complete and return this form via email to: vdemgrants@vdem.virginia.gov with the subject line: "OPT-Out Notice", **before October 16, 2020**.

I **do not** want to be a recipient of the HSGP funds at this time, but reserve the right to enter the program next fiscal year.

Please note that your decision will not be made effective until **October 16, 2020**

PRINT Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: MM/DD/YYYY
CITY/TOWN or COUNTY OFFICIAL

[Program Objectives](#)

The objective of the Homeland Security Grant Program is to assist state and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness. All supported investments are based on capability targets and gaps identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) supports state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. References to these priorities can be found throughout this document. The FY 2020 HSGP provides funding to implement investments that enhance terrorism preparedness and serve to build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The allowable costs under FY 2020 HSGP support the core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

[Important Award Terms and Conditions](#)

Subrecipients must comply with the following federal requirements:

- FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity [Homeland Security Grant Program \(HSGP\) NOFO](#)
- Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions for 2020 [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions](#)
- 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards [2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements](#)

Management and Administration (M&A)

Your local emergency management agency may retain and use up to five percent of the award for local management and administration purposes. M&A activities are those directly related to managing and administering HSGP Program funds, such as financial management and monitoring. It should be noted that salaries of local emergency managers are not typically categorized as M&A, unless the local emergency management agency chooses to assign personnel to specific M&A activities.

Indirect (Facilities & Administrative [F&A]) Costs

Indirect costs are allowable under this program, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414. With the exception of recipients who have never received a negotiated, indirect cost rate as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f), recipients must have an approved indirect cost rate agreement with their cognizant Federal agency to charge indirect costs to this award. A copy of the approved rate (a fully executed, agreement negotiated with the applicant's cognizant Federal agency) is required at the time of application, and must be provided to FEMA before indirect costs are charged to the award.

[Accessing Your Allocation](#)

To access your allocation, you must complete the following steps **within 30 days from the date of this notification**:

Step 1: Log in to the VDEM electronic Grants Management System (eGMS) at <https://www.ttegms.com/virginia/login.cfm> to download your subaward acceptance documents from the home page. Re-upload all required forms to eGMS. Read how to upload required forms by [clicking here](#) to view the home page of your eGMS user account. Below is the list of required items that comprise the VDEM subaward acceptance package:

- Application Checklist [cover sheet]
- HSGP Proposal Form
- Online Budget (to be built and submitted in [eGMS](#))
- Points of Contact (POC) Form
- FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Screening Form
 - All projects must comply with EHP requirements. Subrecipients must not obligate and/or expend any (federal and/or non-federal matching) funds on any project having the potential to impact environments planning and historical preservation resources without the prior approval of FEMA. For more information, please visit <http://www.vaemergency.gov/em-community/grants/> or contact your Grants Administrator.
- Grant Assurances Form
- FEMA 20-16C Form
- SF-LLL – Certification Regarding Lobbying Form
- ****Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement – [**Only required if you intend to charge indirect costs. Must be valid for the period of performance and federally signed]**

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Step 2: Log in to the VDEM electronic Grants Management System (eGMS) at <https://www.ttegms.com/virginia/login.cfm> to complete and submit a budget application for your allocation. If you do not have access to eGMS, please contact your Grants Administrator. [Click on Grant Management, Budget Application, from the drop-down menu. Click the link named 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to complete your budget application.]

Following review and approval of the budget by the Grants Administrator, notification will be sent through an eGMS automated email message to the subrecipient point of contact entered in the budget application.

Reporting

Subrecipients are obligated to submit [Quarterly Progress Reports](#) as a condition of their subaward. Quarterly progress reports must be uploaded directly into your eGMS account within **15 days** following the end of the quarter. The schedule for reporting is as follows:

Timetable and Deadlines for 2020 HSGP Progress Reporting (includes SHSP, UASI and NSGP subawards):

[Quarter 1 of 7] Time Period: October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Quarter 1 Report Due: On or Before January 15, 2021

[Quarter 2 of 7] Time Period: January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Quarter 2 Report Due: On or Before April 15, 2021

[Quarter 3 of 7] Time Period: April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Quarter 3 Report Due: On or Before July 15, 2021

[Quarter 4 of 7] Time Period: July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

Quarter 4 Report Due: On or Before October 15, 2021

[Quarter 5 of 7] Time Period: October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Quarter 5 Report Due: On or Before January 15, 2022

[Quarter 6 of 7] Time Period: January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022

Quarter 6 Report Due: On or Before April 15, 2022

[Quarter 7 of 7] Time Period: April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

Quarter 7 Report Due: On or Before July 15, 2022

HSGP Final Progress Reports:

Due: On or Before July 30, 2022

Within 30 days following the end of the period of performance, subrecipients must upload a [Final Progress Report](#) detailing all accomplishments throughout the period of performance into their eGMS account. After these reports have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Grants Office and Chief Regional Coordinators, a close-out notice will be issued which will indicate the period of performance as closed, list any remaining funds that will be deobligated, and address the record

retention requirements for grant records. The subrecipient must return any funds that have been drawn down, but remain unliquidated in its financial records.

Period of Performance Extensions

Extensions to this program are allowed. Extensions to the initial period of performance identified in the subaward will only be considered through formal, written requests addressed to VDEM, and must contain specific and compelling justifications as to why an extension is required. Subrecipients are advised to coordinate with the Grant Administrator, as needed, when preparing an extension request. All extension requests must address the following:

1. Grant program, fiscal year, and subaward ID number in eGMS
2. Reason for delay that must include details of the legal, policy, or operational challenges that prevent the final outlay of awarded funds by the applicable deadline
3. Current status of the activity/activities
4. Approved period of performance termination date and new project completion date
5. Amount of funds drawn down to date
6. Remaining available funds, both Federal and non-Federal
7. Budget outlining how remaining Federal and non-Federal funds will be expended
8. Plan for completion, including milestones and timeframes for achieving each milestone, and the position/person responsible for implementing the plan for completion
9. Certification that the activity/activities will be completed within the extended period of performance without any modification to the original Statement of Work, as described in the approved budget

Extension requests will be granted only due to compelling legal, policy, or operational challenges. Extension requests will only be considered for the following reasons:

- Contractual commitments by the grant recipient with vendors or subrecipients prevent completion of the project within the existing period of performance
- The project must undergo a complex environmental review that cannot be completed within existing period of performance
- Projects are long-term by design and therefore acceleration would compromise core programmatic goals
- Where other special circumstances exist

Recipients must submit all extension requests to VDEM via upload into eGMS **no later than 90 days prior to June 30, 2022.**

Please initiate the steps described under *Accessing Your Allocation* **within 30 days from the date of this notification.** If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact Lisa Anderson in the Grants Office at lisa.anderson@vdem.virginia.gov or (804)267-7721.

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Sincerely,



Cheryl Adkins
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Mr. Steve Kopczynski, Fire Chief/EM Coordinator
Mr. Terry Hall, Emergency Communications Director
Mr. Jack King, Director of Regional Support, East Division
Mr. Bruce Sterling, Chief Regional Coordinator, Region 5