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## **State Nonprofits Awarded More than \$1.6 Million in Homeland Security Grants**

HAMILTON — Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today that 26 nonprofit schools, hospitals and religious organizations will share more than \$1.6 million in federal grant funds to improve their security under the 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Cañas said this is the third year in a row U.S. DHS is offering grants to nonprofit agencies operating within New Jersey's UASI region, which is made up of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union counties. For this year's round of funding, OHSP expanded the eligibility criteria to include nonprofit organizations located in the five UASI surrounding counties of Hunterdon, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Sussex, which are considered Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) counties, determined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Cañas said this year's amount is nearly double the amount awarded to New Jersey last year. Last year, 13 nonprofit organizations from the UASI area were awarded nearly \$835,000.

Nationwide, DHS allotted \$15 million for this program and made awards to a total of 227 agencies and organizations. New Jersey received the third highest nonprofit grant total in the country, behind only New York and California.

“Awarding funds to nonprofit organizations located in our state's high-risk areas to improve security measures remains an important part of our homeland security strategy,” Cañas said. “By expanding the number of counties eligible under this grant program, we've doubled the number of award recipients and doubled the total amount of funding coming to New Jersey.”

The grant criteria, established by DHS, included whether the eligible organizations:

- Maintain a site with symbolic value and is a recognized national or historical institution that makes it an attractive target;
- Have a role in responding to or recovering from a terrorist attack;
- Have potential vulnerabilities to attack, especially if documented by a prior risk assessment;
- Have been the subject of an identified and substantiated attack or closely allied with an organization that has been the subject of an attack by a terrorist organization inside or outside the U.S.

Cañas said the grant awards, which are up to \$75,000 for each organization, must be used for “target hardening” activities, such as the purchase and installation of physical security equipment or for security-related training for organization personnel. The grants require the organizations to provide a 25 percent cash match or the equivalent in related training. Cañas said work under this grant program started last December, when more than 50 nonprofit organizations submitted funding applications to an OHSP peer review committee, which scored the applications against DHS criteria. OHSP then submitted the applications to DHS for final award determination.



Earlier this week, OHSP announced New Jersey was awarded more than \$82.6 million in federal homeland security dollars for federal fiscal year 2009. The federal UASI program is designed to provide funding to high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to help them build capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Since 2003, New Jersey's UASI has received more than \$238 million in federal funds to protect the state's densely populated Northeast region.

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*A list of grant recipients is attached.*

### 2009 NJ Nonprofit Security Grant Program Recipients

Organization	Grant*
American Red Cross-Tri County Chapter	\$55,500.00
Benedictine Academy	\$50,028.00
Bergen Community Regional Blood Center	\$56,475.00
Beth Medrash Govoha of America	\$75,000.00
Chabad Jewish Center of Greater Hillsborough, Inc.	\$74,437.00
Chabad of Randolph	\$75,000.00
Congregation Ahavath Torah	\$75,000.00
Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth	\$75,000.00
Holy Name Hospital	\$75,000.00
Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey	\$58,125.00
Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County	\$71,250.00
Jewish Community Housing Corporation	\$46,500.00
Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest, Inc	\$73,262.00
Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy	\$75,000.00
Liberty Science Center	\$75,000.00
Monmouth University	\$35,812.00
Morristown Memorial Hospital	\$75,000.00
Overlook Hospital	\$50,000.00
Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County	\$75,000.00
Solomon Schechter Day School Raritan Valley	\$15,000.00
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	\$75,000.00
Temple Beth Sholom of Pascack Valley	\$39,900.00
Temple B'nai Jeshurun	\$75,000.00
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	\$66,000.00
United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ	\$75,000.00
Yeshivat Noam	\$75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,667,289.00</b>