

**National Capital Region
FY 04 Regional Grant Project Summaries**

Family Reunification System

Project Summary

UASI Category: Equipment

Currently, the National Capital Region does not have a system in place for locating missing loved ones in the event of an emergency. There is no single system that collects information from various possible locations of missing individuals (hospitals, shelters, morgues, etc.) so that a worried citizen can make one inquiry to find a missing family member, instead of calling various locations separately. Additionally, the burden on individual locations to answer a major influx of inquiries is much greater than capacity can handle.

The purpose of a family reunification system is to simplify and reduce the number of inquiries and quickly reestablish the link between victims and families. It would allow for collection, retrieval, and consolidation of victim and missing person data and inquiries from various sources, which could include, shelters, hospitals, medical examiner's offices and other locations.

The concept for the project includes conducting a needs assessment and implementing a plan to address the needs identified.

During the Needs Assessment Phase, meetings will be held with Mass Care committees, Public Health groups, hospitals, emergency managers, disaster and crisis agencies, shelter organizations, and Information Technology representatives throughout the region. Research will be done to examine confidentiality laws, determine lessons learned from past disasters, and review previous work done in this area. During this phase a scope of work including details of what equipment needs to be purchased, and what agreements need to be entered into will be developed.

Once the needs have been identified and catalogued, and the scope of work completed, a contract will be awarded to implement the family reunification plan including provision of any software or IT platforms required.

Prevention: Terrorist Interdiction and ICS Training

Project Summary

UASI Category: Training

UASI funds were allotted for Terrorist Interdiction training for 1650 police officers and 321 detectives and for Incident Command Structure training for 142 sworn Commanders. These numbers represent law enforcement officials from all NCR jurisdictions, including MWAA and WMATA. There is also a contingency amount reflected in the budget for adding additional law enforcement personnel to the classes if necessary.

Allowable costs are logistical in nature, and include: instructor's fees, meeting space, lunch (or equivalent), refreshments, printing, materials and audio/visual-type support.

Prevention: Law Enforcement-Business Sector Briefings

Project Summary

UASI Category: Planning

UASI funds were allotted for Law Enforcement-business sector Briefings. The business sectors include hotel/motel, rental car, taxi, storage facility, etc. The purpose of the briefings is to provide industry-specific information to regional businesses in order to help identify potential terrorist activities and facilitate reporting suspicious incidents. The hope is that through regular meetings, jurisdiction law enforcement departments will establish partnerships with those businesses at risk of being exploited by terrorists.

Allowable costs are logistical in nature, and include: instructor's fees, meeting space, lunch (or equivalent), refreshments, printing, materials and audio/visual-type support.

Disability Preparedness Center Initiative

Project Summary

UASI Category: Planning

This project is designed to implement a series of activities that will enhance ongoing UASI emergency planning in the NCR by incorporating into it new preparedness planning for individuals with disabilities and other special needs. Building an enhanced and sustainable preparedness and response capacity for the NCR should include the 20% of our fellow citizens who have disabilities that may limit their ability to hear or see warnings, to leave their home, or care for themselves.

NCR Mass Casualty & Surge Capacity Development

Project Summary

UASI Category: Planning

The NCR Mass Casualty & Surge Development Initiative is designed to develop a coordinated, integrated, collaborative patient tracking system for a potentially overwhelming surge of casualties caused by a terrorist act. Patient tracking is essential for identifying victims, casualties, maintain patient triage and to assist with rapidly referring patients to alternative care centers. The grant period is from March 2005 – May 2007.

NCR Equipment Purchase Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders

Project Summary

UASI Category: Equipment

Procure structural turnout gear for Fire and EMS personnel within the NCR under the COG agreement. Additionally, acquire SCBA equipment and Hazardous Material equipment/turnouts to provide recommended levels of protection under DHS guidelines along with current Federal, State, OSHA and NFPA standards.

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UASI Category: Equipment

Mobile air units for NCR Fire Departments.

Regional Data Sharing Needs Assessment

Project Summary

UASI Category: Planning

Development of a comprehensive Needs Analysis for the proposed NCR Law Enforcement Information Sharing System (NCR – LEISS). The NCR-LEISS will be a major effort, and one that will initiate planning for implementation of a capability to share information among jurisdictions in the NCR. The objective of the project is to gain an understanding of information sharing needs and sharing capabilities of jurisdictions within the region.

Regional Intel Centers Interoperability (RICS enhancement)

Project Summary

UASI Category: Equipment

Project will support MD, VA and DC intelligence centers.

WMATA Training for Managing Emergencies

Project Summary

UASI Category: Training

Provide transit personnel and regional first responders enhanced training for managing transit emergencies to improve the passenger evacuation process and provide a more orderly response for managing the associated spillover effects that result from major service disruptions.

WMATA Transit Subgrant

Project Summary

UASI Category:

This project involves that development of a fully functional and redundant backup Operations Control Center (synchronous Optical Network Fiber Optic System). Also, radios will be purchased for the Office of Plant Maintenance, which is one of the first responders in securing a site, cleaning up damages, repairing/renovating facilities, and restoring service after an incident. These radios will provide for improved coordination with Maintenance Operations personnel and external agencies, especially during a response to emergency situations.

Interoperability Project

Project Summary

UASI Category: Equipment

The NCR Interoperability Program was setup to implement an interoperability initiative for emergency data communications, and for making local public safety, criminal justice, and emergency preparedness data available regionally, in real time. Through these interoperability initiatives, the program proposes to offer their IT planning capabilities to help establish their framework for data sharing participation by all the 19 Council of Government (COG) municipalities.

The Office of the Chief Technology Officer, DC Government was tasked with setting up and monitoring the program. This program has been setup with five distinct projects: I-Net Interconnectivity, Broadband Wireless Network, Data Exchange Hub, Application Inventory and Gap Analysis, and (Emergency Operations Centers) EOC Integration. Each project works cooperatively with representatives from each jurisdictions within the region to ensure that interoperability is achievable and meets the needs of all jurisdictions within the NCR.

Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Project

Project Summary

UASI Category: Planning

This pilot project is the first comprehensive regional assessment that examines, in depth, a region's systems and structures for planning and coordinating disaster preparedness and response. The project will culminate with an independent evaluation of the region's emergency management capabilities and an assessment report showing strengths and areas for improvement.

This one-year project is segmented into two primary phases. Phase 1 is completion of a self-assessment among all participating local jurisdictions in the NCR. Eleven local jurisdictions within the NCR are undergoing this self-assessment using the EMAP Standard. Although this assessment looks at the entire NCR, the following local jurisdictions were selected to complete a self-assessment. During this phase, local jurisdictions:

- Gather, compile and examine documentation for compliance with the EMAP Standard;
- Enter self-assessment information in the EMAP Online Assessment Tool; and
- Record steps needed to reach compliance in the online tool.

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The RESF#3 Water Utility Security Work Group, a partnership of water utilities, local governments, state, federal and regional public agencies in the NCR, requests funding under the UASI to implement water security projects in four topic areas; Early Warning Monitoring and Modeling, Enhanced Regional Water System Redundancy, Emergency Response and Preparedness Planning. The requested funding would significantly enhance the ability of local governments and water utilities in the NCR to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism. As they are completed, components of the proposed project will be integrated into the regional Water Supply Emergency Plan and the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCSsm).

Northern Virginia WebEOC

Project Summary

UASI Category: Equipment

The integration of WebEOC for Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) will focus on achieving a common incident management solution for all of Northern Virginia. In addition, a final solution for regional server will be installed in order to provide a means to data share among Northern Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.