

At a Glance: UASI

Homeland Security Program Grant – Urban Areas Security Initiative

Example Projects

- Emergency Management Planning
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation Equipment
- CBRNE Response and Search and Rescue Equipment
- Information Technology, such as Plume Modeling and Credentialing Software
- Interoperable Communications Equipment
- Detection, Decontamination, and Medical Equipment
- Homeland Security Related Training and Exercises

Overview

The UASI Program provides financial assistance to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist them in building and enhancing a sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. The UA includes the three core cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, and Arlington and the metropolitan counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant. The NCTCOG is providing assistance to the core cities and their contiguous partners with program management and strategy implementation on this project.

In the D/FW/A UA, eligible jurisdictions are defined as the core cities and metro counties listed above, as well as cities greater than 100 thousand in population (with a 10K buffer), fusion centers, transportation entities, citizen corps groups, and response entities regularly responding to an area greater than 100 thousand in population as part of their documented area and scope of responsibility.

Eligibility Requirements

Must meet Homeland Security Grant Program requirements and be located within the 64 highest risk urban areas eligible for funding under the current year's program.

Must achieve and maintain the state's Homeland Security Grant Program requirements:

- National Incident Management System Adoption (NIMS)
- National Incident Management System Compliance Assessment Support Tool (NIMSCAST) 100% Compliant
- Texas Division of Emergency Management Preparedness Profile at Intermediate or Advanced Level (TDEM Preparedness Profiles)
- Texas Regional Response Network Registration and Compliance (TRRN)

Timeline—Subject to change based on State and Federal Guidance

September of the previous year—NIMSCAST compliance deadline

November/December—Grant guidance released along with State priorities

January—Regional application process conducted, vetted, and project list finalized

June—TDEM Preparedness Profiles due

April—Prioritized investments due from the Urban Area (UA) to DHS-FEMA

November—Sub-recipient agreements sent out

Key Resources

- For more information regarding the D/FW/A UA including application and meeting schedule, please visit: <http://www.nctcog.org/ep/UASI/>
- For more information regarding allowable costs, please visit: www.rkb.us/FEMAGrants/DisplayFEMAGrants.cfm



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