

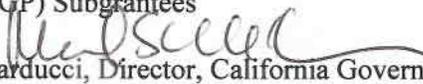


GRANTS MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 19, 2014

To: All California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Subgrantees

From:  Mark S. Ghilarducci, Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

Subject: Ebola and Homeland Security Grants

The purpose of this memo is to address the allowability of using the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to fund preparedness and response costs associated with the Ebola virus.

Please be advised that any costs or activities allowed under these programs must demonstrate a nexus to terrorism, specifically bioterrorism.

Subgrantees are also reminded of the dual-use provision in 6 U.S.C. 609 (c), which allows for the use of SHSP and UASI funds to enhance disaster preparedness unrelated to acts of terrorism only 'if such use assists in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.' Under this provision, capabilities built or preparing to be built for bioterrorism may also be used to prepare for and respond to an Ebola outbreak in the United States.

Cal OES will continue to determine allowability of specific projects on a case-by-case basis and evaluate such requests based on the demonstration of a terrorism nexus and dual-use requirements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support and we look forward to the continued collaboration between the Cal OES and our homeland security partners for many years to come.