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Allocation of Funds

The use and allocation of all grant funds available through the FY 2012 UASI program must focus on the Investments identified in the Urban Area's IJ and the implementation of the FEMA-approved Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy. The use of funds must also be consistent with overall UASI program guidelines, the State Homeland Security Strategy, PPD-8: National Preparedness, and must develop or sustain one or more core capabilities in the NPG. Funds used to support whole community and individual preparedness related efforts, such as engaging non-governmental organizations and vulnerable populations demonstrating the integration of children and individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs in all phases of emergency management, participation of disaster volunteers, such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in training, exercises and response and recovery operations, and educating the public should be coordinated with local CERT programs, Citizen Corps Councils or their equivalent.

The UAWG, in coordination with the SAA POC, must develop a methodology for allocating funding available through the UASI program. The UAWG must reach consensus on all UASI funding allocations. If consensus cannot be reached within the 45-day time period allotted for the State to obligate funds to sub-grantees, the SAA must make the allocation determination. The SAA must provide written documentation verifying the consensus of the UAWG, or the failure to achieve otherwise, on the allocation of funds and submit it to FEMA immediately after the 45-day time period allotted for the State to obligate funds to sub-grantees.

Any UASI funds retained by the State must be used in direct support of the Urban Area. States must provide documentation to the UAWG and FEMA upon request demonstrating how any UASI funds retained by the State are directly supporting the Urban Area. If the SAA intends to retain any UASI funds, the SAA must prepare an Investment that demonstrates how the retained funds will be used to directly support the designated Urban Area in the State. This Investment should be included in the designated Urban Area's IJ.

Supplemental OPSG Guidance

OPSG provides funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in States bordering Mexico and

Canada, as well as States and territories with International water borders.

FY 2012 OPSG is intended to support United States border States and territories in accomplishing the following objectives:

Increase capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues;

□ Encourage local operational objectives and capabilities to enhance National and State Homeland Security Strategies (such as the Federal Secure Borders Initiative and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)/Border Patrol (BP) strategies);

□ Increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies;

□ Continue the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection;

□ Provide intelligence-based operations through CBP/BP Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities;

□ Support a request to the Governor to activate, deploy, or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of State law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements operational activities; and

□ Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

The FY 2012 OPSG funds must be used to increase operational capabilities of Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within United States border States and territories.