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STATE NONPROFITS TO SHARE \$1.8 MILLION IN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

HAMILTON — Twenty-three nonprofit schools, hospitals and religious organizations that could be targets of terrorist attacks will share more than \$1.8 million in federal grant funds to improve their security, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today.

Cañas said that 22 of the nonprofit recipients of the 2007 Nonprofit Security Grant Program funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) were located in six of the seven counties covered by New Jersey's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. One additional Ocean County nonprofit was funded on a one-time basis. Nationwide, DHS allotted more than \$24 million for the program, and made awards to a total of 308 agencies and organizations. New Jersey's UASI received the fourth highest grant total in the country, after UASI programs from Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles/Long Beach.

"We're pleased that these additional federal funds will allow nonprofit organizations in our state to enhance their security," Cañas said. "New Jersey's security efforts will succeed only if we continue to work to across all sectors of government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations."

The grant criteria included whether the eligible organizations:

- Maintained a site with symbolic value and is a recognized national or historical institution that makes it an attractive target;
- Had a role in responding to or recovering from a terrorist attack;
- Had potential vulnerabilities to attack, especially if documented by a prior risk assessment;
- Had been the subject of an identified and substantiated attack — or is closely allied with an organization that has been the subject of attack — by a terrorist organization inside or outside the U.S.

Cañas said the grant funds must be used for "target hardening" activities, such as the purchase and installation of physical security equipment or for security-related training for organization personnel. The grants require the organizations to provide a 25 percent cash or non-cash match.

The federal UASI program is designed to provide funding to high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to help them build capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Nationally, there are 46 UASI regions funded by DHS. Since 2003, New Jersey's UASI, which covers Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union counties, has received more than \$133.6 million in federal funds to protect the state's densely populated Northeast region.

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A list of grant recipients is attached.



**2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
NJ Nonprofit Security Grant Program Recipients**

County	Organization	Grant*
Bergen	Ben Porat Yosef, Inc.	\$55,834.00
Bergen	Bergen Community Regional Blood Center	\$99,000.00
Bergen	Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	\$100,000.00
Bergen	The Frisch School	\$100,000.00
Bergen	Jewish Community Center on the Palisades	\$100,000.00
Bergen	Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey	\$100,000.00
Bergen	Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps.	\$14,370.00
Bergen	UJA Federation of Northern NJ	\$100,000.00
Bergen	Yavneh Academy	\$50,000.00
Bergen	Young Mens-Young Womens Hebrew Assoc. of Bergen Co.	\$100,000.00
Essex	St. Michael's Medical Center	\$62,790.00
Essex	Seamen's Church Institute of NY and NJ	\$43,312.00
Middlesex	Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva	\$80,000.00
Middlesex	Young Israel of East Brunswick	\$100,000.00
Morris	Chabad Center of Northwest NJ	\$30,000.00
Morris	United Jewish Communities of Metro West NJ	\$100,000.00
Ocean	Beth Medrash Govoha (BMG)	\$100,000.00
Passaic	Barnert Hospital	\$99,750.00
Passaic	St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center	\$76,976.00
Passaic	St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital Foundation	\$56,300.00
Union	Jewish Educational Center	\$46,095.00
Union	Overlook Hospital	\$100,000.00
Union	Trinitas Hospital	\$100,000.00
	Total	\$1,814,427.00
	*Grantees must provide a 25% cash or non-cash match	