



Fiscal Year 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA Program) provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to enhance preparedness and build capacity to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community.

As authorized by the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), and the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016* (Pub. L. No. 114-113), the FY 2016 CCTA Program supports National Preparedness priorities through the National Preparedness System, the instrument the Nation employs to build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation.

In Fiscal Year 2016, DHS is providing \$35,940,000 to enhance the ability of local, state, tribal, and territorial governments to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks.

The FY 2016 CCTA Program objective is to build and sustain capabilities of local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to enhance their preparedness for complex coordinated terrorist attacks by achieving the following:

- Identifying capability gaps related to preparing for, preventing, and responding to a complex coordinated terrorist attack.
- Developing and/or updating plans, annexes, and processes to address the identified gaps.
- Training personnel and the whole community to implement the plans and processes and build needed capabilities.
- Conducting exercise(s) to validate capabilities and identify opportunities for additional corrective action.

The FY 2016 CCTA Program will prioritize projects that incorporate the following factors:

- Develop comprehensive and sustainable approaches to enhance preparedness for complex coordinated terrorist attacks.
- Develop and advance regional partnerships and whole community collaboration.
- Promote creative, innovative, and replicable approaches to preparing for complex coordinated terrorist attacks.
- Develop and share lessons learned and best practices associated with preparing for complex coordinated terrorist attacks between jurisdictions.

Funding

The FY 2016 CCTA Program provides \$35,440,000 to help local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks.

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who present an ability to successfully meet the grant requirements. Awards will be limited to a maximum of \$2.5 million per applicant.

Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Local governments (as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.64)
- State governments (includes all 56 States and territories, which includes any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)
- Federally-recognized Tribal governments

Other Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants may submit only one application. Applicants may choose and are encouraged to partner with multiple jurisdictions. Applications must include:

- Names of all jurisdiction(s) partnering on the project.
 - A letter of support from the primary applicant's appropriate senior executive official (e.g., Governor, Mayor, County Executive, City Manager) that supports the project and participation of additional jurisdictions for completing the full program and providing the necessary resources.
 - If applicable, information regarding the relationship between the applicant and each partnering jurisdiction, e.g. existing letters of cooperation/support or administrative agreements, such as Memoranda of Understanding (MOU).
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Funding Guidelines

The FY 2016 CCTA Program funds may be used to support gap identification, planning, training, and exercise activities. Operational equipment, such as incident command vehicles, will not be eligible under this program. Some equipment costs are eligible, but are specifically limited to testing and exercising response and preparedness plans safely and comprehensively (e.g., safety equipment, simunitions). This excludes equipment used for fulfilling traditional public safety duties. Additionally, a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be retained by the recipient for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes associated with administering the award.

The period of performance is thirty-six (36) months.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

The FY 2016 CCTA Program applications are evaluated and scored by an in-person review panel comprising of personnel from FEMA, select other Federal Agencies, and external (non-Federal) subject matter experts (as necessary) representing organizations that have experience and/or advanced training in complex coordinated terrorist attacks. FEMA senior leadership will review all scoring results in order to prioritize the top-scoring applications. The Administrator of FEMA will approve or disapprove the recommended selection of recipients for the FY 2016 CCTA Program. The Secretary of Homeland Security retains the discretion to consider other factors and approves all final funding determinations.

Program Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the CCTA Program.

- The FY 2016 CCTA Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov> Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 97.133.
- FEMA's Protection and National Preparedness (PNP) Office of Counterterrorism and Security Preparedness Office (OCSP) has the programmatic responsibility for this NOFO. For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Program Office, at FEMA-CCTA@fema.dhs.gov.
- The Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) is a non-emergency comprehensive management and information resource developed by DHS for grants stakeholders. CSID can be reached by phone at (800) 368-6498 or via e-mail to AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. The Grants.gov customer support hotline is (800) 518-4726. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov for financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance.