

New Port Security Grant Funds Available

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act AARA (Stimulus Bill) FEMA has released additional grant guidance to compete for additional Port Security Grant Program Funding. As expected, a total of \$150M is available nationwide for specific FEMA Port Area Groupings and Eligible Ferry Systems. ***Applications are due to FEMA by June 29, 2009*** *There is no cost share requirement* For the Long Island Sound Captain of the Port zone this has multiple opportunities. The funding encompasses our Group II port areas (New London, New Haven & Bridgeport), our Group IV "All Other Port Areas" & our two major Ferry Systems. First, our Group II port areas (NL, NH & BPT) will be competing for a share of \$54M among 47 other FEMA designated Group II port areas. Unlike the past 3 years, our share of the Group II port area funding is not pre-allocated for our Group II port areas. Second, our Group IV "All Other Port Areas" can compete for \$6M that is available. Thirdly, our two Ferry Systems (Cross Sound & Bridgeport/Port Jeff) can compete for \$2M that is available.

The focus of these grants is on projects that can be executed quickly and create jobs. The application period has a very short turn-around with all submissions (Applications, Budgets and IJ's) due by June 29th. Other important changes are that all applications will be made directly through Grants.gov, not the current Fiduciary Agent for the Group II port areas, and that the cost share has been waived. Additional applicant information is requested to be added to the investment justification. Add'l construction projects have been identified. Not all items that were allowable under the previous FY09 PSGP are allowable under the ARRA PSGP.

The ARRA PSGP is one of two grant programs that constitute the DHS Fiscal Year 2009 ARRA focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. Priorities:

1. Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness;
2. Enhancing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities;
3. Efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC);

4. Construction or infrastructure improvement projects that are identified in the Port Wide Risk Management Plan (PWRMP-for the Group II port areas) and/or Facility Security Plans (FSPs), and/or Vessel Security Plans (VSPs);

For further ARRA PSGP information please visit: www.grants.gov or contact the FEMA ARRA PSGP helpdesk at: (800)518-4726. The ARRA Port Security Grant Guidance and Application Kit will be posted on the Sector Long Island Sound Homeport <http://homeport.uscg.mil/lis> site and at www.grants.gov.