

VII. Allowable Program Costs

The allowable costs under the FY09 SHSP grant are divided into five program categories: Planning, Equipment, Training, Exercises, and Administration. Activities implemented under SHSP must support terrorism preparedness and build or enhance capabilities as they relate to the State Investment Justification.

Many program costs and activities are dual-use in nature, in that they can apply to both terrorism preparedness as well as other hazards. Activities implemented under SHSP can be dual-use in nature, but must **primarily** support terrorism preparedness and build or enhance capabilities as they relate to the State Investment Justification.

a) Planning Costs

Applicants must use at least 25 percent of their total FY09 SHSP allocation toward strengthening preparedness planning through planning, training and exercise activities.

Allowable FY09 SHSP planning activities as they pertain to the State Investment Justification:

- Public education & outreach
- ② Develop and implement homeland security support programs and adopt ongoing DHS National Initiatives
- ② Develop and enhance plans and protocols
 - Develop or conduct assessments
 - Establish, enhance, or evaluate Citizen Corps related volunteer programs
 - Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contract/consultants to assist with planning activities (not for the purpose of hiring public safety personnel fulfilling traditional public safety duties)
 - Conferences to facilitate planning activities
 - Materials required to conduct planning activities
 - Travel/per diem related to planning activities
 - Overtime and backfill costs (IAW operational Cost Guidance)

Planning funds cannot be used for the purpose of hiring public safety (fire, EMS, law enforcement) personnel who will also fulfill traditional public safety duties. **These funds cannot supplant, but can only supplement existing budgets** for these planning activities. In no case is dual compensation allowable.

Upon completion of a given planning project, the county will submit copies of the completed plans and/or planning tasks that were developed, enhanced, or updated using FY09 SHSP funds. These will be submitted to Ohio EMA's Grant Branch not later than end of the grant performance period and will be used to validate the work was completed as per the budget. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture or repayment of grant funds.

Further, all publications created with FY09 SHSP funding shall prominently contain the following statement: "This document was prepared under a grant from the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security (DHS). Points of view or opinions expressed in this document are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. DHS.”

b) Equipment Costs

FY09 SHSP funds can be used for the acquisition of specialized response equipment from the eligible 21 equipment categories listed in the FY09 Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The AEL is only available online through the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) website at www.rkb.us. NOTE, the AEL is routinely updated and thus must be consulted each time decisions are to be made on what equipment to be purchased. The County Team must consult the AEL in order to develop its Project/Budget application.

For the FY09 SHSP Federal guidance states that FY09 SHSP funds may be utilized for sustaining costs of equipment purchased with previous fiscal years' SHSP funds through the performance period of the FY 09 SHSP grant.

Allowable FY09 SHSP equipment purchases can be selected from the following categories (per the AEL) as they pertain to the State Investment Justification:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation
- CBRNE Operational and Search and Rescue
- Information Technology
- Cyber Security Enhancement
- Interoperable Communications
- Detection Equipment
- Decontamination Equipment
- Medical
- Power Equipment
- CBRNE Reference Materials
- CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles
- Terrorism Incident Prevention
- Physical Security Enhancement
- Inspection and Screening Systems
- Agricultural Terrorism Prevention, Response and Mitigation
- CBRNE Prevention and Response Watercraft
- CBRNE Aviation
- CBRNE Logistical Support
- Intervention Equipment
- Other Authorized Equipment (to include consulting services in support of equipment acquisition; Installation; Leasing of space for equipment storage; Maintenance; Shipping; Sales Tax; Vendor Training and Programming)

Before any equipment item is added to the county budget, the county must first confirm the item conforms to a specific AEL equipment item. It is recognized that the AEL is not an all-inclusive list. Some items that wish to be purchased may not exactly match a specific item in the AEL. In those cases, the county must consult Ohio EMA's Preparedness Grants Branch to determine whether or not the item meets the intent and restrictions of a given AEL equipment

Investment Area #2

Conduct Multi-Agency Local, Regional and Statewide Exercises

Investment Description: The goal of this investment is to continue funding the State of Ohio's Homeland Security Grant Exercise Program (HSGEP). Key activities of this investment include conducting seminars, drills, & exercises with scenarios focused on strengthening improvised explosive device (IED) attack deterrence, prevention, and protection capabilities, as well as interoperable communications. Based on previous exercise Improvement Plans (IPs), this investment will also assess whether the gaps from previous exercises have been reduced and/or eliminated.

