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State to Distribute \$19.3 Million in 2007 Federal Homeland Security Funding — Funding to Counties Increases by Nearly \$6 Million over 2006 —

HAMILTON — New Jersey will distribute \$19,328,000 in federal homeland security funds to its 21 counties according to a formula based on risk, Governor Jon S. Corzine and Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today. This amount represents an increase of \$5,960,000 over funds made available to the counties in 2006.

“County and local law enforcement officers and emergency responders represent our first line of defense in preventing — and responding to — possible terrorist incidents, and these statewide grants will be put to good use in protecting families and communities, Governor Corzine said. New Jersey did a first-rate job this funding cycle in documenting the risk the state faces, and the increases reflect that.

“Once again, however, I am discouraged by the fact that overall federal homeland security funding for the nation continues to decline. I am committed to working with our congressional delegation to turn around this disheartening trend,” Corzine said.

“As we follow the Governor’s mandate to allocate grants where they will do the most good based on risk, the additional dollars we are getting this year will translate into additional equipment, programs and services that will better protect New Jerseyans and the state’s critical facilities,” Cañas said.

Cañas said that the distribution formula is based on a combination of asset-based risk, geographic-based risk, and population density. This year the population density calculations were adjusted to reflect the fact that although some of the state’s counties have lower levels of overall population, they still contain population centers of considerable density. Additionally, summer seasonal population variances and work force commuter flow were also addressed in this year’s population density calculations. The funding formula also takes into account a risk assessment of approximately 180 critical facilities and sites identified by state and federal authorities as the most significant potential terrorist targets in New Jersey.

These sites are distributed among 16 of New Jersey’s key infrastructure sectors, including: Transportation, Banking and Finance, Chemical and Hazardous Materials, Commercial Assets, Telecommunications, Public Health, Postal/Shipping, Energy, Agriculture and Food, Water, Industrial/Defense Industrial Bases and Government Buildings.

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The asset-based risk to these critical facilities is determined by factoring data related to threat, vulnerability and consequence. “Threat” refers to the likelihood of an attack taking place, which is assessed by the intelligence community. “Vulnerability” refers to the likelihood of an attack being successful, and is determined from on-site reviews of the specific facilities.

“Consequence” refers to the impact of an attack, or a function of human loss, economic loss, strategic loss to the industry or society, and overall psychological impact of an attack.

The \$19,328,000 in grants available to the counties represents the 80 percent local share of the state’s 2007 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants, which total \$24,160,000. This amount represents a 45 percent increase from the \$16,710,000 New Jersey was allotted for these programs in 2006.

Counties can use the 2007 federal homeland security funds to equip and train emergency responders, protect the state’s critical facilities against potential terrorist attacks, and develop or continue a variety of other homeland security and domestic preparedness initiatives. Each county will continue to work with its multi-disciplinary Working Group to refine its specific spending and protection plans along with the state.

Each county’s Working Group, at a minimum, includes the county office of emergency management coordinator, freeholder, director, administrator or executive, fiscal officer, county prosecutor or designee, county police chiefs’ association representative, county fire coordinator or fire marshal, county emergency medical services coordinator, hazmat team representative, medical examiner, health officer, critical infrastructure coordinator, domestic preparedness planner, as well as representatives from county healthcare institutions and from the county’s largest cities.

The state will review the counties’ spending proposals. Counties will have to meet specific terms and conditions in order to receive their funding. For example, each county must certify its compliance with National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements, its identification of the County Working Group members, its progress in establishing a County Incident Management Team, and its commitment to participating with the State Exercise Support Team in conducting regional and county emergency exercises.

In addition to the LETPP and SHSP funds, the Department of Homeland Security announced in July that New Jersey will be provided almost \$36.1 million in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds, which are targeted toward urban areas across the nation deemed to be at greater risk of terrorist attack. New Jersey’s UASI program encompasses Jersey City and Newark and the seven counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union. The 2007 UASI grant to the state represents a 5 percent increase over the \$34.3 million the UASI region received last year. The state also received \$516,290 in Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program funds provided for pass through to Newark and Jersey City and \$362,216 in Citizen Corps Program (CCP) grants for use statewide.

The attached chart details the total amounts distributed to each county from New Jersey’s Federal FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program.

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New Jersey's Federal FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program*

Allocations to Counties Based on Risk

Funding by County	Totals
ATLANTIC	\$ 1,207,859
BERGEN	\$ 1,509,535
BURLINGTON	\$ 599,985
CAMDEN	\$ 876,676
CAPE MAY	\$ 550,682
CUMBERLAND	\$ 462,456
ESSEX	\$ 1,831,377
GLOUCESTER	\$ 784,001
HUDSON	\$ 2,041,193
HUNTERDON	\$ 534,816
MERCER	\$ 717,868
MIDDLESEX	\$ 1,482,548
MONMOUTH	\$ 792,749
MORRIS	\$ 832,933
OCEAN	\$ 688,953
PASSAIC	\$ 1,245,893
SALEM	\$ 378,307
SOMERSET	\$ 631,495
SUSSEX	\$ 389,798
UNION	\$ 1,053,129
WARREN	\$ 415,747
Subtotal	\$ 19,028,000
Statewide Exercise Support Efforts	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	\$ 19,328,000

* Funding from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's, National Preparedness Directorate. These funds include the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) monies. They do not include (1) \$36,070,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union counties and the cities of Newark and Jersey City, (2) \$516,290 in Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program funds provided for pass through to Newark and Jersey City and (3) \$362,216 in Citizen Corps Program (CCP) grants for use statewide.

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