



June 30, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

The associations endorsing this letter represent state and local elected officials, first responders, and those directly responsible for homeland security and emergency management in communities nationwide. We each take our role in national preparedness seriously. We urge the Department to publish the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for the preparedness grants as soon as possible to ensure obligation prior to the end of the fiscal year.

On March 14, 2025, Congress passed the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025*, which became P.L. 109—114 with President Trump’s signature the following day. This law carried over the provisions of P.L. 118—47, the *Further Consolidated Appropriations, 2024*.

SEC. 303 of Division C of P.L. 118—47 governs the timeline by which NOFOs must be made available for certain preparedness grants. The language makes clear that funds “shall be made available to eligible applicants not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act...” According to this timeline, the grants should have been made available for application on or before May 16, 2025. As of the date of this letter—more than a month after the statutory deadline—these grants are yet to be made available to communities

nationwide that rely on the grants to build key emergency management and homeland security capabilities and augment national preparedness.

While each of the affected programs represents unique constituencies, partnerships, and capabilities, they have also supported decades of post-September 11 efforts. Countless reports, Congressional testimonies, and anecdotes highlight the direct return on investment of these programs. The lack of timely NOFOs creates an inability to enhance response and recovery capabilities across the country and puts critical infrastructure at risk. This comes during a time when nation-state actors, domestic and international extremists, and the hazards of our natural environment pose a tremendous and increasing threat.

We urge you to issue these NOFOs immediately to maintain the trust established over decades of work between federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal stakeholders. Particularly during these times of international conflict, these grants help augment federal capability in addressing emerging Nation-State threats.

Sincerely,

Association of State Floodplain Managers  
Big City Emergency Managers  
BuildStrong America  
Council of State Governments  
International Association of Emergency Managers  
International City/County Management Association  
National Association of Counties  
National Conference of State Legislatures  
National Emergency Management Association  
National Homeland Security Association  
National League of Cities  
The U.S. Conference of Mayors