Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)
Meeting Agenda
4/21/2017 / 2:30 PM

Discussion Items

- FY 2017 Updates – Current Federal Government Continuing Resolution ends on April 28, 2017. Grant guidance will not be released until after a federal budget is determined.
- FY 2018 Presidents Proposed Budget
  Department of Homeland Security
  FY2018 proposed funding level: $44.1B (+$2.8 billion, 7% increase)
    - The proposed increase is to fund a border wall and other border-related items (+$2.6 billion); Immigration and Customs Enforcement (+$314 million); detention-related expenses (+$1.5 billion); and protection against cybersecurity threats (+$1.5 billion)
    - Eliminates or reduces state and local grant funding under FEMA, including the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program and Homeland Security Grant Program (-$667 million); institutes a local cost-match requirement for FEMA grant awards if none exists now
- Desk Monitoring Reviews – Several reviews have already been completed. Originally, the OOG was not notifying the COG when they were scheduling jurisdictions for desk monitoring reviews, but I think we have that resolved. If you need assistance with something for your review or have questions, please give us a call. Be sure to add the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) to your inventory sheet. It can be located on the "Summary-Award Statement" tabs in your eGrant projects. If you have to split fund a project with local or multiple grant years, be sure to make sure the line items indicate the total cost of the item and then the %Federal Funding would need to be calculated. Also, if you want to be safe, add notes that indicate how much funding came from which grants or local funding. I've provided an example of this as well as how items that might be purchased as a package would need to be grouped and accounted for on the inventory sheet as well.
- THIRA Updates – Bid requests were sent out to 6 different contractors on HGAC. Three vendors have responded. We are in the process of reviewing the bids and selecting the contractors. Once this is completed, we will be setting up the meetings in the near future to get the process started.

- FY 2017 Grant Application Updates – Applications have been submitted into the COG portal in preparation for writing the IJs. Allocations haven't been released yet, but due to the short turn-a-round we would like to have the IJs written prior to grant guidance coming out so hopefully all we have to do is adjust the project amounts and submit.
- Grant Application Timeline
    - eGrant Project Submissions – Due May 1, 2017 @ 5:00 PM
    - Performance Period
        - Begin: September 1, 2017 – March 1, 2018
        - End: On or Before August 31, 2019
        - Additional Time Considered on a Case-by-Case Basis
- Common Reasons SHSP Projects were Returned
    - Narrative
        - Must have Terrorism Nexus
        - Must Include page references to the THIRA and SPR
    - Project Budget
        - Staff Salaries
        - Breakout Travel and Training
    - Activities – Only select ONE Activity (IJ)
        - Dedicated percentage must be 100%
    - Homeland Security
        - Milestones should align with the Performance Period and Specific Activities to be Conducted or Purchased
    - If UASI Project
        - Core Capability
            - Prevent
            - Protect
            - Mitigate
            - Respond
            - Recover
    - If UASI Law Enforcement Project
        - Core Capability
            - Prevent
            - Protect

- Additional Documentation Required to Submit Application this Year
  - New Payee ID Number Form
  - Direct Deposit Payment Form
  - W-9 Form
- Jurisdiction Resolution to Accept the Award – Be sure to use the OOG Template to ensure all requirements are complete

  1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to OOG/HSGD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
  2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds (If required)
  3. A designation of the name and/or title of an Authorized Official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update HSGD should the official change during the grant period.); and
  4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to HSGD.

- CCH Reporting as of April 3, 2017
  - Must be at 90% in Both Adult and Juvenile by August 1, 2017

	Adult	Juvenile
Collin	91%	97%
Dallas	88%	91%
Denton	91%	96%
Tarrant	92%	98%

- Questions / Comments / Concerns

Upcoming Events*

Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) — May 4, 2017
2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference (TDEM) — May 16-19, 2017
Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting — June 1, 2017
National Homeland Security Conference – Buffalo, NY — June 6-8, 2017
Regional Response Summit — July 19-20, 2017

See the regional calendar posted at: www.nctcog.org/ep/calendar.asp for current list of events.

Next Meeting
To Be Determined