Reobligation Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS), State Administrative Authority (SAA) and subgrantees of Homeland Security Grant Programs (HSGP) provide for the best utilization of grant resources when cost savings or cost shortfalls are realized during a grant performance period.

1. Performance Period

Effective with the FFY10 HSGP grant cycle, the performance period for each subgrant will be 24 months to allow for adequate time to obligate HSGP funds as necessary. The SAA may modify performance periods based on the requirements of future grant guidance.

Extensions to the subgrant performance period will be approved by the SAA. The subgrantee must provide a written request for extension to the SAA at least one (1) month prior to the end of the subgrantee performance period. If the grant extension is denied, the grant funds will be deobligated.

2. Project Change Requests

All Project Change Requests must be submitted to the SAA using the approved Project Change Request form. The completed Project Change Request forms must be submitted to the SAA at dhsgrants@dps.state.nv.us.

All Project Change Requests will be reviewed by the SAA to ensure that the change(s) requested is compliant with federal grant guidance. Once the SAA makes its determination that the Project Change Request complies with federal grant guidance, the request will be handled as follows:

A. Project Change Requests Approved by SAA:

i. Any request for reobligation of funding within an existing approved budget that does not exceed $100,000, may be approved by the SAA, if the Project Change Request is clearly within federal grant guidance.

B. Project Change Requests Approved by NCHS:

i. Any request for reobligation of funds that exceeds $100,000 will be reviewed by the NCHS. The NCHS will provide a recommendation to the Governor for

reobligation of funding and notify DEM of the recommendation.

ii. Any request for the redirect of funds that is inconsistent with the approved Investment Justification or which is considered a change in scope will be submitted to the NCHS and/or Finance Committee for review. The NCHS and/or Finance Committee will provide a recommendation to the Governor for reobligation of funding and notify DEM of the recommendation.

iii. Any deobligated funding that exceeds $100,000 will be submitted to the NCHS for review. The NCHS will provide a recommendation to the Governor for reobligation of funding and notify DEM of the recommendation.

DEM, at their own discretion, may defer to the NCHS and/or the Finance Committee on any Project Change Request subject to DEM approval.

3. Request for Additional Grant Funding

A sub-grantee seeking additional funding (de-obligated funds) must submit the request to the SAA on the approved forms at dhsgrants@dps.state.nv.us.

A request for additional funding must include:

A. A written justification explaining, at a minimum, the following:

i. Impact of non-completion the project in the originally approved budget;
ii. Explanation as to why the redirect of funds was not addressed in the original investment or another related investment, if applicable;
iii. Benefit to the state's overall capabilities by approving the requested redirect of funds;
iv. Anticipated timeline to complete proposed project, inclusive of milestones and anticipated deliverables; and
v. Impact of not approving the request to redirect of funds;

B. A copy of the original budget; and

C. A copy of a detailed line-item budget demonstrating the subgrantee's intended use of the funds if the redirect of funds is approved.

The SAA will review the request to ensure compliance with federal grant guidance. The SAA will forward a report of compliance to the NCHS.

4. Restrictions

Reobligation of funds will not be approved by the SAA or the NCHS if the request includes, but is not limited to, any of the following restrictions:

1. Non-compliance with federal guidance;
2. Supplanting;
3. Misappropriation of funds;
4. Commingling of funds;
5. Denial by the Department if Homeland Security;
6. Inability for projects to be completed within the remaining performance period; or
7. Non-conformance with the goals and priorities of the NCHS.

5. Time Sensitive

Federal law mandates that unspent federal funds be returned to the federal government at the end of the grant performance period. In the event that unspent funds exist and there is insufficient time in the grant performance period to reconvene the NCHS and Finance Committee, the SAA in its sole discretion, may reobligate grant funding within the scope of the approved Investment Justification.

In the event that the SAA reobligates time sensitive funding, the reobligation of funds will be placed as an informational item on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the NCHS.