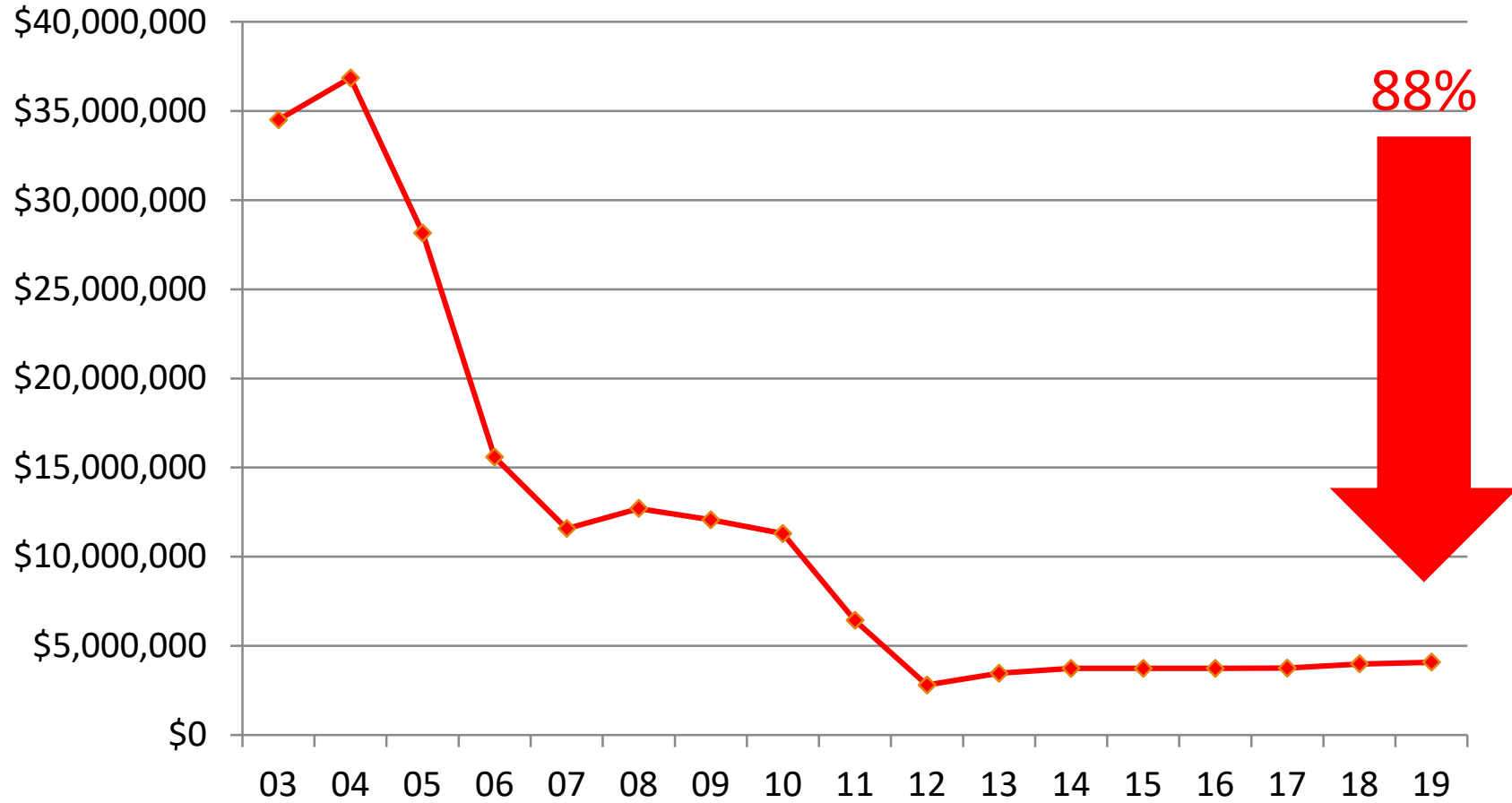COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION 2019

Homeland Security Grant Program

Federal Homeland Security Funding
AL HSGP Funding FY03-19

AL SHSGP Funding FY03-19

Funding Information

Any agency that currently has FY2017 and FY2018 funding, its important to spend the funds.

