

## Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

### Informational Bulletin

**The purpose of the communication is to provide information, clarifications, updates, and guidance for efficient HSGP grant management. If you have questions that you would like answered within this communication method, please contact Annette Mansheim, grant manager, at [Annette.mansheim@iowa.gov](mailto:Annette.mansheim@iowa.gov) or 515-725-3291.**

These bulletins will be posted on the Iowa [Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#) (HSEMD) website. Select Grants from the left menu then Homeland Security (HSGP).

Items below are not prioritized.

- 1. Status Reports:** All open HSGP grants have quarterly reporting requirements. Submittal deadlines are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. In IowaGrants.gov, from the Grant Components list, click Status Reports. Open the report with the current due date and follow the instructions provided. Click Edit to unlock the form for data entry.
- 2. Reallocation Funding Opportunity:** The following projects were recently awarded funds through the HSGP Reallocation funding opportunity:

Cedar Rapids Fire Department	USAR equipment	\$18,223
State of Iowa, Information Security Office (MOU with City of Des Moines)	Installation of cyber risk reduction equipment in multiple County offices.	\$128,100
Iowa State Fire Marshal	Bomb Squad equipment	\$27,073
Des Moines County Emergency Management Agency	Hazmat equipment	\$10,800
Buena Vista County Emergency Management Agency	SWAT equipment	\$ 4,000
Des Moines Police Department	Hazmat equipment	\$54,740
Story County Emergency Management Agency	Communications equipment	\$15,145

Keep in mind that you may submit project ideas in IowaGrants.gov under this funding opportunity at any time. When funds become available, HSEMD will review submitted projects and award funds. Applicants are notified only if their project is allocated funds.

- 3. Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Requirements:** Sub-grantees should become familiar with EHP requirements so that you can plan ahead when developing and/or implementing projects using federal funds.

Federal environmental and historic preservation laws and Executive Orders provide the basis and direction for the implementation of federal environmental and historic preservation review requirements for FEMA-funded projects. Failure to comply with these laws could result in project delays and denial of funding. FEMA, through the Environmental and Historic Preservation Program, engages in a review process to ensure that FEMA funded activities comply with these laws. Here are some non-disaster activities that may trigger an EHP review:

Modification, Expansion, & Mitigation: Projects involving modification or expansion of existing structures can trigger an environmental and historic preservation review. Such activities include projects that improve a facility, or repair or expand a facility which implement mitigation measures aimed towards reducing damage in future events. This includes actions like mounting a display monitor, security camera, or radio antenna. Activities involving demolition also trigger a review for environmental and historic preservation considerations.

New Construction & Ground Disturbance. Any activities that involve ground disturbance or new construction will trigger a review for environmental and historic preservation considerations. Typical activities usually include:

- Installing cable or underground pipes.
- Construction of new facilities
- Relocating facilities to a new location
- Mitigation measures such as flood control and vegetation management
- Construction of group temporary housing facilities
- Some outdoor training activities

Don't be caught by surprise! Visit this FEMA website for more information:

[Environmental & Historic Preservation Guidance for FEMA Grant Applicants](#)

- 4. HSGP – 2013:** HSEMD released the funding opportunity announcement on March 14, 2013. Information is available on the HSEMD website. If you want to be considered for funding, you must submit a pre-application in IowaGrants.gov under this funding opportunity. **REMINDER: the deadline for submission was moved from April 14 to April 28, at just before midnight.**

- 5. 2014 National Preparedness Grant Program:** President Obama has included the National Preparedness Grant Program (NPGP) proposal in his FY2014 Budget to Congress. This proposal consolidates current state and local preparedness grant programs into one overarching program, excluding Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) and fire grants. The consolidated grant program includes a risk-informed funding allocation to build and sustain core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal (NPG). States may also submit one statewide application for a competitive allocation to address regional risks and hazards.

To prepare for these opportunities, should they be implemented, HSEMD will begin discussions with local partners late summer/fall. Information about the NPGP attached and will be posted on the HSEMD website.