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Utility Alert

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Who:	Utility managers, grant managers
What:	AWWA “Security Funding Opportunities” report; DHS grant application guidance
When:	Now available

Water utilities exploring the best ways to fund security upgrades should be aware of a new report published this month by AWWA titled, [“Security Funding Opportunities: Lessons & Observations from Successful Water & Wastewater Utilities.”](#)

The report, funded by AWWA’s Water Industry Technical Action Fund (WITAF) and easily downloadable from AWWA’s web site, provides examples of projects that:

- Have been financed with federal or local grants or low-interest loans
- Have been executed at water or wastewater utilities
- Included the purchase or installation of physical security hardware or emergency response planning, exercising, or training.

A related article is available in the January issue of [Journal AWWA](#) (Page 36).

The information may be particularly useful as utilities review the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) newly [released application guidance](#) for 14 federal grant programs designed to strengthen prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities. During the Fiscal Year 2008, DHS will award more than \$3 billion in grants, up \$376.3 million over last year.

Fact sheets on the various grant programs are available on the [DHS web site](#).

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