

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Dante Elbin, Chief of Police
Date: August 25, 2015
Subject: Mississippi Office of Homeland Security- FY2015 State Homeland Security Funding Opportunity

REQUEST:

The Gautier Police Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for FY2015 State Homeland Security grant funding.

BACKGROUND:

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security has announced the availability of FY2015 funding and has requested stakeholder input that will be used to develop the State's Homeland Security Grant Program Funding Request, the State Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, and the annual State Preparedness Report.

DISCUSSION:

The Homeland Security grant application must include a description of our jurisdiction's top three threats, top three hazards, and any capability gaps which inhibit our jurisdiction's ability to respond to the threats and hazards identified. The Gautier Police Department proposes to submit an application for digital portable radios in order to ensure interoperability with other agencies. This grant requires no local match, and it is anticipated that grant awards will be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range. The Gautier Police Department therefore would like to apply for funding for portable radios at an approximate cost of \$31,500.00. Each jurisdiction must attest that it is understood that receiving and/or using Homeland Security grant funds remains conditional upon successful participation in respect to National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance and reporting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police Department recommends that City Council authorize submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for funding as outlined above.

The City Council may:

1. Approve submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security as described above; or
2. Approve submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security with changes; or
3. Disapprove submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for this funding opportunity.

ATTACHMENT(S):

2015 Funding Announcement Memo and NIMS Compliance Form



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

ALBERT SANTA CRUZ
COMMISSIONER

DATE: June 25, 2015
FROM: Marsha Manuel, Grants Director
RE: **2015 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT**

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security is announcing the availability of the FY 2015 State Homeland Security Funding Opportunity as well as conducting a State-wide Threat and Hazards review (your input will be utilized to develop Mississippi's State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding Request, State Threat and Hazard identification and Risk Assessment, as well as the annual State Preparedness Report).

In your funding request/stakeholder response please provide the following:

1. One brief paragraph describing each of your jurisdictions top three threats.
2. One brief paragraph describing each of your jurisdictions top three hazards.
3. One to three brief paragraph(s) describing any capability gap which inhibits your jurisdiction's ability to respond to the threats and hazards you have identified. Explain how you determined your capability gaps (i.e. a response to a real life event, an exercise, a training event). Please address how utilization of existing state-wide assets (Task Forces, Force Protection Units, bomb teams, etc) may/may not mitigate the threats and hazards you have identified.
4. Provide a detailed list of resources that your jurisdiction would need to close your capability gap and please include the following in your request:
 - a. A detailed budget for each resource being requested
 - b. A brief description of how and why this resource would close your capability gap
 - c. Complete the enclosed NIMS Compliance form
 - d. Verify equipment eligibility at www.lis.dhs.gov/knowledgebase

****This document serves as your request for FY 2015 MOHS grant funding and must be completed properly and returned by the due date stated for consideration of grant funding from MOHS. Please submit your funding request/stakeholder response to Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (Attn. Mrs. Marsha Manuel, Grants Director, 1230 Raymond Rd. Jackson, MS 39204) no later than **August 31, 2015. No electronic submissions will be accepted.****

Your input is vital to help us compile and communicate a comprehensive picture of the threats, hazards and capability gaps that exist within our State. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

2015 NIMS COMPLIANCE FORM

**To: The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security
1230 Raymond Rd.
Jackson, MS 39204**

Attn: Office of Grants

Homeland Security Directive 5 mandates governments shall implement a consistent system for working together during incidents or events. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) has been designed to provide effective incident and event management. NIMSCAST has been designed for recording said NIMS compliance. Mississippi under Executive Order #932 established NIMS as the standard for incident management within the state. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance provides that accepting grant funding is conditional on compliance with NIMS. This jurisdiction attests that we continue to strive toward NIMS compliance as provided under federal and state NIMS guidance. This jurisdiction also attests that compliance shall be correctly recorded within the NIMSCAST tool. This jurisdiction understands receiving and/or using Homeland Security grant funds remains conditional upon successful participation in respect to NIMS compliance and reporting. Non-compliance of NIMS can result in Homeland Security dollars being withheld from or drawn back from our jurisdiction because of ineffective NIMS support and participation.

This understood and attested to:

Signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Jurisdiction represented: _____

Dated: _____

Witness sign: _____

Printed name: _____