# 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)

Presented by Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Programs Office



#### Agenda

**SHSP** Overview

AGATE (Grants Management System)

Pre-Application Action Items & Requirements

Completing your Application



#### Initial Overview

- The SHSP is a federally funded, FEMA grant program focused on enhancing the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.
- The SHSP is a **competitive** grant program.
- ALEA serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the SHSP.

#### Eligible Applicants

- Local units of government, meaning:
  - A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government;
  - An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or in Alaska a Native village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; and
  - A rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity



### Notice to Applicants

- This is a <u>reimbursement</u> grant.
- You may have a local unit of government apply on your organization's behalf.
- The organization applying for the grant should be the organization that is paying the invoices and requesting reimbursement.
- The entity applying/receiving the award needs to have a Unique Entity Identifier with SAM.gov AND be registered as a vendor in the state purchasing system known as STAARS.
- Must read and comply/have written standards for several requirements in:
  - 2 CFR <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a>
  - FY23 HSGP NOFO \*\*
  - FY23 Preparedness Grants Manual \*\*
  - \*\*this will be updated with FY24 once available

#### Allowable Costs

- The Notice of Funding (NOFO) will contain all the allowable expense areas under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (FY2024 NOFO has not been released yet).
- Historically, the SHSP funds a range of activities across all capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, including:
  - Planning costs
  - Organization costs
  - Equipment costs must be listed in the <u>Authorized Equipment List</u> (AEL).
  - Training costs
  - Exercise costs

#### FY 2023 Funding Priorities

- 1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (National)
- 2. Election Security (National)
- 3. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS (National)
- 4. Combatting domestic violent extremism (National)
- 5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience (National)
- 6. Alabama Mutual Aid System (State)
- 7. Emergency Communications and Coordination (State)
- 8. Law Enforcement Homeland Security Operations (State)
- 9. Fire, EMS, and Public Health Operations (State)

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#### Core Capabilities

- This project addresses:
  - Access Control and Identity Verification
  - Cybersecurity
  - Fire Management and Suppression
  - Infrastructure Systems
  - Intelligence and Information Sharing
  - Interdiction and Disruption
  - Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction
  - Mass Care Services
  - Mass Search and Rescue Operations

- On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement
- Operational Communications
- Operational Coordination
- Physical Protective Measures
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
- Public Information and Warning
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
- Screening, Search, and Detection
- Situational Assessment
- Threats and Hazards Identification

#### Projects Must:

- Be based on capability targets and gaps identified by your agency.
- Describe the need for the proposed project and the identified gap(s) that it will fill.
- If equipment costs, must be listed in the **Authorized Equipment List**.
- Explain how the proposed investments **nexus to terrorism** as this is a requirement of the grant.
- Minimum Requirement: \$10,000
- Maximum Cap: \$200,000 (with the exception of the Interoperability Infrastructure Projects at \$500,000)

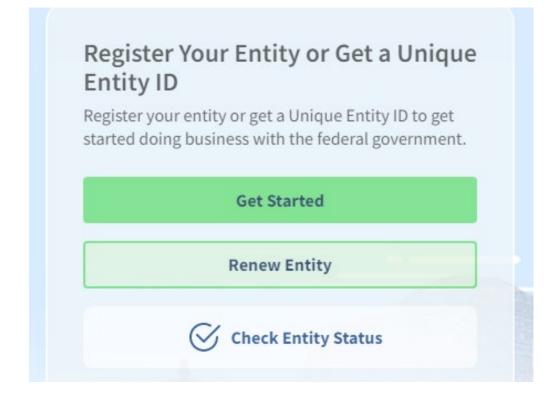
#### Estimated Timeline



## Pre-Application Action Items: How Can I Prepare?

#### Obtain a UEI Number (SAM.gov)

- Ensure your organization has a UEI and that it is active prior to applying, as issues with your UEI could slow down the application process.
- UEI may not be active for up several days after registration, so be proactive in completing this step!



