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## City gets nearly \$100,000 from Homeland Security

**Jan. 13, 2016** - Hampton has received nearly \$100,000 in grants from the Department of Homeland Security to improve emergency preparedness and security. The money is part of approximately \$6.5 million awarded to 100 projects statewide.

The city will get \$14,583 for shelter and mass care communications equipment, \$37,000 for Citizen Corps training or equipment, and \$45,000 for a cyber-security plan and exercise:

- The shelter grant will be used to purchase communications equipment that can be used by the city's emergency shelter program if the primary method of communication stops working.
- The cyber-security grant will be used by Hampton's Emergency Management and Information Technology offices to create a plan for recovery and operation during a cyber-attack. The money will also be used to conduct a "tabletop" exercise.
- The Citizen Corps money will be used to support the Community Emergency Response Teams and the Community Animal Response team.

Community Emergency Response Teams are designed to teach ordinary citizens how to respond to disasters. The next response team classes are scheduled to start Jan. 28 and will continue through Feb. 27. Go to [www.hampton.gov/cert](http://www.hampton.gov/cert) for more information.

The Homeland Security grants are being administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov), which received 155 grant requests for approximately \$17 million.

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