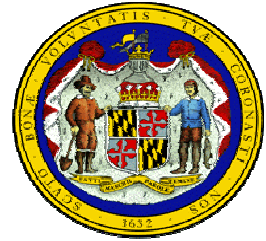




BALTIMORE REGION CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM



FACT SHEET

There is a critical need to protect our municipal *and* community infrastructure from terrorist activities. The innovative Baltimore Region Critical Infrastructure Community Grant Program is a \$1 million community-based homeland security grant program collaboratively administered by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Baltimore Urban Area Workgroup (UAWG). Only organizations from the following jurisdictions are eligible to apply: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County.

Announced by Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) Chair, Mayor Martin O'Malley and Vice-Chair, County Executive James Smith at the November 9, 2004 BMC meeting, grant applications are available on line at www.baltometro.org or by calling the UAWG homeland security official of one of the above-listed jurisdictions. The deadline to apply is January 4, 2005.

While it is important to consider the mindset and motivations of terrorism, the defense against terrorist attacks are largely related to existing security methodologies. Target hardening relates to the methods and techniques used to make the commission of a terrorist action more difficult to achieve. Hence, the key is to use various security mechanisms, such as extending the perimeter, developing layers of different security methods, integrating systems of overlapping security techniques, and analyzing existing security procedures, policies, and personnel.

Additional Project Eligibility Requirements-

- Applicant must demonstrate 501(c)3 status or other IRS recognized non-profit status
- Grant funded enhancements must respond to the demonstration of a specific risk that cannot be met by working more closely and effectively with the local law enforcement and emergency management authorities
- A cash match or in kind match of 25% will be required for all successful applications.

Projects of Interest-

- Closed Circuit Television systems for perimeters of community facilities
- Vehicle barriers, lighting and fencing for perimeter security
- Personal identification systems to limit unauthorized access to facilities
- Bulletproof and bomb proof glass and other related technologies
- Other tools or devices that can be used in the target hardening process.

A grant-writing seminar will be held at the November 22, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the George Howard Building, Banneker Room (1st Floor), 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