#### Complete AGATE Registration

- Register on our website: <a href="https://grants.alabama.gov/">https://grants.alabama.gov/</a>.
- Send an email informing us you intend to apply and have already registered on the website so we can approve it (Email <u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> with subject line FY 2024 SHSP).
- Make sure your agency is not already in the system. Duplicate entries could cause issues later on.

#### Brainstorm Your Project

- What needs does your organization have?
  - Identify gaps and vulnerabilities.
- Identify how your proposed project is related to state counterterrorism efforts.
  - Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States
  - Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meeting basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident







## Environmental & Historic Preservation Form (EHP)



- Determine if your project will require an EHP. \*\*Spending cannot begin on a project that requires an EHP until FEMA has given approval\*\*
- Examples of Projects Requiring EHP:
  - Purchase of equipment that will require installation on or in a building or structure
  - Training exercises with any field-based components, such as drills or full-scale exercises
  - Renovations, upgrades, retrofits, and installation of equipment or systems in or on a building or structure
    - Examples include, but are not limited to: interior building renovations, electrical system upgrades, sprinkler system, vehicle exhaust systems, closed circuit television cameras, security fencing, access control for an area, building, or room, bollards, motion detection systems, alarm systems, security door installation or upgrades, lighting, and audio-visual equipment
  - Installation of new or replacement generators, to include the concrete pads, underground fuel and electric lines, and if necessary, a fuel storage tank
  - New construction, addition to, or expansion of a facility
  - Construction of new or replacement communications towers, or installation of communications-related equipment on a tower or building or in a communications shelter or building

#### Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)

- Free annual self-assessment designed to measure gaps and capabilities of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments' cybersecurity programs.
- Required for all recipients and subrecipients of the HSGP annually.
- This is open from Oct 1 to Feb 28.

0	Optimized	Your organization is executing the activity or process and has formally documented policies, standards, and procedures. Implementation is tested, verified, and reviewed regularly to ensure continued effectiveness.
6	Tested and Verified	Your organization is executing the activity or process and has formally documented policies, standards, and procedures. Implementation is tested and verified.
5	Implementation in Process	Your organization has an activity or process defined within documented policies, standards, and/or procedures. Your organization is in the process of implementing and aligning the documentation to a formal security framework and/or methodology
4	Partially Documented Standards and/or Procedures	Your organization has a formal policy in place and has begun the process of developing documented standards and/or procedures to support the policy.
3	Documented Policy	Your organization has a formal policy in place that has been approved by senior management.
2	Informally Done	Activities and processes may be substantially performed, and technologies may be available to achieve this objective, but they are undocumented and/or not formally approved by senior management.
1	Not Performed	Activities, processes, and technologies are not in place to achieve the referenced objective.

### Application Process

#### Beginning the Application Process



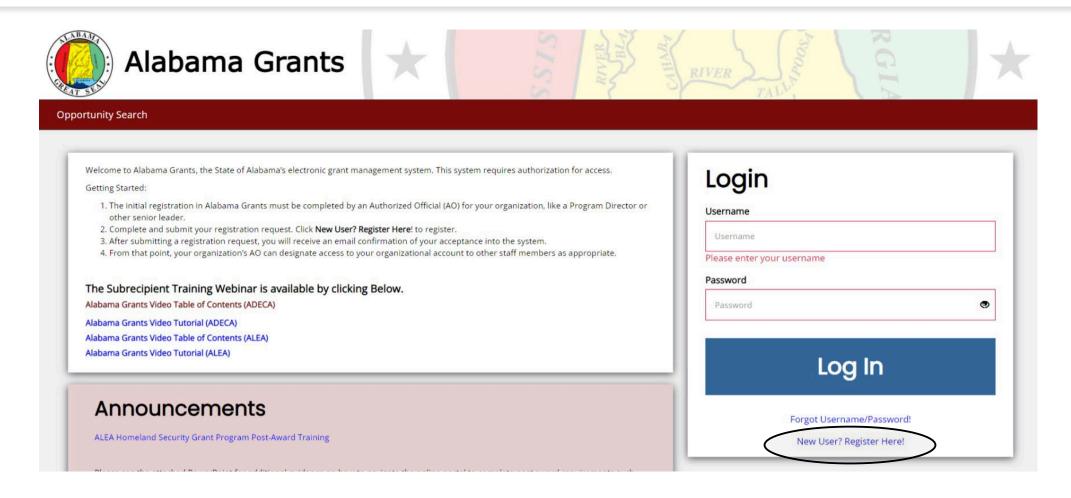
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• Check FEMA's Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to ensure proposed equipment is covered. Provide basic estimates/quotes for market values of equipment, installation, warranty, etc.

