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Dear Friends –

I am pleased to forward 3 additional grant preparation documents.

The first document provides an **update on the Risk/Vulnerability Assessment**. I note an added **Recommendation 4** related to tools to conduct **self-assessments**. Remember, completing the Risk/Vulnerability Assessment is the critical first step and the foundation for developing the project and completing the application.

The second document provides a **report on threat incidents** compiled from the public record during the 116th Congress (January 2019-present) to assist in answering Part III. of the Investment Justification (application) on Threat, Vulnerability, and Consequences. Incidents from this compendium may also be incorporated into the risk assessment findings. This document will be supplemented as additional threat incidents are reported between now and the application deadline.

The third document provides details relative to eligible equipment investments under the NSGP program from FEMA's Approved Equipment List, including **assistance with navigating the AEL portal**.

Note: All JFNA prepared materials are being archived at:

<https://jfnacommunications.fedwebpreview.org/dhs-security-grant-program>. Materials will be posted to this site within about 48 hours after they have been disseminated through my Distribution List.

Brief legislative update: Last Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee leadership released their draft Homeland Security spending bill for FY 2021, including \$90 million for the NSGP program. Earlier this summer, the House Appropriations Committee leadership released their draft Homeland Security spending bill for FY 2021, including \$360 million for the NSGP program.

This means that as the House and Senate work to reach a final agreement on the discretionary spending bills for FY 2021, there will be additional negotiations on the final level of funding for NSGP, which should be somewhere between \$90 million and \$360 million. JFNA is leading advocacy efforts in support of the highest possible funding level for the program, in partnership with other Jewish national and state government affairs professionals.

Currently, Congress is working under a December 11th deadline to get the spending bills completed. They may give themselves extra time into the next Congress (117th), if a deal cannot be reached before the current deadline passes. Whenever final agreement is reached on the Homeland Security spending bill, FEMA will have **up to 60 days to post the NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity**. JFNA will of course let the field know when the NOFO is published and immediate steps and key dates relative to completing and submitting the application.

Best,

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