FFY 2010 HSGP Grant Application

Multiple projects may be submitted under a single Investment Justification. If the project is Law Enforcement related, check the box (double click on the box, choose checked from the default menu box). If the project is under the SHSP/UASI/MMRS program and requires an Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Statement of Work Request, check the box. Each project must stand alone and will be evaluated on its own merits. Please prioritize all submitted projects.

State Investment Number: #X

Community Preparedness

☐ **New Investment**   ☒ **On-going Investment**

Grant Program:			
☒ SHSP ☐ UASI ☐ MMRS	☐ **Law Enforcement Related** **X% = $_____**	☐ **Critical Infrastructure Related** **X%= $_____**	☐ *EHP Required*

Proposed Funding for this Investment:	*$*

Investment Justification Instructions - On page 2, create your investment justification by answering the following questions.

☐ 1) What is the overall objective of the investment? Identify the accomplishments that will outline the key events that will demonstrate progress toward achieving the overall objective of the Investment.

☐ 2) Identify the risk(s) that will be reduced by this investment. Risk is defined as threat, vulnerability, and consequence. Describe how achieving this Investment's accomplishments will reduce your identified risk.

☐ 3) Identify how the investment contributes to building and/or sustaining at least <u>one primary target capability</u> to prevent, protect against, respond to, or recover from acts of terrorism.

☐ 4) Identify all other target capabilities supported by this Investment.

☐ 5) Explain how this Investment supports the current State and/or Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy goals and objectives. Please reference relevant goal and objective numbers in the State and/or Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy.

☐ 6) Describe your plans for maintaining/sustaining the capabilities developed by the Investment. Include a description of the long-term approach to sustaining the capabilities created or enhanced by this Investment, or explain why the Investment will not be sustained.

☐ 7) Identify potential challenges to the effective implementation of this Investment (e.g., stakeholder buy–in, sustainability, aggressive timelines, etc.) For each identified challenge, provide a brief description of how the challenge will be mitigated, and indicate a probability of occurrence (high, medium, low), and level of impact should it occur (high, medium, low).

Investment Description (2500 character max):

The capability to prevent, protect, respond, and recover against pathogens, chemical, biological, and radiological contaminants and other hazards that affect the safety of animals, both companion and production, is critical to public preparedness.

The State Animal Response Team (SART) program overall objective is to continue to:

Improve the capability to monitor, detect, prevent, mitigate, defend, prepare, respond to and recover from all hazards affecting the safety of animals in agricultural and companion animal settings and ensure a more robust, effective and standardized statewide animal response system to better serve all levels of government, the private sector and the general public throughout our state and surrounding states by sustaining and enhancing County Animal Response Teams (CARTs).

Accomplishments Outline: Continue collaborative efforts with the State Department of Agriculture to support emergency response plans. It is accomplished concurrent to protecting public health and maintaining domestic and international confidence in the U.S. commercial food supply. Additionally, the public is provided with accurate and timely notification and instructions related to the event and appropriate steps to follow with regard to disposal of affected food products and appropriate decontamination procedures. Continue collaborative efforts with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and State Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to sustain and enhance animal disaster planning across states within FEMA Region X.

Raise community awareness of SART by cultivating and maintaining strong relationships with volunteers, private sector partners, stakeholders, community, government, and media.

Increase community preparedness education to allow the public to have the necessary pre-event guidance on personal disaster planning.

Risk Reduction: It is well understood that animals are an important part of the fabric of every community and most families. Livestock provide food products for consumers, and farm families depend on these animals for their livelihood. Companion animals provide companionship and research has proven the importance of the human-animal bond, including the fact that many pet owners will refuse to evacuate their homes if they are unable to take their pets with them. Planning for animals at the local level is crucial to protect human lives in an emergency. The ability to respond to risks that affect animals and to intervene to reduce those risks concurrently reduces risks to the human population, whether it be companion animals or production livestock. The capability of trained responders to respond to events affecting animals will allow other emergency responders to deal with human issues. Emergency responders do not usually possess the skills needed to deal safely with animals in emergencies, so responders specially trained in animal response are vital to the effort. .

