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BALTIMORE METRO COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM
*Innovative Program Recognizes Critical Need to Protect
Municipal and Community Infrastructure from Terrorist Activities*

BALTIMORE, MD (November 9, 2004) - Mayor Martin O'Malley, Baltimore Metropolitan Council Chair (BMC), today joined Vice-Chair County Executive Smith and board members Mayor Ellen Moyer, County Commissioner Julia Gouge, County Executives Janet Owens, James Harkins and James Robey to announce an innovative grant program to offer a total of \$1 million in homeland security grant funding to community-based, non-profit groups who are at threat of being a victim of a terrorist act.

While Congress debates the creation of the High-Risk Non-Profit Security Enhancement Act of 2004, introduced by Senator Barbara Mikulski in July, 2004, the Baltimore Region will implement this model program based on the same premise. Funding will be made available to non-profit organizations demonstrating a high risk of terrorist attack based upon: specific threats of international terrorist organizations; prior attacks against similarly situated organizations; the vulnerability of the specific site; the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized American institution; or the role of the institution in responding to terrorist attacks.

Security enhancements funded by the Baltimore region's grant program will include items directly related to securing the region's community infrastructure such as:

- Closed Circuit Television systems for outer perimeters of community facilities;
- Vehicle barriers, lighting and fencing for perimeter security;
- Personal identification systems to limit unauthorized access to facilities;
- Bulletproof and bomb proof glass and other related technologies;
- Other tools or devices that can be used in the target hardening process.

To ensure proper emergency response coordination with the region's overall homeland security strategy, all grant applications must be certified as such by the law enforcement executive where the non-profit's grant will be implemented.

"Senator Mikulski's leadership in the effort to secure Homeland Security funding for high-risk community organizations is greatly appreciated," said Mayor Martin O'Malley. "As chief executives for our cities and counties, we can help improve security at our community-based institutions so that they can be free to focus on their mission of improving our neighborhoods, educating our children and supplementing the work of government in providing much needed social services to our public."

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“I thank Senator Barbara Mikulski for her tireless efforts to safeguard our communities from the threat of terrorism,” said Baltimore County Executive James T. Smith Jr. “Building stronger communities means protecting the organizations that serve our neighborhoods and our citizens. By providing security funds for high-risk organizations, this innovative grant program allows community-based groups to focus their mission.”

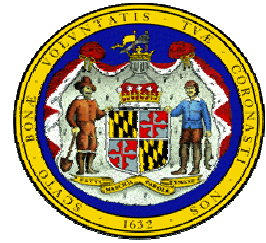
Grant applications are available on line at www.baltometro.org.

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BALTIMORE REGION Critical Infrastructure Community Grant Program



FACT SHEET

There is a critical need to protect our municipal *and* community infrastructure from terrorist activities. The innovative Baltimore Region Critical Infrastructure Community Grant Program is a \$1 million community-based homeland security grant program collaboratively administered by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Baltimore Urban Area Workgroup (UAWG). Only organizations from the following jurisdictions are eligible to apply: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County.

Announced by Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) Chair, Mayor Martin O'Malley and Vice-Chair, County Executive James Smith at the November 9, 2004 BMC meeting, grant applications are available on line at www.baltometro.org or by calling the UAWG homeland security official of one of the above-listed jurisdictions. The deadline to apply is January 4, 2005.

While it is important to consider the mindset and motivations of terrorism, the defense against terrorist attacks are largely related to existing security methodologies. Target hardening relates to the methods and techniques used to make the commission of a terrorist action more difficult to achieve. Hence, the key is to use various security mechanisms, such as extending the perimeter, developing layers of different security methods, integrating systems of overlapping security techniques, and analyzing existing security procedures, policies, and personnel.

Additional Project Eligibility Requirements-

- Applicant must demonstrate 501(c)3 status or other IRS recognized non-profit status
- Grant funded enhancements must respond to the demonstration of a specific risk that cannot be met by working more closely and effectively with the local law enforcement and emergency management authorities
- A cash match or in kind match of 25% will be required for all successful applications.

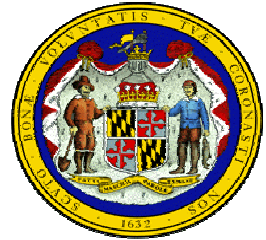
Projects of Interest-

- Closed Circuit Television systems for perimeters of community facilities
- Vehicle barriers, lighting and fencing for perimeter security
- Personal identification systems to limit unauthorized access to facilities
- Bulletproof and bomb proof glass and other related technologies
- Other tools or devices that can be used in the target hardening process.

A grant-writing seminar will be held at the November 22, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the George Howard Building, Banneker Room (1st Floor), 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.



**BALTIMORE REGION
Critical Infrastructure
Community Grant Program**



GRANT APPLICATION

The Baltimore Urban Area Workgroup (UAWG) recognizes that the information requested herein may be considered sensitive and will be treated as such. If the applicant has any concerns regarding how the information will be stored, reviewed etc, or any other questions regarding the grant application process, please contact the individual listed in the invitation letter from your County Executive or Mayor who will serve as your point of contact for the grant program.

NAME OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION _____

Executive
Director/President _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZipCode _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **E-mail** _____

Please attach your non-profit certification to this grant application

Total funds spent on capital improvements in prior fiscal year \$ _____

Number of full time employees _____

Number of part time employees _____

Number of volunteers (average/day) _____

Number of citizens that visit/work with your facility (average/day) _____

Amount Requested: _____ \$ _____

If you are a school or day care or your organization operates a school or day care within your facility where these infrastructure enhancements will be made, please indicate: whether or not there is a religious affiliation, days the school/day care is in operation, and for the days the facility is in operation, indicate the average daily youth attendance.

If you are a religious institution, please indicate how many people comprise your congregation:

Please provide the location (s)/address(es) of where the project will be implemented:

Project Summary:

Organization’s Mission and Brief History

Please describe why your organization may be at a higher risk of potential terrorist threat and/or incident.

What specific risk/risks do you seek to address with this grant funding?

What attempts have you made in the past to respond to this risk by working more closely with local law enforcement and emergency management authorities?

How do you believe this funding will supplement and enhance the existing relationship that you currently have with your local law enforcement and emergency management authorities?

Total Project Budget

Personnel, overtime, response oriented equipment and consultant costs are not permitted.

\$_____

Description: (Include cost per item, number of items and explain how you arrived at that cost)

Budget Narrative: (Demonstrate how the items purchased will assist your organization in the accomplishment of the project. Also, if in kind supplies or labor are being provided by your organization, please note that below).

Assurances and Certifications

The grant-funded enhancements requested in this grant application are currently not in the budget of the applicant.

By signing below, I indicate that my organization has given me the authority and permission to make this grant application to the Baltimore Urban Area Work Group.

As indicated by his/her signature below, I have coordinated the proposed enhancements with the law enforcement and/or emergency management authorities in the jurisdiction where the enhancements will be made.

Applicant President/Executive Director Signature

Date

Applicant President/Executive Director Name and Title Typed

Reviewed:

UAWG Law Enforcement Executive for your jurisdiction

Date

UAWG Law Enforcement Name and Title Typed