



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FFY2024 Homeland Security Project Request Form

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 FFY2024 funding, the Council invites all stakeholders to submit project requests.

To submit a request, please use the FFY2024 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 2024 through July 31, 2026. 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 and emergencies, rather than day-to-day operational needs.

Please Note:

- Organizations or municipalities requesting funding must have the MA Tactical Channel Plan 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 for training/exercise participants. Select municipal instructors may request full backfill/overtime reimbursement.
- Requesting parties and projects must be NIMS compliant.
- Exercises must be HSEEP compliant and will be required to utilize at least 3 NERAC resources.
- Requested funding may supplement but not supplant state, local, or other funding sources.
- 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 12, 2024 @ 9:30 am
Virtual, link will be posted.

Trainings & Exercises

Training and Exercise Committee
March 14, 2024 @ 12:00 pm
Lynnfield MPTC

All Other Projects

NERAC Full Council Meeting
March 14, 2024 @ 1:00 pm
Lynnfield MPTC

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 29, 2024.



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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 cost of each portion (i.e. equipment, BF/OT, consultant fees, etc.).</i>	
Regional Need <i>Please describe how a <u>homeland security capability</u> 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

Required Eligibility Criteria

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

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
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.	The application demonstrates some need for NERAC grant funding.	The application clearly demonstrates the need for NERAC grant funding.
FEMA /EOPSS Priorities	This project does not align with any FEMA/EOPSS priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis Combating domestic violent extremism Enhancing community preparedness and resilience Enhancing cybersecurity Enhancing election security 	This project aligns with one of the FEMA/EOPSS priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis Combating domestic violent extremism Enhancing community preparedness and resilience Enhancing cybersecurity Enhancing election security 	This project aligns with more than one of the FEMA/EOPSS priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis Combating domestic violent extremism Enhancing community preparedness and resilience Enhancing cybersecurity Enhancing election security