



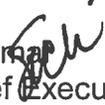
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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Executive Summary

This memorandum is to inform the Board that, on March 3, 2015, the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill (H.R. 240) was passed by the House on a 257 to 167 vote. The House passed the Senate version of the bill, which had stripped language blocking the President's executive actions on immigration that was in a previous House-passed version of H.R. 240. The bill now goes to the President, who has said that he will sign it into law. All of the state and local programs through which the County receives funding from DHS are funded at the same level as in FFY 2014 under the bill.

State and Local Grant Funding

The bill funds all DHS state and local programs through which the County receives funding at the same levels as in FFY 2014, including the appropriation of \$412 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), \$587 million for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants, \$350 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), and \$340 million each for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Similar to past years, it also includes language blocking the Administration's proposal to consolidate state and local programs, such as SHSGP, UASI, and EMPG, into a new National Preparedness Grant Program - a proposal opposed by the County.

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H.R. 240 also includes bill language which allows SHSGP and UASI grant funds to be used for the installation of communications towers, which otherwise would not be allowed under current grant guidelines. This is important because it would facilitate the use of SHSGP and UASI funds for constructing the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System, which is a funding priority for the County and Los Angeles urban area.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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