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Subject:	FW: FEMA/OCP Grants issue
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Can you dig up some background on this ASAP? I will add you to a call coming together mid-day.

From: Selim, George
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 12:10:52 AM
To: Silvers, Robert; Fulghum, Chip
Cc: Choe, Alexander; Lee, Jonathan; Johnson, Tia
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Only \$10 million of that is explicitly for a CVE initiative which is to provide funds directly to state and local governments, non-profits and higher education. Given the requirement that these funds be provided on a competitive basis, we believe that it will spur a significant amount of innovation and variety in the programs it funds across the country.

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The rationale for the whole \$50 million is to get out from the confines and competing priorities of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). It will allow DHS to get critical funding to key priorities that are not being funded for a variety of reasons. To

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Hope this makes sense, please shout with any questions,

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Hey man - not sure if you saw this, but George sent this to Rob earlier and outlines much of what I mentioned earlier.

Bottom line is we need to figure out how to leverage this funding for an S1 priority. We may not have an opportunity to do this in the future since it is not guaranteed in the future.

I'm not sure FEMA telling S1 he's wrong/no on this funding for CVE use, is in anyone's interest.

Thanks,
-Nate

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