Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
FY24 HSGP Notice of Funding Announcement
February 15, 2024

Purpose:
The purpose of this announcement is to provide guidance for submitting grant applications for the upcoming FY24 Homeland Security grant program. Grant applications must align with the national priority funding investments listed below.

Solicitation:
To qualify for FY24 priority grant funding, applicants must address one of the national priority areas available to sub-grantees, which includes:

- Enhancing cyber-security.
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places.
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis.
- Combating domestic violent extremism.
- Enhancing community preparedness and resilience.
- Enhancing election security

Applicants must also demonstrate the terrorism framework to prevent, prepare, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Applicants must fill out the application form completely. Projects meeting one or more of the national priorities will be considered and reviewed first for funding. Project requests outside the federal priority areas will be considered and reviewed secondary.

Application Release:
The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) will release the FY24 Homeland Security Grant program grant application on **February 28, 2024**. The application, along with the funding guidance document will be available on the MOHS website at: https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/

Grant Writing:
The MOHS will also host two (2) grant writing workshops to answer questions regarding the grant and provide updates on grant funding, priority areas and information about the upcoming FY24 grant year. Dates for the grant writing sessions will be held on **March 12, 2024, and March 14, 2024**. Please R.S.V.P for grant writing by **March 4, 2024**, to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

Instructions and Deadlines:
All proposals must be submitted electronically to the MOHS email address at mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov by **April 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** All fields are required to be completed and must include all required information and signatures for a completed application.

The MOHS requests that all jurisdictions prioritize funding requests to address the capability targets and gaps identified through a needs assessment. Please note, due to limited funding, it is likely that only projects addressing high priority capability gaps and meet the national and state priorities will be funded. Applicants should prioritize the use of grant funds to maintain/sustain current capabilities.

Applications submitted after the deadlines will not be considered for funding but may be considered if funding becomes available. Application submission does not guarantee funding. MOHS will review applications that align with the funding priorities of the agency.

Questions:
For questions related to the grant application, guidelines or need technical assistance, please contact the MOHS email address at mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

FEMA Additional Information:
Further grant specific information can be found on the FEMA website at: https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/homeland-security-grant-notices-funding-opportunity

FY24 Priority Funding Investment Justifications:
DHS/FEMA determined (6) national priorities should be addressed by allocating a specific percentage of funds to each of the listed areas, for a total of thirty (30) percent of total funds. The MOHS will continue to invest in the specific areas of national priority, along with the required percentage and fund programs that focus on the national priorities.

National Priorities are subject to change with the release of the FEMA FY24 Notice of Opportunity.

1. Cybersecurity Investment Justification: Projects that will build resilience in government and private networks and systems; improve the ability of the whole community to share and receive timely and effective cybersecurity and cyber defense information; synchronize cyber activities for prevention and response; and coordinate internal and external cyber response activities.

   Example Projects:
   - Network Assessments
   - Plan/Procedure Development
   - Firewalls; Network equipment
   - Specialized software
   - Cybersecurity training.

2. Soft Target/Crowded Places Investments Justification: Projects that will enhance security, reduce risk, limit incident impacts, and build resilience at public spaces that are accessible to large numbers of people, including sports venues, commercial locations, schools, and transportation systems.

   Example Projects:
   - Physical Security Enhancements
   - Security Cameras
   - Lighting
   - Access Panels
   - Fencing, Gates, Barriers

3. Information and Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation Investment Justification: Projects that provide timely, accurate and actionable information resulting from planning, direction, collection, processing, analysis, dissemination, and feedback of available information concerning threats to the state and nation. This would include the ability to exchange intelligence, data, or knowledge among the government and private sector.

   Example Projects:
   - Intelligence Fusion Centers
   - License Plate Readers
   - Suspicious Activity Reporting
   - Threat Recognition and Analysis

4. Combating Domestic Violent Extremism Investment Justification: Projects that allow for analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, and social media threats; sharing and leveraging of intelligence and information; implementation of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists.

   Example Projects:
   - Threat Assessment
   - Training Programs

- Recidivism, Reduction and Reintegration
- Awareness Programs

5. <u>Community Preparedness and Resilience:</u> Projects focused on community preparedness will improve a community's ability limit the impact of disasters, and to respond and recover when incidents occur.

   <u>Example Projects:</u>
   - Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
   - Volunteer Training
   - Household Financial Preparedness Programs
   - Community Planning
   - Emergency Notification

6. <u>Election Security:</u> Projects that allow for a safe and reliable election including planning, training, and equipment to secure voting machines and other apparatus, and to enable safe voting precincts.

   <u>Example Projects:</u>
   - Cameras
   - Security Training
   - Physical Security Measures
   - Cybersecurity Measures