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Subject: Homeland Security Aid

Please give copies of this bulletin to others who may need this information.

Purpose of Bulletin

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform local government officials of the establishment of new revenue and appropriation codes to account for and report homeland security aid and related expenditures.

Background

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through its Office for Domestic Preparedness Grants, provides financial assistance to New York State to enhance the capability of State and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents of terrorism. To streamline and better facilitate the organization and coordination of preparedness funding, the grants are sponsored by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice, and cooperatively administered with the NYS Task Force on Weapons of Mass Destruction and NYS State Emergency Management Office.

Grant provisions require a comprehensive, coordinated strategy be implemented to achieve the goals of the State Homeland Security and Terrorism Prevention Program. Accordingly, all planning, training, exercises and/or equipment purchased with grant awards must support the prevention, response and/or recovery goals set forth in the New York State's Homeland Security Strategy.

A sample of grants presently available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security include:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – provided to enhance the capability of State and Local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents of terrorism involving the use of

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive weapons. Funding is for the purchase of specialized equipment, exercises, training, and planning costs associated with updating and implementing the State’s Homeland Security Strategy.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) – available to provide a conduit for terrorism intervention at the local level. Funds received can be used for activities within the areas of planning, organization, equipment, training and exercises. This grant provides law enforcement communities with funding for (1) information sharing; (2) target hardening; (3) threat recognition; (4) interactivities to stop terrorists; (5) reciprocal communications; and (6) management and administration.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) – provides financial assistance to address unique planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of large urban areas, and assists in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism (including assistance for enhanced security of critical infrastructure sites and facilities). Funding is for purchasing specialized equipment, exercises, training, and planning costs associated with updating and implementing the State’s Homeland Security Strategy, the Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy and the Transit Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Information Technology and Evaluation Program (ITEP) – available to fund novel uses of existing “state-of-the-market” information technology that will remove barriers in homeland security mission critical areas and improve information sharing and integration.

Accounting and Reporting

For accounting and reporting purposes, the following account codes should be used for the receipt and expenditure of homeland security aid:

<i>Revenue</i>	3306 State Aid, Homeland Security
<i>Appropriation</i>	3645.1 Homeland Security, Personal Services
	3645.2 Homeland Security, Equipment and Capital Outlay
	3645.4 Homeland Security, Contractual Expenditures
	3645.8 Homeland Security, Employee Benefits

Additional Information

If you require additional information or need technical assistance, please contact the State Comptroller’s regional office that serves your government. A listing of regional offices is enclosed.

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