Target Capabilities: Animal Disease Emergency Support & Community Preparedness and Participation

IJ Contribution: There is no other program of this type in the State. The sustainment of this effort uniquely provides the capability of local response teams to assist government during disasters and emergency events.

Goals and Objectives Supported: Directly provides the response capability non-existent elsewhere. LOA with PDA for animal issues. State Strategy:Target capability #20, Objective 4.7, Implementation Steps4.7.1;4.7.2;4.7.3

Maintaining/Sustaining capabilities: Accomplished through continuous recruitment of volunteers; training of volunteers; integration of team into respective county response frameworks; reinforcement of the EMA and CART partnership; and purchase of necessary equipment.

Challenges:

Recruitment , Training & Management of volunteers: Encourage CARTs to participate in local and other public events to raise public awareness, attract new members, and raise money. Volunteers remove themselves from organizations routinely. Hence it is necessary to recruit constantly. Many volunteers for animal programs are eager to "volunteer to respond during a disaster" but are less enamored of training, exercising, public preparedness education, fund raising, and other activities. It is a constant challenge to keep volunteers interested, especially when deployments are infrequent. Mitigation of this challenge will be accomplished by reinforcement and encouragement through additional training offerings, PR events, and involvement with county and task force exercise programs. Offering training to the volunteers is a challenge in itself due to the limitations placed on the use of grant money. For example, critical training such as Pet First Aid is not DHS approved and therefore cannot be funded with grant monies.   SART routinely encourages training providers to submit their courses to DHS for approval.

Probability –medium to high. Impact-high.

Funding needs: It is imperative that adequate funds exist for equipment and training. The search for funds, at a level that will support effective deployments, is central to the success of a program. Private donations may provide some funds. However, the level of funding needed to support a SART program is such that government funding is needed to be successful.

Probability-medium; Impact-high.

Integrated planning: SART needs to be part of the state's all hazards preparedness planning. We MUST continue to be at the table with the State EMA, the State Department of Agriculture and County EMAs in order to allow for the creation of an integrated effort.

Probability at state level-low, impact-high: Probability at County level-medium to high, Impact-high)

Comment:

Each of the challenges listed above will be addressed at the county level with the assistance of the County EMA. These challenges are not universal within each county. A tailored approach will be developed dependent on the county needs.

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1. Strategy-Target Capabilities

Please select the primary Target Capability supported by this Investment. Place an "X" in the corresponding box (double click on the box, choose checked from the default menu box) :

☐ Planning
☐ Communications
☒ Community Preparedness and Participation
☐ Risk Management
☐ Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination
☐ Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators
☐ Intelligence Analysis and Production
☐ Counter Terror Investigation and Law Enforcement
☐ CBRNE Detection
☐ Critical Infrastructure Protection
☐ Food and Agriculture Safety and Defense
☐ Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation
☐ Laboratory Testing
☐ On-Sight Incident Management
☐ Emergency Operations Center Management
☐ Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution
☐ Volunteer Management and Donations
☐ Responder Safety and Health
☐ Emergency Public Safety and Security
☐ Animal Disease Emergency Support
☐ Environmental Health
☐ Explosive Device Response Operations
☐ Fire Incident Response Support
☐ WMD and Hazardous Materials
☐ Response and Decontamination
☐ Citizen Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Isolation and Quarantine
☐ Search and Rescue (Land-Based)
☐ Emergency Public Information and Warning
☐ Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment
☐ Medical Surge
☐ Medical Supplies Management and Distribution
☐ Mass Prophylaxis
☐ Mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services)
☐ Fatality Management
☐ Structural Damage Assessment
☐ Restoration of Lifelines
☐ Economic and Community Recovery

2. National Priorities:

Identify up to four National Priorities that are supported by this Investment. Place an "X" in the corresponding boxes.

