



State Homeland Security Program

The purpose of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and to prepare Virginia for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to its security.



ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Cities and Counties



APPLICATIONS OPEN

September 24, 2025



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

November 30, 2025



The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) will continue to allocate funds to support the state special operation teams: Hazardous Materials, Search and Rescue, Incident Management Teams, and Radio Caches.

The funding amounts for these allocations will be determined once the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released. These funds are to be used to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver FEMA's 32 Core Capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation. Building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) supports the core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs. The HSGP supports the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Mission to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

35%

Law Enforcement
Terrorism Prevention
Activities



30%

National Priorities



80%

Pass-Through to
Local Units



SHSP may fund a range of activities including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration across all core capabilities and mission areas.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Please feel free to reach out to your VDEM Chief Regional Coordinator, who can be found [here](#), or the VDEM Preparedness Grants Staff at vdemgrants@VDEM.virginia.gov if you have questions.



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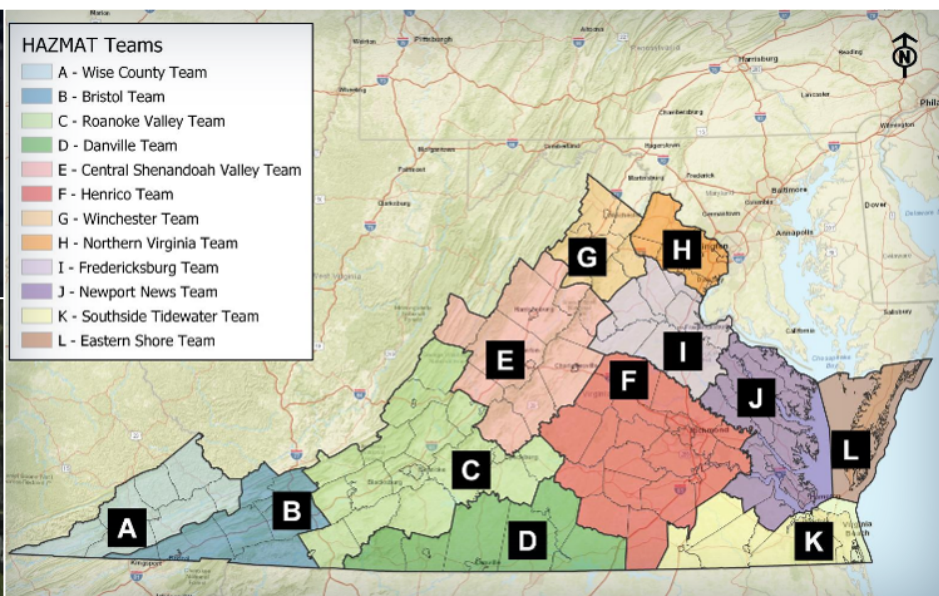
National Priorities and State Funding Priorities

The funding priorities and investment areas listed below have been pulled out of the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The National Priorities stated by Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are also the Commonwealth of Virginia Priorities. These priorities will be met by funding the State Special Operation Teams.

The State Special Operation Teams' mission addresses the state-wide and regional security capability gaps identified through the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and the Local Capability Assessment Report (LCAR).

National / State

1. Enhancing Border Crisis Response and Support (10% requirement)	✓
2. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places	✓
3. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers	✓
4. Enhancing & Integrating Cybersecurity Resiliency	✓
5. Enhancing Election Security (3%)	✓



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