

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING AND SUSTAINING FEDERAL
HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING, WHILE PRESERVING TRADITIONAL
ALL-HAZARDS AND FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAMS**

Resolution Summary

This resolution urges the federal government to provide appropriate, ongoing, and consistent homeland security funding to state and local governments. This federal funding should be maintained at the current level or increased to address existing threats, as well as new and emerging threats, and the need to meet federal mandates. However, this funding should not come at the expense of traditional all-hazards and first responder funding, which must continue to be funded at sufficient levels.

Additional Resource Information

Department of Homeland Security, "Preparedness and Response." <http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/>

Department of Homeland Security, "Fiscal Year 2008 Preparedness Grants"
http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1201882312614.shtm

International Association of Chiefs of Police. "The Impact of the Proposed FY 2009 Budget on State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement."
<http://www.theiacp.org/documents/pdfs/Publications/TGD58843%2Epdf>

Management Directives

Management Directive #1: Support state and local efforts calling for consistent and ongoing federal homeland security funding, while continuing funding for traditional all hazards and first responder programs that existed before the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Management Directive #2: CSG staff will post approved resolution on CSG's Web site and make available through its regular communication venues at the state and local level to ensure its distribution to the state government and policy community.

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WHEREAS, homeland security is a joint responsibility among federal, state, and local governments;
and

WHEREAS, our communities and states must have the ability to be nimble and flexible in prevention
and preparedness against specific and unknown threats, as each community and state have
unique assets, needs and threats; and

WHEREAS, the federal government must keep the national commitment to maintaining homeland
security funding and continue the constitutional responsibility to maintain the national
defense as the war on terrorism continues; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to maintain and sustain homeland security funding, while preserving traditional
all-hazards and first responder programs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Council of State Government urges appropriate,
ongoing, and consistent federal homeland security funding; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that The Council of State Governments believes that
federal funding for homeland security should be maintained at the current level or
increased to address the current threats, as well as new and emerging threats, and the need
to meet federal mandates; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the traditional all hazards and first responder
programs should continue to be funded.

Adopted this 31st Day of May, 2008 at the
CSG 75th Anniversary Celebration
in Lexington, Kentucky



Governor M. Jodi Rell

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