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Domestic Defense Fund Act of 2005

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Domestic Defense Fund Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants to States, units of local government, and Indian tribes for homeland security development. Requires grant awardees, among other requirements, to develop a homeland security plan identifying both short- and long-term homeland security needs. Provides authorized uses of grant assistance, including: (1) funding additional law enforcement, fire, and other emergency response resources and equipment; and (2) improving cyber and infrastructure security. Requires one percent of grant funds to be reserved for Indian tribes. Requires 70 percent of grant funds to be allocated among metropolitan cities and urban counties based on the Secretary's calculations of various infrastructure vulnerabilities and threats such as proximity to international borders, nuclear or other energy facilities, air, rail or water transportation, and national icons and Federal buildings. Requires the remaining percentage to be allocated among the States for use in non-qualifying communities (not a metropolitan city, urban county, or Indian tribe).

Requires certifications and annual reports with respect to grant uses. Provides for grant reallocations for failure to comply with use requirements.

Allocates funds to States, regional cooperations, and units of local government for: (1) homeland defense planning; (2) increased security through additional first responder personnel; (3) purchasing and refurbishing protective equipment for such personnel; (4) the development and maintenance of Statewide training facilities and homeland security best practices clearinghouses; and (5) the development and maintenance of communications systems that can be used between and among first responders, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel.

Allocates funds for discretionary grants to high-threat, high-risk urban areas for their homeland security needs.

Earmarks funds for a flexible emergency assistance fund for States and local governmental units that incur extraordinary homeland security costs.

Directs the Department of Homeland Security to develop national homeland security preparedness, first responder training, and equipment standards, and best practices for the use of funds authorized and allocated under this Act.

Mandates a ten percent matching funds requirement from grant recipients.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1378)
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S357-363)