Please review your grant agreement to determine the end date

Funding Information

"In each of the past three fiscal years, FEMA's State and local grant programs received more than $2 billion, a generous pipeline of funding that, when combined with the $1.2 billion requested in the Budget, will ensure adequate resources for State and local projects for the foreseeable future. Of the $4 billion in awards made since 2013, recipients of FEMA's two largest grant programs - SHSGP and UASI - are currently carrying more than $1.9 billion in unspent balances, or 47 percent of awarded funds. The Federal Government cannot afford to over-invest in programs that State and local partners are slow to utilize when there are other pressing needs."

◦ -**National Emergency Management Association, Budget Summary Report, May 2017**

Funding Information

CURRENT FY2019 APPROPRIATIONS

SHSGP- $415,000,000

UASI- $ 590,000,000

Port- $ 100,000,000

Non Profit State- $10,000,000

FUNDING

There was a substantial increase in the funding towards the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Based on the new amount, Alabama received an increase of $97,500.

Procurement

• Procurement is defined as the process of finding and agreeing to terms , and acquiring goods, services or works from an external service, often via tendering or competitive bidding process.

• Under the Homeland Security Grant the sub-recipients (non-state) must follow local policy, state law and federal regulations.

• The process should be documented from start to finish.

• If completed incorrectly it will jeopardize funding.

▪ As of April 8, 2019 all procurement documentation is required for reimbursement of grant funds. Documentation can include:
  ▪ Quotes ($1,000 to $14,999 state threshold) (what local policy is for small purchases)
  ▪ Sole source Documentation
  ▪ Bidding documentation ($15,000 and over)
  ▪ GSA
  ▪ State Bid List
  ▪ Purchasing Alliance information

Procurement

- Federal regulations to follow are 2CFR 200.318-200.326

- State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law Code of Alabama 41-16-20 to 41-16-32

- Local Procurement Policy

- **Must follow the most stringent policy.**

- **Policies and Laws not applicable to the grant:** Code of Alabama in the Public Works Law, Section 39 and Competitive Bid Law Section 41-16-51(a)(15).

HSGP Competitive Grant 2019

Competitive Application

Funding available under FY 2019 $2 million dollars

Minimal amount to apply is $10,000 and the Maximum is $50,000 per **AGENCY**

All agencies within each Homeland Security Point of Contact County, if eligible, will submit the application to the HS POC office.

Each Homeland Security POC will submit all applications within their county to ALEA by the due date.

Grant Priorities are: **Interoperable Communication; Mass Care/CBRNE; and EOC Operations/ Information Technology**

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

ALLOWABLE

Equipment listed on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) (**Please read any special notes that may be on certain equipment items**)

https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list

Approved exercise and training expenses

UNALLOWABLE

Straight time personnel costs.

Firearms, ammunition, explosive devices, munitions (distraction devices, grenades) or riot gear.

General use uniforms and basic duty or turnout gear (Fire and Police) to include belts, holsters and pouches.

Vehicles for routine everyday use.

Recurring costs: licenses, wireless internet, or card fees. Unless the sub grantee is apart of the Communications Teams under the AMAS system.

Communications

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION EXAMPLES

Must be P25 Compliant

Programable

Harden
- ◦ Providing various means of protection; making electronic systems resistance to damage or malfunction.
- ◦ Radio, 911, and infrastructure equipment such as certain repeaters, antennas, microwave links, or towers may require an Environmental and Historical Preservation review.

Communications

Please explain how the project promotes statewide interoperability.

How does the project promotes interoperability with other public safety disciplines within your county or Region/ Division.

Is the project augmenting a current system or building a new capability for first responders in your jurisdiction?

If building a new capability is this new capability sustainable in your jurisdiction for the near future? Or will it require additional funds in the future to fully implement the new capability?

Priority for funding will be given for projects that are for the building of HF network. This may include HF radios and antennas.

EOC Operations/Information Tech.

EOC OPERATIONS

- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC), is the central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency preparedness and emergency management.

- Projects can include:
  - TV Monitors; table top exercises (HSEEP); projectors; EMA related software (not general office software);

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Information Technology (IT) projects can include:
  - Mobile technology; laptops; software (not general office software);
  - Mobile data terminals

EOC Operations /Information Tech.

Under the priority there are things that will not eligible for application:

License plate readers (LPR's) mobile or fixed

Public Warning System (statewide initiative)

Simulators (active shooter, etc.)

