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FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN SEVEN COUNTIES

HAMILTON — Nonprofit agencies that could be targets of a terrorist attack can apply for federal grants of up to \$100,000 to improve their security, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today.

Under federal guidelines, Cañas said, the 2007 Nonprofit Security Grant Program funds are available to 501(c)(3) organizations in the seven counties covered by New Jersey's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program, namely Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Union and Passaic counties. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has allotted more than \$24 million country-wide for the program.

Cañas said that the grants will be awarded to eligible nonprofits according to criteria that include whether the organization:

- Maintains a site with symbolic value and is a recognized national or historical institution that makes it an attractive target;
- Has a role in responding to or recovering from a terrorist attack;
- Has potential vulnerabilities to attack, especially as documented by a prior risk assessment; and
- Has been the subject of an identified and substantiated attack — or is closely allied with an organization that has been the subject of attack — by a terrorist organization inside or outside the U.S.

The grant funds must be used for “target hardening” activities, such as the purchase and installation of physical security equipment or for training organization personnel. The grants require the organizations to provide a 25 percent non-cash or cash match.

Applications are due to OHSP by the close of business on June 11. For more information, grant guidelines and an application, please go to <http://www.njhomelandsecurity/grants/index.html>.

The federal UASI program is designed to provide funding to high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to help them build capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Nationally, there are 46 UASI regions funded by DHS. From 2003 to 2006, New Jersey's UASI has received nearly \$97.6 million to protect the state's densely populated Northeast region.

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