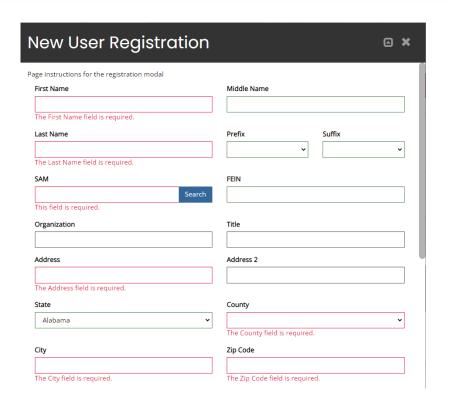
## Navigating AGATE (grants.alabama.gov)

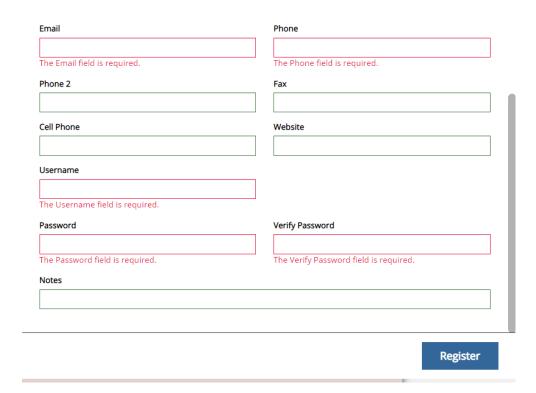
#### Registering as New User



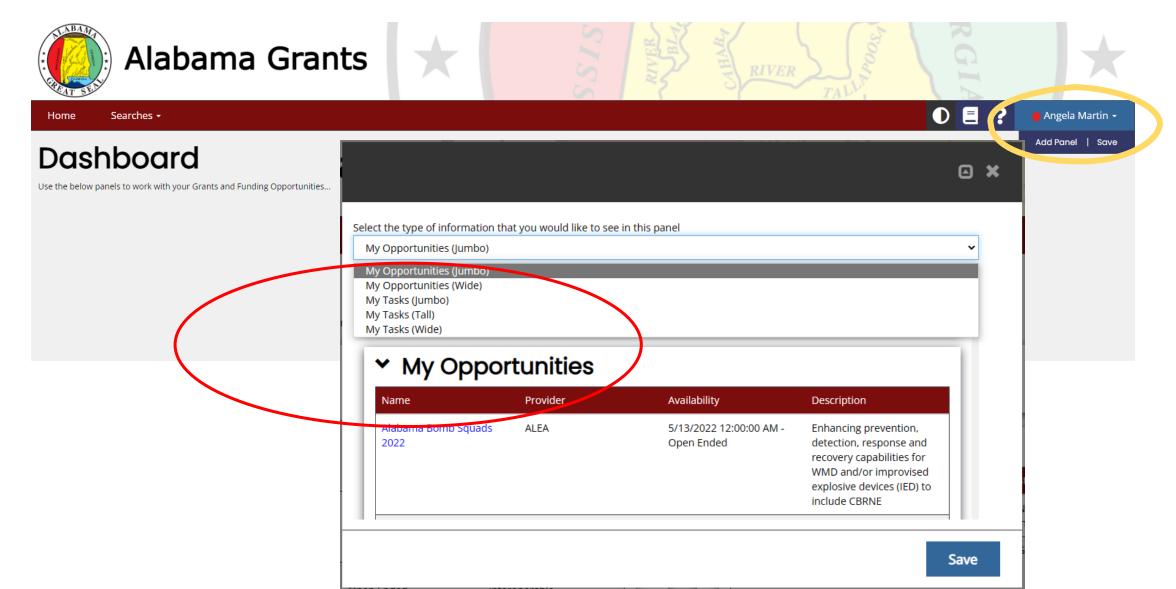
#### Navigating AGATE: New User Registration

- Once you click, "New User? Register Here!," this registration page will appear.
- Ensure that you have filled out each required field, then click "Register."
- Your organization must be registered in SAM.gov before you can create your account.
- After you register, email <u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> letting us know that you have registered and are awaiting approval.

