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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: 20 Years of DHS!

This week, we got a peek into DHS's funding priorities this cycle with an announcement of \$2 billion in assistance funding. NEMA staff and state directors have been included in various conversations regarding multiple aspects of this and we are looking forward to continuing conversations regarding these programs in the future. Other conversations from around the nation's capitol included the distribution of \$350 million dollars in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

On the cyber front, the Office of the National Cyber Director released their [National Cyber Strategy](#) this week, a plan that will guide how our federal governments prevents and handles cyber attacks on the homeland at all levels.

Additionally, NEMA staff continued to have conversations with Congressional staff regarding legislative priorities such as the creation of a universal disaster application. This priority ran out of time in the 117th Congress and we are getting the ball rolling this time around.

Us at NEMA would also be remiss not to mention the **20th anniversary** of the Department of Homeland Security. DHS has stood as a monument of national security for two decades now and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the Department as we all work towards the common goal of a safer country!

Hearings the Week of March 3, 2023

[Confronting Threats Posed by the Chinese Communist Party to the U.S. Homeland](#)
House Committee on Homeland Security
March 9, 2023 at 9am ET

More News from the Nation's Capital...

DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

On Monday, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas today announced more than \$2 billion in funding for eight Fiscal Year 2023 preparedness grant programs. These grant programs provide critical funding to help state, local, tribal and territorial officials prepare for, prevent, protect against and respond to acts of terrorism.

DHS has identified six national priority areas in the FY 2023 grant cycle: cybersecurity; soft targets and crowded places; intelligence and information sharing; domestic violent extremism; community preparedness and resilience; and election security. Grant recipients under the SHSP and UASI will be required to dedicate a minimum of 30% of their awards across these six priority areas.

For the full breakdown by grant program, click [here](#).

EPA To Host Contamination Cleanup Webinar

Next week, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET, the EPA will be hosting a webinar titled *Building Relationships and Trust in Contamination Cleanup*. The cleanup of contaminated sites hinges upon relationship building and trust. These interactions create a complex social landscape that influences cleanup processes and outcomes. EPA scientists are investigating the social dynamics of remediation, removal, and redevelopment at contaminated sites. They've conducted interviews and surveys with on-scene coordinators, remedial project managers, brownfield managers, and community involvement coordinators. Their findings show the nuanced role that trust and relationships play in cleanups. This webinar shares highlights from this research and takeaways from recent reports: "[Building Trust and Relationships in Cleanup Community Engagement, from Theory to Practice](#)," and "[How to Get to Know Communities and Cultures](#)."

Register [here](#).

Nonprofit Security Grant Program Webinars Now Available

In the coming weeks, FEMA has invited nonprofit organizations to participate in upcoming webinars regarding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. The program provides funding support through a competitive process for facility hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack. Nonprofit security grants may be used to promote emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration between public and private community representatives, as well as state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

FEMA is offering the following informational program webinars for all nonprofit organizations interested in learning more about the Nonprofit Security Grant Program priorities, eligibility and application process. All sessions will be the same and will cover:

- Program overview
- Key changes from FY22 to FY23
- Application process overview
- Key tools and resources
- Question and answer

Registration and dates can be found on the [NSGP website](#).

CHDS Now Accepting Applications for REP Early Career Education Program

If you or your associates have early-career responsibilities with Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP), you are invited to apply to the REP Early Career Education Program offered by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS).

CHDS is currently accepting applications for this year's REP Early Career cohort. The application deadline is March 15th. Further information may be found below:

- For government, industry, and private sector professionals who are in the early stage of their career.
- Designed to provide an educational forum and innovation lab to explore emerging trends in technology, society, and terrorism. Participants will discuss both the challenges associated with these complex trends as well as the opportunities to rethink how we protect our communities and the nation. This program will assist participants in emerging strategies for implementing innovative ideas, growing as a leader, and building a successful REP career.
- Includes one (1) five-day in-residence session in Monterey, California. Participants must commit to attending all days of this session.
- All costs associated with participating – tuition, books, and travel – are covered by CHDS through its sponsor, the FEMA Technological Hazards Division.

To learn more about this program and to apply, please click [here](#).

T&I Chair Graves and Rail Subcommittee Chair Nehls Send Letter to EPA

On Monday, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves and Rail, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee Chairman Troy Nehls together led all 35 Republican T&I Committee Members in sending a letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan.

The letter requests information on EPA's decision-making process and actions following the February 3, 2023, train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Full letter can be read [here](#).

Other News from DC and Around the Country:

Route Fifty: [New Tool to Help Cities Make the Case for Public Safety Funding](#)
GAO: [Domestic Terrorism: Further Actions Needed to Strengthen FBI and DHS Collaboration to Counter Threats](#)
ABC: [Domestic terrorism-related cases increased by more than 350% over 8 years: Watchdog](#)
GAO: [COVID-19 Relief: Funding and Spending as of Jan. 31, 2023](#)

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