



## PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Regional Federal Programs

### Business Nexus

Businesses benefit when communities are vibrant, healthy, and safe. Ensuring the safety of Sacramento business owners, residents and visitors is a top priority for Public Safety agencies in the Sacramento Region which rely on federal programs and strong federal-state-local partnerships for training, equipping, and educating public safety personnel to better serve its citizens.

### Requested Actions

Sacramento requests Congress fully fund core local law enforcement, firefighter and homeland security programs that enhance the safety of residents and workers and the preservation of life and property:

- Advocate for the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) to help communities identify and close gaps in Housing, Logistics, and Supply Chain Management.
- Fund the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program at \$1 billion, and advocate for the expansion of program principles to include mitigation of risks posed by all hazards, not exclusively natural hazards.
- Fund the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Programs at a total of \$1 billion, including \$414 million in Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grants, \$560 million in Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants, and \$46 million in Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants; and support the regional fire grant applications submitted to FEMA.
- Support full funding for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).
- Fund the Urban Search and Rescue Program at \$50 million.



- Support full funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program and changes to the program that allow the FBI to transmit threat data to DHS for accurate threat risk assessments.
- Provide full funding for the COPS Hiring Grant Program and support regional grant applications.

## **Brief Background**

Sacramento strongly supports the following public safety programs that provide federal assistance for training, equipping, and educating public safety personnel to better serve the Sacramento region.

### Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

The RCPGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. The RCPGP supports the building of a secure and resilient nation by providing resources to encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents and building on existing regional efforts.

### Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program (BRIC)

The BRIC program provides funding to states and local governments for natural hazard mitigation including mitigation projects as well as capability and capacity building projects. The general goal of the BRIC program is to promote community resilience and adaptation, and while the mitigation of natural hazards plays one part in promoting community resilience, the BRIC program currently does not provide an avenue for funding projects that mitigate other hazards that threaten community resilience.

### Assistance to Firefighter Grant Programs (AFG)

The AFG provides grant funding for equipment & training; the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER) provides funding for the hiring of firefighters, and the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) funds projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters. In the past two years, over \$6.3 million has been awarded through AFG grants to agencies in the region for personal protective equipment (PPE), operations and safety equipment/vehicles, facility modifications, and training initiatives; an additional \$18.6 million has been awarded through SAFER grants for the hiring of firefighters as well as recruitment and retention projects, and \$249,000 has been awarded through FP&S grants for fire prevention and safety projects.

### State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)

SHSGP provides funding to states to build capabilities that protect against, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist acts and other types of emergencies or disasters. Each year, public safety agencies within the Sacramento Operational Area submit projects for consideration for SHSGP funding. Projects may include equipment, planning, training, or exercises and must not only meet



FEMA's stated program priorities but those outlined in the State of California's supplemental program guidance as well. Over the past two years, \$3.2 million has been awarded to the Sacramento Operational Area.

#### Urban Search and Rescue (US&R)

The US&R program is a federal program comprised of 28 national task forces that are specifically trained units. These units are always ready and work daily under a readiness cooperative agreement at the local level and transition to the Stafford Act in a time of need. They are activated and deployed by FEMA in a variety of emergencies or disasters. The Sacramento Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for the California Task Force 7 (CA TF-7). The Task Force is comprised of fire and rescue personnel from Sacramento Fire Department, Folsom Fire Department, Roseville Fire Department, West Sacramento Fire Department, Cosumnes Community Services District, El Dorado County Fire Protection District, Woodland Fire Department, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento County Airports System, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and Cal Fire.

#### Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

Sacramento is one of the 31 funded UASI regions in the United States. The UASI program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, prepare/respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

#### Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant Program

The Sacramento Police Department was successful in the last round of COPS Hiring funding, receiving a \$1.875 million grant award to hire 15 police officers. This was one of the largest awards received in the nation. The COPS Hiring Grant Program is important to the region and a great resource of federal funding for law enforcement.