☐Expand Regional Collaboration
☐Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and National Response Plan (NRP)
☐Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)
☐Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
☐Strengthen Interoperable and Operable Communications Capabilities
☐Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities
☐Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
☒Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities

3. Projects

Description

Provide a description and purpose of this project, with justification for the requested Solution Area(s) (e.g. Planning, Training, Exercises, M&A, Organization, Equipment, and Maintenance). Include the disciplines associated with this project.

Allowable equipment categories and standards for FFY 2010 HSGP are listed on the web-based version of the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) which can be found at the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), https://www.rkb.us/.

Please describe the maintenance and sustainment activities associated with this project. Include in the description of each project its milestones and associated key activities that lead to the milestone event over the FFY 2010 HSGP period of performance. Start dates should reflect the start of the associated key activities and end dates should reflect when the project will be completed. Sustainment Investments must identify at least one milestone and describe the maintenance and sustainment activities associated with the Investment. (750 char. max per project)

Project Management

Describe the project management team roles and responsibilities, governance structures, and subject matter expertise specifically required by the Investment.(500 char. max per project)

Performance Measure

What will this project achieve if funded and completed? Provide a clear and concise description of this project, its objective(s) (Objective needs to be S.M.A.R.T. – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-oriented), proposed accomplishment(s), and the capability gap(s) intended to be addressed. If this project supports the protection of critical infrastructure, identify the critical infrastructure(s) and include a statement of how this project supports this Investment Justification. (500 char. max per project)

Project Milestones

Identify up to five milestones, with start and end dates, which will be achieved within the two year performance period. Depending on the timing of award allocations, the FFY 2010 period of performance is estimated to begin in September 2010.

Project Budget

Provide the proposed funding amount to be obligated from this Investment towards each project's Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises (POETE). Maintenance funding is to be included in the Equipment solution area.

Reminder: Project implementation must begin within 90 days of projected start date on your timeline.

| **Project 1** | Start Date: | 10/1/2010 | End Date: | 09/30/12 |

Project Name: State Animal response Team/ County Animal Response Teams

State Homeland Security Goal: X

State Homeland Security Objective:X.X

State Homeland Security Implementation Step:X.X.X

Target Capability: Community Preparedness and Participation

Project Description	Continue to strengthen and enhance county level volunteer response capability through the training and equipping of County Animal Response Teams. The project will seek to train additional volunteers in response skill sets to deal with animal related events. Under ESF-X, the State Department of Agriculture has the responsibility for companion animals during emergencies. SART, under a signed Letter of Agreement, fulfills that responsibility.
Project Management	The project is managed by the Executive Director, Training Director and the Board of Directors. Local management is performed by volunteer county coordinators with the cooperation of County EMA Coordinators.
Performance Measure	This project will provide animal emergency response support to county emergency management agencies across the State. County teams of animal responders will continue to be expanded-through recruitment of additional volunteers; trained-through provision of DHS-approved courses; and equipped-through purchase of specialized rescue, sheltering, and animal handling equipment; to provide counties with support for livestock and companion animal response capabilities. Although all counties have basic capabilities, and some have very advanced capabilities, others, especially rural counties, have very limited capabilities at this time, and additional resources are needed. Training of responders and equipment are specific to the needs of the locality of the team-dependent upon common weather-related threats and the animal demographics. Efforts to increase capabilities will continue without interruption if funding is made available.

	Milestone Number	Milestone Name	Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Milestones	1	Provide NIMS and specialized training in animal rescue, sheltering, and handling for responders (estimated XXX responders will take training during this period)	10/1/10	Continuous as new volunteers join teams and new requirements are identified

2	Provide specialized rescue, sheltering, and handling equipment to county teams still in need of this equipment	10/1/10	Continuous as new volunteers join teams and new requirements are identified
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Project 1 Budget

Solution Area	Amount of Proposed Funding ($)
Planning	$ 300,000
Organization	$ 0
Equipment	$ 100,000
Training	$ 100,000
Exercises	$ 45,000
M & A (5%)	$27,900
Total Proposed Funding:	**$572,250**