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FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES

Urban Areas

In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2019 Appropriation for the Department of Homeland Security, Congress expressed its intent that the Secretary fund up to 85 percent of nationwide risk. In accordance with that intent, the Secretary designated 31 urban areas eligible for funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). This is a decrease from the 32 urban areas eligible in FY 2018.

Cybersecurity Assessment

FY 2019 recipients and subrecipients will be required to complete the [Nationwide Cybersecurity Review](#) (NCSR), which is open annually from October to December, by the end of calendar year 2019 in order for agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient and subrecipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment.

Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) Reporting

By December 31, 2019, states, territories, and high-risk urban areas are required to complete a THIRA/SPR for all 32 core capabilities. Also beginning in 2019, jurisdictions are only required to submit a THIRA every three years to establish a consistent baseline for assessment. While the THIRA will be only required every three years, jurisdictions will continue to be required to submit an SPR annually.

Management and Administration (M&A) Costs for the Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG)

In retaining M&A funds, states may retain a maximum of 2.5 percent of the OPSG allocation, which must be withheld from the pass-through to each subrecipient in an equal percentage. The SAA may also retain additional funding from its SHSP award to manage and administer the OPSG award, but that additional amount is also capped at an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the OPSG award.

Notice of Funding Opportunity and Preparedness Grants Manual Layout

The FY 2019 Notices of Funding Opportunity have been streamlined to include only the information needed in order to submit an application. Additionally, GPD has developed the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) to guide applicants and recipients of grant funding on how to manage their grants and other resources. Recipients seeking guidance on policies and procedures for managing preparedness grants should reference the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for further information. The [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) will include common information for all NOFOs

as well as supplemental information on each specific preparedness grant program. Examples of information contained in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) include:

- Conflicts of Interest in the Administration of Federal Awards and Subawards;
- Extensions;
- Monitoring;
- Procurement Integrity; and
- Other Post-Award Requirements.