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Media Advisory

The Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security Expedites 2015 Funding Awards to Sub-Grantees Earlier Due to New Implemented Process

CARSON CITY, NV –The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM) received federal grant funds for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$4,496,350 in federal grant funds to increase emergency preparedness throughout the state on Thursday, August 28, 2014 and is required by law to issue award funding to sub-grantees within 45 days.

Due to the great efforts taken by the Homeland Security Commission, Finance Committee and Working Group to streamline the existing grant application and approval process; NDEM staff was able to expedite the funding time frame from 45 to 10 days. Due to the new implementation of procedures all funding awards were distributed to sub-grantees on September 5, 35 days sooner than the federal requirement.

NDEM's priority is to approve the grants funds immediately to ensure the sub-grantees may start spending the grant funds through the State, local jurisdictions, Tribal Nations and non-profit organizations for preparedness to Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond, and Recover from emergencies, acts of terrorism and disasters.

The funds are allocated to the following areas:

- Preventing a threatened or an actual act of terrorism;
- Protecting our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards;
- Mitigating the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters;
- Responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- Recovering through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident

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