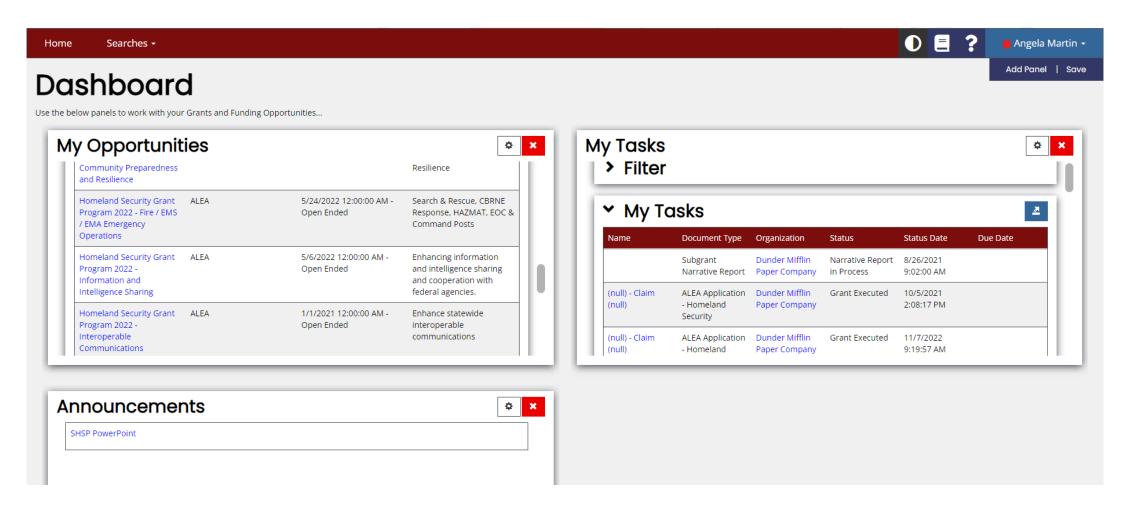




#### Navigating AGATE: Personalizing Your Dashboard



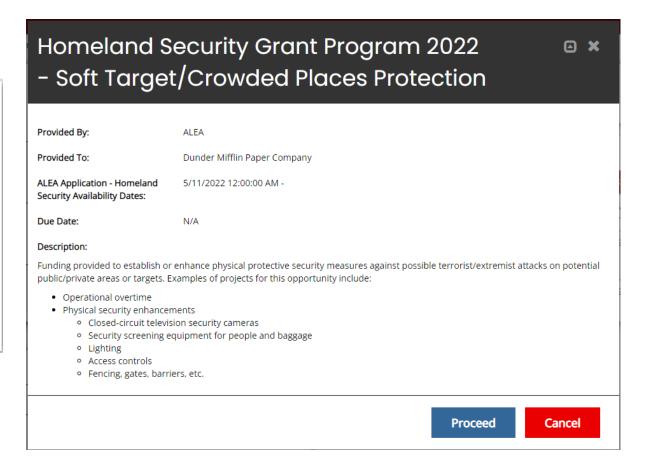
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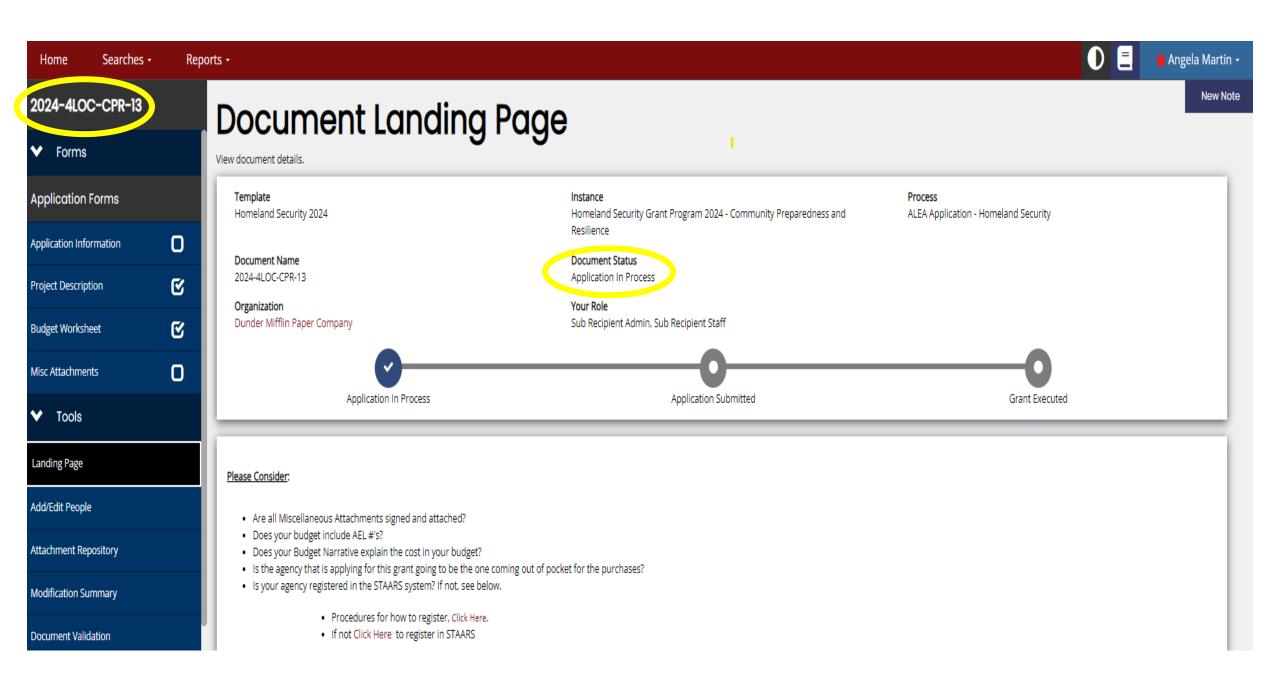


#### Navigating AGATE: Exploring Opportunities

• Explore opportunities available to you by clicking the name of the grant under "my opportunities" and reading the description to see if they apply to your organization.

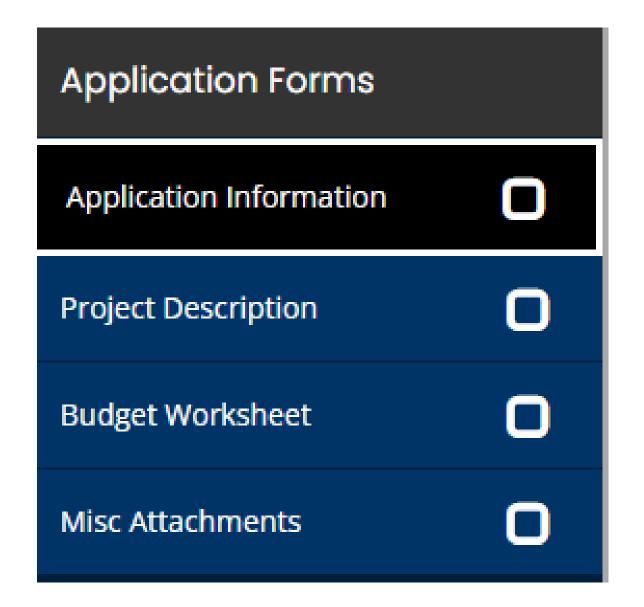
Program 2022 - Information and Intelligence Sharing		Open Ended	and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies.
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Interoperable Communications	ALEA	1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Enhance statewide interoperable communications
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Law Enforcement Homeland Security Operations	ALEA	5/25/2022 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Search & Rescue, CBRNE Response, Active Shooter Preparedness, SWAT, HAZMAT
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Soft Target/Crowded Places	ALEA	5/11/2022 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places





