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Enterprise **IT** Integration

Grants to Fund Your Homeland Security Projects

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LA County Firefighters - FEMA Photo



Trends in Homeland Security Funding

- Increased focus on urban areas
- Increased funding for transit and port security
- Ongoing funding for Interoperable Communications extending PSIC
- Sustained support for R&D
- More competitive distribution of funds



Types of Funding Opportunities

- Real ID
- Disaster Preparedness
- Center of Excellence
- Fusion Center Growth
- Critical Infrastructure



Top 5 DOs in HS Funding

DO

- 1. Read guidance documents carefully**
- 2. Develop your plan in writing and be ready to provide it to SAA representatives, UAWG members, and others**
- 3. Align projects with the NPG and other standards and goals, as appropriate**
- 4. Attend state-run sessions on the process**
- 5. Coordinate your funding and apply to as many sources as you can**



Top 5 DON'Ts in HS Funding

Don't

- 1. Assume “it’s too political”**
- 2. Try to go it alone**
- 3. Overlook programs that are already being applied for and received by your community**
- 4. Include letters of support that don’t articulate a real commitment on the part of the sender**
- 5. Make a request for a specific amount without a clear idea of the parameters of available funding**



Coordinating Funding

- Look more broadly than the DHS requirements for coordination:
 - Economic Development
 - Education
 - Water and other infrastructure security
 - State grants
- Technologies to facilitate coordination of funding are often necessary, but not sufficient to achieve full coordination



National Infrastructure Protection Plan

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IT and Firstsource Relevance

- FS is applicable to what the S&L entities are trying to accomplish from a variety of standpoints
 - i. Interoperability / Low Risk
 - ii. Security
 - iii. Preparedness
 - iv. Emergency Response
 - v. Continuity of Operations and Disaster Recovery
 - vi. Contract pre-competed for competency of contractors
 - VII. Federal Regulations



Firstsource Grant Assistance

- planning
- development
- proposal writing
- performance based partnership
- past performance

FS contractors can assist in ensuring that the positioning and strategy they use to secure Grants funding aligns directly with the mission goals and objectives of DHS





Information Resources

- DHS Grants Page (www.dhs.gov/xgovt/grants/)
- Department of Justice Grants Page (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/)
- Federal Electronic Grants Clearinghouse (www.grants.gov)
- Grants Office (www.grantsoffice.com)
- HomelandSecurityFunding.info
- *HSToday* Magazine Grants Guide (www.hstoday.us)





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