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Dear Friends –

I had the opportunity to speak with FEMA grants professionals earlier this week.

They informed me that, in general, we can expect no major changes to the program will be implemented in the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. (So, our reliance on FY 2020 guidance to prepare for the FY 2021 application is appropriate.)

They also restated expectations that the NOFO will be released on or about the last week of February 22nd. (Typically, the NOFO is released on a Friday).

One change we are seeking in the FY 2021 NSGP guidance is the **reinstatement of eligibility under the Approved Equipment List for 14SW-01-LRHW - Long Range Hailing and Warning Device**. This entails long range hailing and warning devices capable of producing highly directional sound beams, allowing users to project warning tones and intelligible voice commands at great distances. LRHW may be interconnected to other surveillance, warning, access or intrusion control devices into an integrated system. [This would include audible hailing, buzzers, bells, whistles, voice instructions, early warning technologies (i.e., cell phone messaging, flash messages, flash lighting (ADA compliant)). It would NOT include offensive or defensive sonic weapons.]

If 14SW-01-LRHW - Long Range Hailing and Warning Device is reinstated as an eligible investment under the FY 2021 NSGP NOFO, interested applicants will be required to articulate this investment within the vulnerability/risk assessment as a high level, critical priority and within the Investment Justification (application), in addition to requesting the technology, they must also request the related planning, training and instruction on how to phase in and utilize the technology. Simply requesting the technology without it clearly being a top priority identified in the vulnerability/risk assessment and employing the training and instruction within the IJ request in tandem with the equipment acquisition will NOT be funded.

Final reminder, JFNA and our partner the Secure Community Network (SCN) will be hosting **a webinar tomorrow, Jan 14, at 3 pm EST. The subject: Navigating the NSGP application (the same topic as the December 17th webinar).** Interested parties may register for the webinar at: https://securecommunitynetwork-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SucpykocRIKmzcEI-VMJXg. We recommend that webinar participants print out and have with them a copy of the sample IJ, which can be found at: <https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-42/2/ij.pdf>. Note: An additional webinar will be held on January 21, which will provide a deeper look at some of the aspects of the application process. More on this agenda, shortly.

As always, thank you for your consideration and please be sure to share these opportunities broadly within your community and encourage others to sign up for my distribution list.

Best,

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