SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Emergency Management Security Enhancements for Nonprofits

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Evans

On February 6th, the Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Emergency Management for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application.

The Nonprofit Security Grant program, through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides funding for physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist attack. The Department of Emergency Management requested retroactive permission to apply for up to \$4,275,000 from this grant program. The grant has two categories: a direct allocation to states, totaling \$1,710,000, and a competitive component, totaling \$2,565,000, as part of the Urban Area Security Initiative that is dedicated to high-threat and high-density urban areas, including the Portland Metro Region. Grant awards are expected to be announced by May 10, 2025, for a three-year period. There are no state match requirements for either category of available funding.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of up to \$4,275,000, for physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist attack.