FLORIDA TO RECEIVE OVER $73 MILLION IN FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Tallahassee – Florida is scheduled to receive over $73 Million in final Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awards from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The HSGP grants are designed to enhance the ability of states, territories, and urban areas to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters.

For FY’09 Florida has been awarded a total of $73,769,337 in funding through the: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Tribal Funding, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), and Citizen Corps Program (CCP). Twenty-five percent of the State Homeland Security (SHSP) and Urban Area (UASI) must go to law enforcement terrorism prevention programs.

The final FY 2009 awards for Florida are:

  The 2009 UASI program focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. The sixty-two highest risk urban areas nationally were eligible for funding under the FY 2009 program.

  The five designated Florida areas will receive:

  **FY09**
  - Ft. Lauderdale UASI $6,063,450
  - Miami UASI $11,039,650
  - Jacksonville UASI $5,355,350
  - Orlando UASI $5,083,050
  - Tampa UASI $7,815,050

- **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): $34,109,500**
  The FY 2009 SHSP supports the implementation of State Homeland Security Strategies and build capabilities at the state and local levels. Allocations are determined based on analysis of relative risk and the effectiveness of proposed investments.
• **Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): $2,248,547**
  To establish and sustain local capabilities to respond to all-hazards mass casualty incidents, including terrorism, epidemic disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and large-scale hazardous materials incidents. $321,221 each to the cities of: Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Hialeah, Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando.

• **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP): $1,241,945**
  To support target-hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. $349,462 went to the Ft. Lauderdale area; $38,818 went to the Jacksonville area, $703,665 to the Miami Area $75,000 went to the Orlando Area, and $75,000 to the Tampa Area.

• **Citizen Corps Program (CCP): $630,795**
  The FY 2009 Citizen Corps Program coordinates citizen and community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. States and territories receive a minimum allocation, with remaining funds distributed on a population-share basis.

• **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Tribal Funding : $173,000**
  The SHSP Tribal funds are provided direct to the Seminole tribe of Florida to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The FY 2009 HSGP process involved collaboration with state and local homeland security and emergency management officials. All applicants had 90 days to complete the application process.

Including this funding, Florida has received over $1.4 Billion in local planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises for state and local governments since September 11, 2001. The total award for the State of Florida for FY08 was $78,157,211. The FY09 award was reduced to $73,769,337.

For more information on the HSGP and other DHS programs, visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov). For information of Florida’s Domestic Security programs go to [www.fdle.state.fl.us](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us) or [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org)

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