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# Intergovernmental Affairs Advisory

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## Countering Violent Extremism and Preparedness Grant Programs Fact Sheet

Dear Emergency Management Partners,

For your reference, please find the attached fact sheet regarding countering violent extremism and preparedness grant programs. This document is intended to inform state, local, territorial, and tribal stakeholders of the relevant grant guidance that pertains to Countering Violent Extremism.

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# Homeland Security

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### **Countering Violent Extremism Overview**

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Accordingly, although DHS continues to prioritize Countering Violent Extremism efforts to address the threat from violent extremists inspired by Al-Qa'ida and its affiliates, the Department designed a Countering Violent Extremism approach that applies to all forms of violent extremism, regardless of ideology and focuses not on radical thought or speech but instead on preventing violent attacks.

Our approach to Countering Violent Extremism emphasizes the strength of local communities. We begin with the premise that well-informed and equipped law enforcement, families, communities, and local institutions represent the best defense against violent extremism and preventing violent attacks.

DHS works closely with our federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal partners to address these threats through comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approaches that emphasize support to local pre-existing community-based partnerships focused on preventing violent extremism and preventing violent attacks. DHS Countering Violent Extremism efforts are based on the understanding that this issue requires a whole of government approach, where efforts are tailored to specifically address the needs and responsibilities of the various stakeholders involved. The Department's efforts are categorized into three broad objectives:

1. Understanding Violent Extremism: support and coordinate efforts to better understand the phenomenon of violent extremism, including assessing the threat it poses to the nation as a whole and within specific communities;
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DHS is a major partner in supporting the *National Strategy on Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism* and the *Strategic Implementation Plan<sup>1</sup> for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States<sup>2</sup>* which President Obama released 2011.

### **Homeland Security Grant Program Overview**

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### **Funding Guidelines**

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