#### AGATE

- Once you choose the opportunity you want to apply for, you will have to complete these four components of your application.
- Required Application Components:
  - Application Information
  - Project Description
  - Budget Worksheet
  - Misc. Attachments



#### **Authorizing Official**

Select the individual authorized to enter into binding commitments on behalf of the applicant. The official will normally be the Board President or the chief officer of the agency or governinvolved; i.e. Mayor, County Commission Chairman, City Council President, State Department Director, President of the Board of Directors.

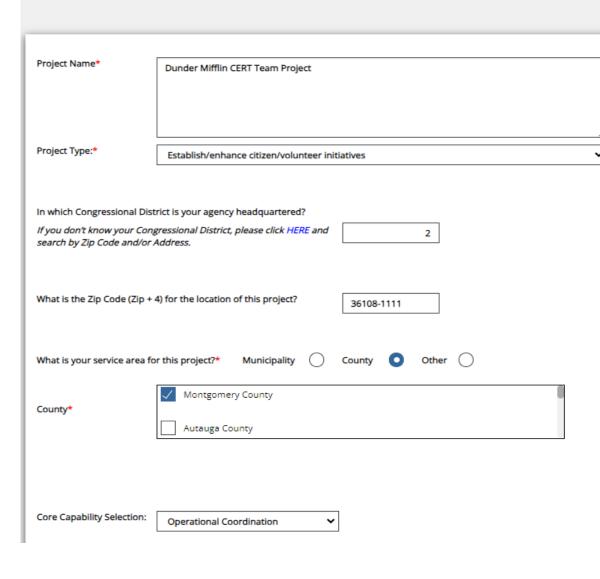
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Phone No.* (123) 456-7489	E-Mail* kkeberlein@agatesoftware.com					
Project Director						
Select the individual who combines knowledge and experience in the project area with abilities in administration and supervision of personnel. The project director will also be expected to necessary amount of time to ensure the effective management the project. Example: Executive Director						
Name*						
Andy Bernard						
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#### Application Information

- Applicant Info will auto populate based on organization information already in AGATE (except for STAARS Vendor # and EIN).
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- Project Director
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- Financial Officer
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#### Project Description

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Is your project building or sustaining capabilities	s? Duild	Sustain
Is this project deployable?	Yes	○ No
Is this project shareable?	Yes	○ No
Is 80% or more of your annual gross revenues fr	rom Federal Awards?	
Do you receive \$25 million or more annually from	m Federal Awards?	
Does this project require new construction, rend  Yes  No	ovation, retrofitting, or	modifications of existing structure
Does your agency spend \$750,000 or more in fe (See 2 CFR 200.500)	deral grant funds per f	fiscal year?
Yes No		

Describe the needs of the agency and the problem the project will be addressing.

Currently, Dunder Mifflin does not have a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. These programs are beneficial not only to help the citizens of our county, but also to be deployed across the state to assist others through mutual aid requests. In the creation of this CERT Team, we will need kits and equipment to be utilized. Due to increasing costs of maintaining an effective and successful Emergency Management Company, our budget is unable to cover the initial costs of obtaining this equipment. Our agency will make arrangements to be able to sustain and maintain this equipment moving forward.

Describe how this project will enhance your ability to address threats and acts of terrorism.

This is where I tell you how our CERT Team at Dunder Mifflin has a terrorism nexus.

Describe how this project will be implemented and how this project will address the problem or need by closing capability gaps and/or addressing sustainment needs.

This is where I tell you what we are suggesting to do to address the need for a CERT Team and what will need to be purchased to accomplish that and how that will be implemented and/or utilized.

