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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS
FOR NONPROFITS**

BALTIMORE, MD (April 8, 2015) – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide \$20 million in emergency preparedness grants to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations throughout the United States to make high-risk facilities more secure against terrorist attacks.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local efforts. It also is designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives and state and local governments.

Applications must be submitted electronically to the Baltimore Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) through the appropriate local UAWG law enforcement representative as listed below. The application deadline for all Baltimore UASI area nonprofits is **Friday, April 15, 2016**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Baltimore UAWG and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will score applications before forwarding them to DHS.

Criteria for determining eligible applicants who are at high risk of terrorist attack include, but are not limited to:

- Identification and substantiation (e.g. police reports or insurance claims) of prior threats or attacks against the organization or closely related organizations (within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders the site a possible target of international terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to or recovering from international terrorist attacks

- Findings from previous risk assessments including threat or vulnerability

Grants are recommended to target no more than \$75,000, with an optional match, as this had been the limit in past years. In addition, all projects must comply with Environmental and Historic Preservation laws.

All grantees will be required to develop an environmental planning and historic preservation Statement of Work (SOW), which must be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for certification prior to the initiation of projects.

Eligible enhancements include such things as closed circuit television systems for perimeters of community facilities; vehicle barriers, lighting and fencing for perimeter security; and personal identification systems to limit unauthorized access to facilities. Proposed target hardening activities are limited to Authorized Equipment List (AEL) categories 14, 15, and/or training.

The UAWG is composed of emergency management officials from the Baltimore Metropolitan Council's member jurisdictions, which include Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties, plus the City of Annapolis.

Additional information is available online through [FEMA](#). Questions may be directed to the appropriate local UAWG law enforcement representative listed below.

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