



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FFY2023 Request for Homeland Security Preparedness Projects

Each year, the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) receives an allocation of funding from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), Office of Grants and Research. The goal of this grant funding is to improve the capability for the 85 municipalities in the Northeast Region to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other public safety emergencies. As part of NERAC's strategic budgeting process for (FFY2023), the Council invites all stakeholders to submit project requests.

To submit a request, please use the FFY2023 Project Request Form included in this packet to explain and justify the project. Projects will be evaluated based on the Project Evaluation Criteria matrix. Eligible projects may include trainings, exercises, equipment purchases, consulting services, planning efforts, and infrastructure development.

NERAC anticipates having access to this funding from the Fall of 2023 through July 31, 2025. All submitted projects must be able to be completed within this timeframe.

In order to be considered, all projects MUST:

1. Provide a regional benefit to a minimum of 3 NERAC municipalities.
2. Have a clear connection to homeland security/anti-terrorism (projects may serve a dual-purpose of improving preparedness for natural disasters as well but must also have a clear connection to terrorism).
3. Have the primary purpose of supporting homeland security needs for non-routine events, rather than day-to-day operational needs.

Please Note:

- Organizations or municipalities requesting NERAC funding must be able to demonstrate that the Massachusetts Tactical Channel Plan has been implemented into their radio systems, to the extent possible based on the technical capabilities of the system.
- Per NERAC policy, backfill/overtime reimbursement requests are capped at \$35/hour per training/exercise participant, up to a maximum of 8 hours per day for overtime and 10 hours per day for backfill. Select municipal instructors may request full backfill/overtime reimbursement within the same timeframes.
- The Council reserves the right to partially fund or reject any and all requests.

All requestors are encouraged to attend the applicable meeting to represent your project:

Interoperability Projects

Interoperability Committee
March 6, 2023 @ 10:00 am
Virtual, link will be posted

Trainings & Exercises

Training and Exercise Committee
March 9, 2023 @ 12:00 pm
Location TBD

All Other Projects

NERAC Full Council Meeting
March 9, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
Location TBD

Location information and any other updates to these meetings will be posted at www.nerac.us/calendar

Project Request Forms must be submitted to NERAC@mapc.org by February 24, 2023.



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FFY2023 Project Request Form

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| Project Name | |
| Project Contact Name / Phone Number / Email | |
| Project Summary <i>Please explain in detail how this project will be implemented, including all equipment and services that will be purchased.</i> | |
| Project Cost <i>Please outline the total cost of the project and include a breakdown of the unit cost of each portion (i.e. equipment, BF/OT, consultant fees, etc.).</i> | |
| Regional Need <i>Please describe how a homeland security capability will be sustained or improved as a result of this project.</i> | |
| Supporting Documentation <i>Please describe (and attach) any documentation from after action reports, state/federal guidance, or other professional guidance/endorsements that support the need for this investment.</i> | |
| Regional Impact <i>Please explain the geographical area and/or number of municipalities that will directly benefit from this investment.</i> | |



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| <p>Plan for Sustainability</p> <p><i>Please address plans for sustaining the capabilities developed through this project, its expected lifespan (if applicable), and funding sources other than NERAC that will be used for maintenance and upkeep (if applicable).</i></p> | |
| <p>Need for Supplemental Funding</p> <p><i>Please justify the necessity of grant funding for this project by explaining why it cannot be fully implemented using other funding sources.</i></p> | |
| <p>Other Funding Sources</p> <p><i>Please identify any other funding sources identified for this project, including other grant programs, contributions from key stakeholders, and/or internal contributions.</i></p> | |
| <p>Project Timeline/Schedule</p> <p><i>Please explain the status of this project in the overall planning process (new idea, fully developed, continuation of a past project, etc.), and the expected timeline for planning, implementation, and review.</i></p> | |



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Project Evaluation Criteria

Basic Eligibility Criteria

All projects must at least meet this criteria in all 3 categories to be considered.

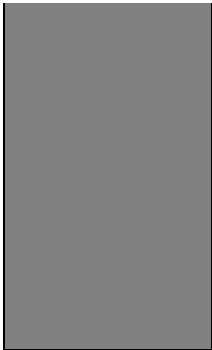
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| Would this project provide a regional benefit (3 or more municipalities)? | Yes | No |
| Does this project idea have a connection to homeland security/anti-terrorism? | Yes | No |
| Would this project fulfill or support a homeland security need as opposed to a day-to-day operational need? | Yes | No |

Project Evaluation Criteria

| Category | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| Project Cost | This project is not affordable given the number of municipalities that would benefit from it. | This project is moderately financially efficient based on the number of municipalities that would benefit from it. | This project is affordable and financially efficient based on the number of municipalities that would benefit from it. |
| Regional Need | This project would not improve or sustain a homeland security capability. | This project would provide some improvement or sustainment to a homeland security capability. | This project would provide a substantial improvement to or effectively sustain a homeland security capability that is considered critical based on the current threat environment. |
| Supporting Documentation | No supporting documentation was provided. | Relevant supporting documentation that somewhat effectively states the need for this investment based on past events and/or other documented best practices was provided. | Multiple relevant supporting documents that clearly and effectively state the need for this investment based on past events and/or other documented best practices were provided. |
| Regional Impact | This project would provide a direct benefit to 5 or less of NERAC's 85 municipalities. | This project would provide a direct benefit to 6-50 of NERAC's 85 municipalities. | This project would provide a direct benefit to 51-85 of NERAC's 85 municipalities. |
| Sustainability | The capability(s) developed through this project will not be able to be sustained. | Sustaining the capability(s) developed through this project will require some additional funding from NERAC. | Sustaining the capability(s) developed through this project will require no additional funding from NERAC. |
| Need for Supplemental Funding | The application does not demonstrate the need for NERAC grant funding to be used to complete this initiative. | The application demonstrates some need for NERAC grant funding to be used to complete this initiative. | The application clearly demonstrates the need for NERAC grant funding to be used to complete this initiative. |
| FEMA Priorities | This project does not align with any of the FFY2023 priorities established by FEMA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places | This project aligns with one of the FFY2023 priorities established by FEMA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places | This project aligns with more than one of the FFY2023 priorities established by FEMA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places |



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