

News from Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo

DHS Awards \$3,194,877 to Guam

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Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$3,194,877 through the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) to Guam. The TSGP is designed to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disaster, and other emergencies. The funding received today was appropriated through the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-83). Four separate Homeland Security programs - the Port Security Grant Program, the Buffer Zone Protection Program, the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program, and the Driver's License Security Grant Program were awarded funding today.

Port Security Grant Program

Guam received **\$2,257,500** for the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The PSGP provides funding to port areas for the protection of critical port infrastructure from terrorism. This funding helps ports enhance their risk management capabilities, maritime domain awareness, training and exercises, efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), and capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices and other non-conventional weapons.

Buffer Zone Protection Program

Guam received **\$200,000** for the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP). The BZPP provides grants to build security and risk management capabilities at the state and local level in order to secure pre-designated Level I and II critical infrastructure sites, including chemical facilities, financial institutions, nuclear and electric power plants, dams, stadiums, and other high-risk/high-consequence facilities.

Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security awarded Guam **\$85,500** for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). The IECGP provides governance, planning, training and exercise funding to states, territories, and local and tribal governments to carry out initiatives to improve interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

Driver's License Security Grant Program

Guam received **\$651,877** for the Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP). The DLSGP provides funding to prevent terrorism by reducing fraud and improving the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents issued by States and territories. The DLSGP is intended to address a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve the integrity and security of State-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

“The funding received today from DHS will assist the Government of Guam in improving maritime security on our island,” Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo said today. **“The \$2.2 million in funding for the Port of Guam in particular will greatly assist security at a location critical to our island's economy. This financial assistance builds on grants in previous years which have greatly benefited the overall modernization improvements that are needed at our port. I look forward to these programs being fully implemented on Guam.”**

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