- Please complete at least 3 milestones below to include Anticipated Completion Date.
- Please list one milestone per row.
- Click on the plus button to add a new one.
- Examples of Milestones Include:
  - Accept Grant Award
  - Obtain Quotes for Equipment
  - Complete Quarterly Reports
  - Complete Closeout

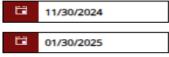
#### Milestones:

Obtain and execute grant award

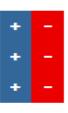
Complete EHP if necessary

Obtain updated quotes and/or estimates

#### Anticipated Completion Date:

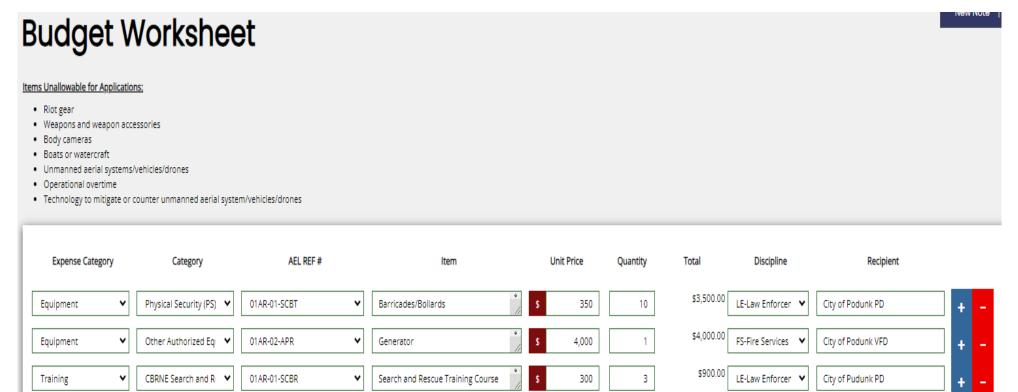


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## Project Description, cont.

#### Budget Worksheet



Total:

\$8,400.00

- Expense Category
  - Select Equipment, Training, Exercise, Planning, etc.
- AEL Ref #
  - If equipment, select the appropriate number that aligns with your item
- Item
  - Description of item (do not use AEL Ref # description)
- Unit Price
  - Price of each piece of equipment/training /etc.
- Quantity
  - Suggest you round up when applicable (Ex: Number identified in estimate is 18, round up to 20)

#### Budget Worksheet, cont.

- Budget Narrative
  - Explain in paragraph form the items that you wish to buy and what is included in each item.

#### **Budget Narrative**

Please include a detailed description of each item listed above. Explain how it aligns with your project.

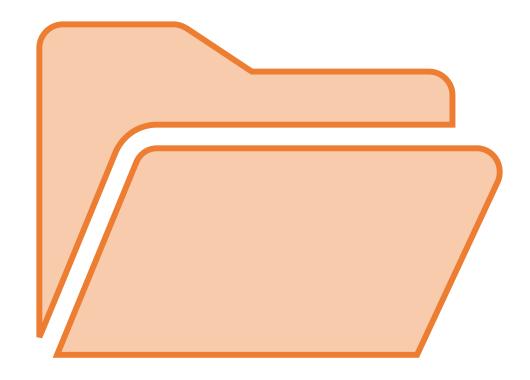
We want to purchase 10 bollards to be placed at entrances/exits of the venues where big festivals take place. The anticipated cost is \$350 each for a total cost of \$3,500.

We hope to purchase a generator to be installed on a trailer to be deployed to assist with continuity of operations during a terrorism related power outage event. The anticipated cost is \$4,000 to include installation.

We wish to send three members of our Search and Rescue team to attend a one day course at the training facility. The registration fee is \$300 per person for a total of \$900.

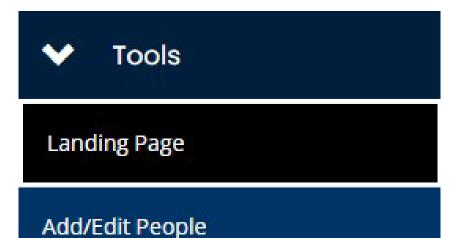
#### Miscellaneous Attachments

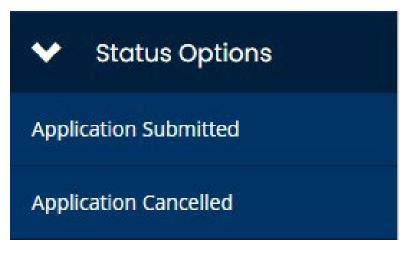
- These documents are required at the time of application:
  - Disclosure Statement
  - Debarment
  - Drug Free
  - EEOC
  - Financial Questionnaire
  - Risk Assessment Questionnaire
  - E-Verify
  - Lobbying (only if over \$100,000)
  - W-9
  - Procurement Policy
- This is where you will attach your training completion certificate.



