



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

NERAC FUNDING REQUEST PROCESS

The members of the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) have decision making authority, within guidelines provided by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS), to approve projects funded through Homeland Security Grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

NERAC develops its project budget at the beginning of each grant cycle according to EOPSS' guidelines and through its committee and working group system. This budget is approved through a vote of the Full Council. Non-Council members may participate in these discussions and offer suggestions on funding matters.

Once line items have been determined, Committees may make decisions about funds within their line items without a Full Council vote.

Occasionally, NERAC has extra funds that must be reallocated or the Council receives additional funds from EOPSS. At these times, the Council votes at its next regularly scheduled meeting on how to allocate or re-allocate these funds.

Non-Council members and other entities within the region may submit funding suggestions or requests to the Council for consideration. Non-Council entities may also approach committees and request funds. It is up to the committee or Council whether or not to entertain and to fund these requests.

All outside requests **must** meet the following criteria:

1. Must provide a regional or sub-regional benefit.
2. Must fit into the overall Northeast Homeland Security Plan.
3. Must address one or more of the state's homeland security goals.
4. Must be submitted in writing to MAPC using the NERAC Funding Request Form.
5. Requesting parties must be NIMS compliant.

Additionally, the funding being requested must not constitute supplanting. Supplanting is when a unit of state, regional, or local government reduces or eliminates state or local funds for an activity specifically because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity. Federal funds provided by NERAC must be used to **supplement** existing state or local funds for program activities and may not replace state or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose. Additionally, federal funding may not replace state or local funding that is required by law.

Example – Funds from NERAC cannot be used to purchase a vehicle that was previously budgeted for by a municipality or for an exercise that is required by a different state-funded grant stream.

To the best of my knowledge, the funding being requested for equipment and/or activities in this document does not constitute supplanting.

NAME (Printed)

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

SIGNATURE

DATE

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NERAC FUNDING REQUEST FORM

Please return this form to Austin Murray at amurray@mapc.org.

Project Name:	
Project Contact Name / Phone Number / Email:	
Funding Request:	\$
Project Summary:	
Project Timeline:	
Regional Need for the Project: <i>Please identify the core capability that will be sustained or the problem that will be addressed by this project.</i>	
Support for State Homeland Security Strategy: <i>Please explain how this project supports the goals and objectives of the most recent Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy.</i>	
Plan for Sustainability: <i>Please describe plans for sustaining this project.</i>	
Connection to Terrorism Prevention: <i>Please explain how this project will address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.</i>	
Other Funding Sources: <i>Please identify and explain any other local, state, or federal funding sources available to the applicant for similar activities/equipment.</i>	

****If request involves an equipment purchase, please include equipment specifications.**

Procurement of all services and equipment must be completed through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.