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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Operation Stonegarden Supplemental (OPSG-S) Guidance and Application Kit

The Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the availability of the FY 2009 OPSG-S Guidance and Application Kit. The kit should be available online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> later today.

In direct response to multiple security issues along the Southwestern border, an additional \$30,000,000 was dedicated to the FY 2009 Operation Stonegarden Program through the *Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 111-32). This increased funding will continue to foster cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to prepare, protect, and respond to threats along the Southwestern border.

Target Allocation Amounts for FY 2009 OPSG-S

FY 2009 Operation Stonegarden Supplemental (OPSG-S)	
State	Amount
Arizona	\$7,223,737
California	\$7,391,931
New Mexico	\$2,599,002
Texas	\$12,785,330
Total	\$ 30,000,000

Completed applications must be submitted electronically through the Office of Justice Programs Grants Management System (GMS) no later than 11:59 PM EDT, August 25, 2009. Please refer to the FY 2009 OPSG-S Guidance and Application Kit for important additional information related to this program.

FEMA will evaluate and act on applications as quickly as possible following the close of the application period. Awards will be made on or before September 30, 2009. Upon award, the recipient must amend their original draft FY 2009 OPSG Operations Orders to include funding from the supplemental awards.

Questions related to this Information Bulletin may be directed to your FEMA Program Analyst or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.

PART II. AWARD INFORMATION

This section summarizes the award period of performance and the total amount of funding available under the FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental, describes the basic distribution method used to determine final grants awards, and identifies all eligible applicants for FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental funding.

Award Period of Performance

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications why an extension is required.

Available Funding

In FY 2009, the total amount of funds distributed under OPSG Supplemental will be \$30,000,000. FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental funds will be allocated based on risk-based prioritization using CBP Sector-specific border risk to include, but not limited to: threat, vulnerability, miles of border, and other border-specific "law enforcement intelligence" and feasibility of FY 2009 Operation Orders to designated localities within the four Southwest Border States.

Table 1. FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental Funding State Allocations

State	Allocation
Arizona	\$7,223,737
California	\$7,391,931
New Mexico	\$2,599,002
Texas	\$12,785,330
Total	\$30,000,000

Table 2. FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental Funding County-level Allocations

State	Operational County	Allocation
Arizona	Santa Cruz County	\$1,539,921
Arizona	Pima County	\$1,538,665
Arizona	Cochise County	\$1,537,409
Arizona	Yuma County	\$2,607,742
California	San Diego	\$4,992,606
California	Imperial	\$2,399,325
New Mexico	Hidalgo	\$661,680
New Mexico	Grant	\$332,622
New Mexico	Luna	\$639,077

New Mexico	Dona Ana	\$965,623
Texas	Zapata County	\$1,413,737
Texas	Webb County	\$1,412,481
Texas	Willacy County	\$300,611
Texas	Hidalgo County	\$500,762
Texas	Refugio County	\$299,356
Texas	Nueces County	\$296,844
Texas	Aransas County	\$293,077
Texas	Starr County	\$493,228
Texas	Cameron County	\$493,228
Texas	Kleberg County	\$288,054
Texas	San Patricio County	\$288,054
Texas	Yselta del Sur Pueblo Tribe	\$656,657
Texas	El Paso County	\$642,844
Texas	Jeff Davis County	\$927,849
Texas	Presidio County	\$921,570
Texas	Brewster County	\$920,315
Texas	Kinney County	\$878,991
Texas	Val Verde County	\$878,991
Texas	Maverick County	\$878,681
Total		\$30,000,000

PART III.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

The Governor of each State is required to designate a State Administrative Agency (SAA) to apply for and administer the funds awarded under the FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental. **The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental funds on behalf of the county or similar level of government and Federally-recognized tribal governments.**

To be eligible to receive FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental funding, applicants must meet NIMS compliance requirements. The NIMSCAST will be the required means to report FY 2008 NIMS compliance for FY 2009 preparedness award eligibility. All State and territory grantees were required to submit their compliance assessment via the NIMSCAST by September 30, 2008 in order to be eligible for FY 2009 preparedness programs. The State or territory department/agency grantee reserves the right to determine compliance reporting requirements of their sub-awardees (locals) in order to disperse funds at the local level.

For FY 2009, there are no new NIMS compliance objectives. If FY 2008 NIMS compliance was reported using NIMSCAST and the grantee has met all NIMS compliance requirements, then NIMSCAST will only require an update in FY 2009. Additional information on achieving compliance is available through the FEMA National Integration Center (NIC) at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>.

Eligible applicants include the State Administrative Agency (SAA) within the four (4) Southwest Border States on behalf of 29 County-level recipients of FY 2009 OPSG awards within the four (4) Southwest Border States, as listed in Tables 1 and 2 in Part II.

B. Cost Sharing

There is no required cost sharing, matching, or cost participation for the FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental.

C. Restrictions

Please see Part IV.E. for Management & Administration (M&A) limits and allowable/unallowable costs guidance.

D. Other

Federal, State, Local, and Tribal OPSG Coordination Working Group

It is recommended that Federal, State, local, and tribal partners establish and maintain an OPSG Working Group with representation from all participating law enforcement agencies, that is co-chaired by representatives from CBP/BP, the SAA, and participating law enforcement agencies' OPSG program representatives.

Coordination Requirements

After awards are announced, prospective grant recipients must amend their original FY 2009 draft Operations Orders with an embedded budget, based on actual dollar amounts to be awarded. Those final Operations Orders will be approved by the appropriate Sector Headquarters, and forwarded to Headquarters, Office of Border Patrol, Washington, D.C., before funding is released.

Grantees may not begin operations or draw down any funding until the Operations Order and embedded budget has been approved by FEMA GPD and CBP/BP Headquarters and any existing special conditions and/or restrictions are removed. FY 2009 OPSG Supplemental activities are expected to maximize Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) strategic planning efforts and integration with the State and territory Homeland Security Strategies.