NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

Florida Division of Emergency Management Releases Funding Availability for CITIZENS CORPS/ Community Emergency Response Team Programs

The Division of Emergency Management is providing you with notification of its intent to accept proposals for Fiscal Year 2011 residual funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Fund Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

The previous applications are available online at the Florida CERT website, which can be accessed at www.floridadisaster.org/CitizenCorps. The submission deadline for these proposals is October 31, 2012. If there are no pending appeals, funds provided under the Fiscal Year 2011 residuals will be available to award recipients no earlier than November 9, 2012. These funds are limited and only special projects will be funded by these residual balances.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program provides a structured opportunity for citizens to augment local emergency response activities. Program funds will be used to train people to be prepared for emergency situations in their communities and neighborhoods. CERT members give critical supports to first responders in emergency situations.

The funds will be available to any regional or local government in the State of Florida. Eligible applicants also include Fire Tax Districts and Native American Tribes or nations of Florida.

The Division of Emergency Management will accept proposal/applications to perform the following activities as described hereinafter:
CERT Program – These funds are for CERT Training and start-up programs in areas of the State where CERT is not currently constituted and/or expansion of current programs. Awarded contracts for a start up or an expansion CERT program will be made available in the range of $5,000.00 to $10,000.00. There is no match requirement. Awarded recipient with current FY11 grants will receive a modification to increase their grant award. Certain restrictions on what these grants can be used for do apply. *(Please see application instructions for more details)*

All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope to:

*Citizen Corps Office- Subgrant Application*
*Florida Division of Emergency Management*
*Domestic Preparedness Section- Attention: Peggy Cadeaux*
*2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard-Sadowski Building*
*Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100*

By 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time on October 31, 2012. Any proposal/application received after this date, will not be considered for funding.

For more information on volunteering during disasters and community emergency response teams, visit the Florida CERT website, [www.floridadisaster.org/CitizenCorps](http://www.floridadisaster.org/CitizenCorps). For more information on disaster assistance, and to find out how you can “Get a Plan” for disaster preparedness, visit [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org).