



Homeland Security

FY 2011 Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) and authorized by Title II of the *REAL ID Act of 2005*, Division B of the *Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005* (Public Law 109-13), the FY 2011 DLSGP provides funding available to state driver's licensing authorities (i.e., motor vehicle agencies) for FY 2011 DLSGP related projects. The FY 2011 DLSGP provides funding to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents that states and territories issue. DLSGP is intended to address a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve the integrity and security of state-issued driver's licenses (DL) and identification cards (ID).

In Fiscal Year 2011, DHS allocated \$45,188,000 to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents that states and territories issue.

Funding

In FY 2011, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program was \$45,188,000. All states and territories that applied for FY 2011 DLSGP received a base amount, with the balance of grant funds distributed based on the total number of drivers licenses and identification cards (DL/IDs) issued in each state. Final determinations for awards were based upon applications received as well as the results of a FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) and DHS Office of Policy Screening Coordination Office (SCO) review. Through the recovery of previous years' funding, an additional \$92,385 was provided to Mississippi and an additional \$185,615 was provided to Missouri.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants under the FY 2011 DLSGP were state driver's license agencies (DLA), also known as State Departments of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or Motor Vehicle Administrations (MVA). Other eligible applicants included State Public Safety Agencies or Departments with overall responsibility for drivers' license issuance in the state. These agencies applied on behalf of the state DMV/MVA.

Allowable Costs

FY 2011 DLSGP provides funding to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents that states and territories issue. A maximum of five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be used for Management and Administration purposes associated with the grant award. Additionally, funds may be used for a variety of planning activities, equipment purchases, and maintenance and sustainment

including maintenance contracts, repair and replacement costs, upgrades, user fees, and implementation).

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Submitted applications undergo a completeness and content review. Each FEMA Region was responsible for reviewing the Program Narrative, Program Management Capabilities Work Plan (Parts I and II), Budget (SF 424A), and Budget Narrative of their respective states in order to ensure programmatic compliance and the applicant's potential to successfully improve the state's driver's license and identification card processes, security, IT, and infrastructure. Thereafter, the DHS Office of Policy, Screening Coordination Office reviewed each application to ensure proposed projects are consistent with Federal law and DHS regulations.

The following process was used to provide final approval to MVAs and DMVs:

- FEMA Regions verified compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the application kit.
- FEMA Regions evaluated the applicant's potential to successfully improve the state's driver's license and identification card processes, security, IT, and infrastructure.
- DHS Office of Policy reviewed each submitted application to ensure proposed projects are consistent with Federal law and DHS regulations.
- FEMA Regions provided grant recipients with official notification of the grant award upon approval of the Program Narrative, Program Management Capabilities Work Plan (Parts I and II), Budget (SF 424A), and Budget Narrative.

NOTE: Should an application be conditionally approved, it is the grantee's responsibility to work directly with their respective FEMA Regional contact to ensure corrective action is taken in order for full release of FY 2011 DLSGP funds.