

## GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION

### Grant Funding Priorities

For FY 20, four investment areas have been identified as National Priorities by DHS/FEMA:

- Enhancing cybersecurity (including election security)
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (including election security)
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS
- Addressing emergent threats (e.g., unmanned aerial systems [UASs], etc.)

In addition to the four National Priorities, the following investment areas, considered by FEMA as enduring security needs, will be utilized for project proposals:

- Effective planning;
- Training and awareness campaigns;
- Equipment and capital projects; and
- Exercise

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Temporary Changes to Grant Application Process and Deadlines

The COVID-19 pandemic as well as the federal and state social distancing and shelter-in-place orders are having dramatic impacts on the work and the lives of VEE's partners and grantees. In light of this, VEE has decided to temporarily modify its grant application processes as follows:

- VEE is extending the deadline for submitting a grant application for the James River Water Quality Improvement Program to July 15, 2020 (from June 15, 2020).
- VEE is extending the deadline for submitting a grant application for the Virginia Program to August 1, 2020 (from June 15, 2020).
- For the Virginia Program, VEE requests that any application made in the August 1, 2020 round focus on essential, priority needs for both the applicant and the protection of Virginia's environment. In addition, for the Virginia Program, VEE is advising all applicants that based on the social, political, economic and public health conditions in existence in August 2020, VEE may need to make additional adjustments to this grant cycle including determining whether and when to award Virginia Program grants.
- For the James River Water Quality Improvement Program, we do not foresee the need for additional adjustments at this time. We anticipate making awards in October 2020.
- For both the Virginia Program and the James River Water Quality Improvement Program, VEE is suspending the requirement for receipt of two hard copies of the application. VEE will inform applicants if and where to send hard copies after its preliminary review of the applications. All applicants must submit their applications electronically to either [info@vee.org](mailto:info@vee.org) (Virginia Program) or [jrwqip@vee.org](mailto:jrwqip@vee.org) (James River Water Quality Improvement Program).

Please check our website, [www.vee.org](http://www.vee.org), periodically for further announcements and direct any questions to [info@vee.org](mailto:info@vee.org).

Thank you. Be safe and healthy.