

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Representative Lee Terry (NE-02) today announced Nebraska would receive \$21.7 million in fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. \$8.33 million is directed to the Omaha area as part of the Urban Areas Security Initiative, a \$3.2 million increase from last year.

"This new grant formula recognizes Omaha 's role in the nation's preparedness for a terrorist attack," said Terry. "For several years, I have argued for an equitable distribution of homeland security funding based not just on risk because of geographic location, but rather on a formula that includes criteria such as assets vital to our national security like STRATCOM and the UN Medical Center's Bioterrorism Preparedness program. This grant program is capable of providing critical training, equipment, and technology if needed in response to a potential bioterrorist attack and should be a part of the Nation's first responder program."

*According to the Department of Homeland Security:*

The grants will enhance the ability of states, urban areas, and territories to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters. Urban Areas Security Initiative funds are allocated based on risk and the effectiveness of the applicants' proposed solutions to identified needs.

In fiscal year 2006, DHS adopted a risk and effectiveness-based approach to allocating funding for certain programs within HSGP. This approach aligns federal resources with national priorities and targets capabilities established by the Interim National Preparedness Goal to generate the highest return on investment in increasing the nation's level of preparedness.

Grants and Training, a component of the DHS Preparedness Directorate, partners with federal, state, local, and private sector officials to strengthen the capabilities of state, local, tribal, and regional authorities to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist acts and other catastrophic incidents. Grants and Training provides a broad array of assistance to 's emergency responders through funding, coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

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