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CHRISTIE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO NONPROFIT AGENCIES LOCATED IN TWELVE NEW JERSEY COUNTIES

HAMILTON — Nonprofit agencies located in twelve New Jersey counties can apply for federal grants of up to \$75,000 to improve their security, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Edward Dickson announced today.

For federal fiscal year 2013, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is offering grants to nonprofit agencies in New Jersey's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region, made up of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union counties, as well as entities operating in the UASI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MS), which includes Hunterdon, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Sussex Counties. Dickson said that nationwide, the U.S. DHS has allotted \$10 million for this grant program.

For 2013, grants will be awarded to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations in the twelve New Jersey counties listed above 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.

Applications are due to OHSP by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013. Detailed information about this program, grant guidelines and the application process can be found at: <http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/grants/2013.html>.

Questions concerning the application process can be emailed to grants@ohsp.state.nj.us.

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