#### AGATE Continued

- Use "Add/Edit People" to add anyone from your organization that will need access to this application
- Once you have finished all required documents, go to the Status Options tab and select "Application Submitted"
- This will send the application to ALEA for scoring and possible award
- If you wish to cancel your application, select "Application Cancelled" under the Status Options tab





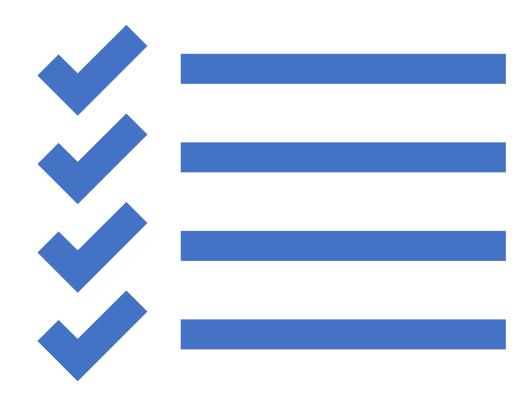
#### Application Submission/Award

- Once an application has been submitted to ALEA, we will have reviewers score the application and then it will be considered for an award. Scoring committee consists of sheriffs, chiefs of police, county EMA directors, and representatives from Real-Time Crime Centers in Alabama.
- If you are awarded, it will be sent back to you via AGATE for your Authorized Official to sign and accept your award or to make any necessary changes to your application.
- Anyone added to the document will receive email notification when an application has changed status or requires attention.



## When are applications due?

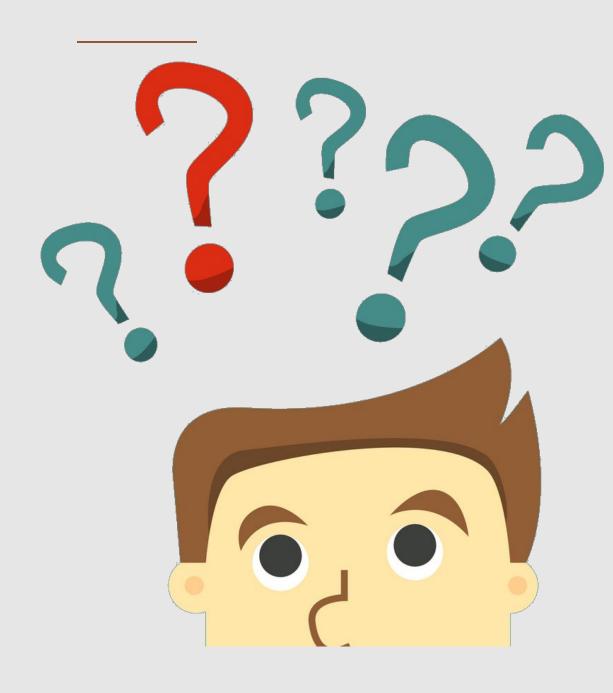
- FEMA has yet to release the FY 2024 Notice of Funding (NOFO), but applications open March 1, 2024
- Applications are due April 15, 2024 to ALEA.



#### **Bonus Points!**

- All agencies who attend this training will be sent an email to complete a survey.
   Upon completion, you will receive a certificate of completion.
- Attach certificate in the **Miscellaneous Attachments** section of the application.
- It is your responsibility to ensure you complete the survey and upload your certificate to receive bonus points.





#### Questions?

Please email <u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> with any questions related to the SHSP or other grant opportunities.

#### Additional Resources:

- ALEA SHSP Link
- <u>SAM.gov</u>
- STAARS Vendor Portal

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