General purpose software as a stand alone project (adobe pro, Microsoft office)

Security upgrades or system (cameras, panic buttons, x-ray and metal detectors, etc.)

Body cameras or go pros

Unmanned Aircraft (drones); Unmanned maritime Vehicle(underwater drone); Robots; remotely operated land vehicles

CBRNE/Mass Care

CBRNE

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) response by first responders.

- Project can include: level A suits; **ATVs & trailers (getting first responders in and out of the hot zone);**

MASS CARE

- Provide life-sustaining and human services to the affected population, to include hydration, feeding, sheltering, temporary housing, evacuee support, reunification, and distribution of emergency supplies.

- Project can include: triage kits; certain medical equipment; **ATVs & trailers (getting first responders in and out of the hot zone);**

CBRNE/Mass Care

Under the priority there are things that will not eligible for application:

Basic Firefighter gear, police uniforms, or uniforms for first responders.

Gurneys, ambulance, pharmaceuticals or Narcan (naloxone)

Helicopter or related accessories

Environmental and Historical Preservation

If you have a project that could possibly require an EHP review, you may complete an EHP, but do not include in the application due to additional information that may be needed after the award.

Photos should include: area where the ground disturbance or building modifications will occur. Work that will be completed if the project is awarded and location map of the potential project.

EHP is required for equipment that is installed in or on a building or structure. Examples include but are not limited to: monitors in an Emergency Operation Center or Command Center, security cameras, security fencing (case by case), access control systems, or non-portable generators etc.

An EHP is required for outdoor drills or full scale exercise (**Land or Water**), it may have an environmental or historical impact.

Information Bulletin 426

The Controlled Equipment Request form is no longer used by FEMA for items. However, there still requirements prior to the purchase of special items on the AEL. It may require a wavier to be submitted to FEMA for approval. Please review the grant notes on the item, it will have the necessary information.

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1509981634187-ff65775f330fb464d5711c3278f80194/ControlledEquipmentRecission_IB_Final_11-1-17.pdf

Grant Application

To submit the report all quarterly reports have to be in, reimbursement request approved, and final reimbursement check from ALEA must be in hand at the agency prior to submitting the closeout report.

Agencies that had a competitive grant open and did not closeout by **April 15, 2019**, are not eligible to apply.

Agencies that successfully closed out by the date, have received written notification from ALEA stating that the grant was successfully competed the terms and conditions.

Application Submission

Applications submission must be submitted from the Homeland Security Point of Contact Office.

Submission can be by email, mailed (postmarked) or hand delivered.

Any incomplete, late or does not address the selected grant priority will not be considered.

All applications are due to ALEA by August 5, 2019 by 12:00 pm (emailed or hand delivered) or postmarked (August 5, 2019).

Each application packet will require the following:

1. **Application**

2. **Budget Detail Worksheet**

3. **Letter of Additional Funding**

4. **Homeland Security POC and Agency active SAM.gov account.**

5. **Agency and POC procurement policy**

❖**Please make sure you have the above required documentation for the application submission. Quotes are not required under the grant please do not include.**

SAM.gov Information

To locate the Homeland Security POC and Agency information, the website to visit is www.sam.gov .

The process to search in the system is by the agency name or DUNS number. The Agency and Homeland Security POC must be active in the system and have no exclusions or disbarments against them.

Print or save the page to submit in the application package

SAM.gov Example

Application Package

Required items: application, additional funding letter, SAM.gov verification for Homeland Security POC and Agency, Procurement Policy and Budget Detail Worksheet.

Application requires assigned county Homeland Security POC and Agency signature. The Budget Detail Worksheet only requires the Homeland Security POC signature.

Optional attachments may include: additional information, pictures and/or support letters.

Any incomplete application will not be considered.

Application Review

Points are broken down:
- ◦ 6 points-Sub Grantee Information/First Page
- ◦ 64 points- Project Description
- ◦ 15 points- Funding Narrative
- ◦ 15 points- Attachments

All applications submitted for consideration will be reviewed by a panel that consists of State and Local First Responder Agencies.

The application will be rated on a point system of 100 points.

Important Dates Tentative

Application Release- May 31, 2019 12:00 pm

Application Due- August 5, 2019- 12:00 pm

Application Review- September 9-12, 2019

Grant Award- October 1, 2019 (tentative)

Questions?