



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FFY2026 Project Request Form

Project request forms and supporting documentation are due to NERAC@mapc.org by **April 30th, 2026**.

Please Note: Grant timeline, funding amounts, and priority areas for FFY2026 are not yet known.

NERAC is beginning the planning process in advance of receiving full grant guidance from EOPSS/FEMA to ensure sufficient time for applications, review, and deliberation. Final decisions will not be made until after specific guidance is received.

Each year, the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) receives 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 (OGR). The goal of this funding is to improve the capabilities of 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, the Council invites all stakeholders to submit requests.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) serves as the fiduciary for NERAC funding, and therefore will handle all procurement and financial processes for NERAC funded projects. MAPC will work closely with stakeholders to ensure project outcomes will meet their needs, but funds will not be directly given to those with approved projects.

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 other 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.

Additional Eligibility Considerations:

- Eligible projects may include trainings, exercises, equipment purchases, consulting services, and infrastructure development.
- Entities 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.
- Municipal departments may request reimbursement for overtime paid to first responder personnel for pre-approved NERAC trainings/exercises, or overtime paid to personnel who backfilled for those attending. Reimbursements will be paid at the full overtime rate for the hours of the event.
- Exercises must align with HSEEP standards and utilize at least 3 NERAC resources.
- Requested funding may supplement but not supplant state, local, or other funding sources.
- NERAC 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
May 12th @ 9:30 am
Virtual, link will be posted.

Trainings & Exercises

Training and Exercise Committee
May 14th @ 12:00 pm
Lynnfield MPTC

All Other Projects NERAC

Full Council Meeting
May 14th @ 1:00 pm
Lynnfield MPTC

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



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Please submit this completed form and supporting documentation to NERAC@mapc.org by **April 30th, 2026**.

Please check the following boxes to confirm:

- I have read and understood the NERAC Project Request process as described on the previous page.
- To the best of my knowledge, the project being requested meets all requirements and eligibility considerations, and the funding requested does not constitute supplanting.
- Any entities who would benefit from this project have implemented the MA Tactical Channel Plan into their radio systems to the extent possible based on the system's technical capabilities;
- OR, are willing to meet with NERAC Interoperability Committee representatives to discuss implementation options and support.

Project Name	
Project Lead Contact Information	Name: Title/Agency: Phone Number: Email Address:
Project Summary <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Explain in detail the purpose of this project and how it will be implemented, including all equipment and services that will be funded.</i> <i>If this project involves an equipment purchase, attach:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>equipment specifications</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>vendor quote</i> <i>For Training and Exercise requests, describe:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>the level of training or exercise type</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>anticipated scenarios (for exercises)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>suggested location</i>	
Project Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outline the total cost of the project and include a breakdown of the cost of each component that NERAC funding is being requested for (i.e. equipment, BF/OT, consultant fees, etc.).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If applicable, identify what percentage of funding for this project would support LETPA Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA).</i>



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<p>Regional Need & Connection to Terrorism Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Describe how a regional homeland security capability will be sustained or improved as a result of this project. <input type="checkbox"/> What documented gap is being addressed? <input type="checkbox"/> How it will help the region to prevent, respond to, and/or recover from acts of terrorism specifically? 	
<p>Supporting Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Describe and attach any after-action reports, state/federal guidance, or other professional guidance/endorsements that support the need for this investment. 	
<p>Regional Impact & Intended Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explain the geographical area and/or which NERAC municipalities (minimum of 3) will directly benefit from this investment. <input type="checkbox"/> For Training and Exercise requests, identify intended participants and how they will benefit. 	
<p>Plan for Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 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). 	
<p>Need for Supplemental Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Describe any other funding sources considered for this project (i.e. other grant programs, stakeholder/internal contributions). <input type="checkbox"/> Please justify the necessity of NERAC funding by explaining why this project cannot be fully implemented using other funding sources. 	