

Memorandum for Emergency Managers

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Subject: House Appropriations Subcommittee Markup of FY 2011 DHS

Date: June 24, 2010, revised June 25* (see note in italics)

This afternoon the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security marked up the FY 2011 Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security. This is the first of the 12 Appropriations bills to be marked up. Full Committee Chairman Obey indicated that his intent is to markup the bill in the Full Appropriations Committee and he hoped it would go to the House Floor.

However, this is going to be a very difficult year for any individual appropriations bills to be completed before October 1. The expectation is that most of the appropriations bills will be part of an Omnibus bill.

Amendments in Subcommittee

Usually amendments are offered in the Full Committee markup and not in Subcommittee. However, Republican members offered several amendments since they were concerned they might not have an opportunity at the Full Committee level. One amendment which was offered by Rep. Kirk of Illinois and accepted would add report language requesting a GAO audit of the Urban Area Security Initiative expenditures in Cook County, Illinois.* He indicated that recent stories have reported misuse and mismanagement of federal grant funds, including diverted federal grant money being used for executive transport and allegations of fraud in "Project Shield." *[Note: the revision from June 24 memo is changing Chicago to Cook County, Illinois. The City of Chicago has advised that Project Shield is not a city of Chicago project and Chicago is not participating in it. Nor are they part of the allegations of mismanagement or fraud. I obtained the exact language offered by Rep. Kirk from the Committee which is included at the end of this memo.]*

There were no amendments accepted which affected the Chairman's funding levels.

Selected Highlights

The bill provided \$43.89 billion for the Department of Homeland Security. The bill includes \$7,550,460,000 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency which is \$257,010,000 more than the President requested.

You will notice in the chart below that Emergency Management Performance Grants were funded at the President's request level of \$345 million which is \$ 5 million more than appropriated in FY 2010. EMPG remained a separate account and was not combined with the State and Local Programs account as requested by the President. The budget number for the Emergency Management Institute is not yet available. Much more detail will be in the Committee report which is usually not released until after the Full

Committee markup. Earmarks were included for the PreDisaster Mitigation program and for Emergency Operations Centers.

Program	Subcommittee Mark	Pres. Request
Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$ 345 million	same
Emergency Operations Centers	50 million	0
National PreDisaster Mitigation Fund	100 million	same
Disaster Relief	1.950 billion	same
Emergency Food and Shelter	200 million	\$100 million
Flood Hazard Mapping	194 million	same
Fire Fighter Assistance Grants (includes 420 for SAFER)	840 million	\$610 million
State Homeland Security Grants	950 million	1.050 billion
Urban Area Security Initiative	907 million	\$1.1 billion
Metropolitan Medical Response System	41 million	0
Port Security grants	300 million	same
U.S Fire Administration	45.93 million	same

Information Attached

Attached to this memo are the following:

- Summary chart of funding levels released by Chairman (more detail than above)
- List of earmarks for PreDisaster Mitigation and Emergency Operations Centers
- Chairman Price’s Opening Statement

[Note: exact report language offered by Rep. Kirk and accepted by the Committee follows:

The Committee is disturbed by numerous reports of misuse and mismanagement of federal grant funds by Cook County, Illinois. The Committee is aware of press reports of diverted federal grant money being used for executive transport and serious allegations of fraud in “Project Shield,” another federally funded initiative. The Committee is also aware that the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General is currently reviewing all Urban Area Security Initiative expenditures in the Chicago area, to include these allegations. The apparent pattern of misuse of federal dollars is very concerning, and the Committee directs the GAO to investigate and report on the propriety of UASI expenditures in Cook County, Illinois.