Aligning National Priorities: Expanded Regional Collaboration; Implement the NIMS and NRP; Strengthen Communications Capabilities; Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities

Aligning Target Capabilities: Communications; Economic and Community Recovery; Emergency Public Information and Warning; Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination.

Milestones: Please see milestones 1-4 identified on Attachment A of this application package.

Investment Area #3

Implement Preparedness Training Initiatives

Investment Description: This investment will continue to support the Ohio EMA annual training program providing training to emergency managers, first responders, volunteers and private sector personnel. Specifically this investment will support delivery of FEMA and other federal and state courses that are DHS approved. Initiatives funded by this investment include: Continued funding of partnerships between Ohio EMA and Ohio community colleges and universities to incorporate Ohio EMA training courses into academic programs, bridging the gap between continuing education and academics; institutionalization the Emergency Planning in Ohio course. Conducting eight structural collapse operations courses and one structural collapse technician course and funding local all hazard training programs according to jurisdictional training needs.

Aligning National Priorities: Implement the NIMS and NRP; Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities; Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities

Aligning Target Capabilities: Emergency Public Safety and Security; Community Preparedness and Participation; Emergency Operations Center Management; On-Site Incident Management; Planning

Milestones: Please see milestones 1-3 identified on Attachment A of this application package.

Investment Area #4

CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities

Investment Description: The goal of this investment is to advance Ohio's progress toward strengthening CBRNE response, detection and prevention; this will be accomplished by continuing the build-out of risk-based capabilities as outlined by The National Preparedness Guidelines and Target Capabilities List. It will both reduce the risk of terrorism and increase local, regional and state preparedness through better coordinated and enhanced CBRNE/WMD detection, response and decontamination capabilities, and increased public awareness. Key activities of this investment include completing the build-out of regional explosive device response (bomb) teams, regional collapse search and rescue teams, and regional hazardous materials/WMD response & decontamination capabilities; and filling gaps between local and federal response. This investment will also improve prevention efforts by defining gaps, coordinating current capabilities and developing appropriate local, regional, and state CBRNE detection capabilities.

Aligning National Priorities: Expand Regional Collaboration; Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, & Decontamination Capabilities; Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities

Aligning Target Capabilities: Explosive Device Response Operations; CBRNE Detection; Community Preparedness and Participation; Search and Rescue (Land-Based); WMD and Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination

Milestones: Please see milestones 1-5 identified on Attachment A of this application package.

Investment Area #5

Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Program

Investment Description: The goal of this investment is to increase Ohio's ability to deter threats, mitigate vulnerabilities, and minimize consequences to the state's largely privately owned and operated, exploitable and interdependent critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR). Key activities of this investment will be the deployment of trained experts to visit sites to assess risk through consequence, vulnerability and threat analysis. The risk assessments will serve as the basis for prioritizing CI/KR for funding and the development of protective programs. Ohio understands that CI/KR protection and resiliency must be a collaborative effort among CI/KR managers, first responders and other stakeholders. Ohio has a critical need for CI/KR resiliency in a state with the nation's greatest number of miles of interstate highway, significant rail intersections, an international maritime border, and is in top five states in the nation for production of many agriculture commodities.

Aligning National Priorities: Expanded Regional Collaboration; Implement the NIPP

Aligning Target Capabilities: Critical Infrastructure Protection; Counter-Terror Investigation and Law Enforcement; Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination; CBRNE Detection; Risk Management.

Milestones: Please see milestones 1-2 identified on Attachment A of this application package.