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CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AWARDED

Cumberland County, ME:

Esther Clenott, Chair of the Cumberland County Commissioners, in conjunction with County Emergency Management Agency director, Jim Budway, today announced the award of the 2008 Homeland Security grants for Cumberland County. The grants, awarded by the Maine Emergency Management Agency were awarded nine towns or organizations within the County, totaling \$362,813. Five of the grants were submitted directly through the county, while four will go directly to the community or organization. These grants are at no cost to the County, and the grants will be awarded after the organization has performed the work, study or the exercise.

In approving the acceptance of the grants, Commissioner Clenott thanked the EMA and Director Budway for their diligence and concern for the citizens of the County. "This money will go a long way to improve the lives of our citizens, and to be able to come away with a significant amount of funding speaks volumes to your interest in improving the lives of our citizens. The funds will all be used for important projects within the county."

The awards are as follows, with each of the agencies receiving the full or partial amount requested:

Alpha One- \$30,000
Presumpscot Valley Hazmat/RRT- \$31,034.26
GPCOG/EMA \$50,000
GPCOG/ EMA- \$40,000
Town of Bridgton Hazmat/RRT- \$27,200
Mercy Hospital- \$54,498
Town of Brunswick- \$8090
Town of Sebago- \$25,000
University of S. Maine - \$96,990.80

For further descriptions of the grants and their purpose, plus additional information, contact EMA Director Jim Budway at 892-6785, or Bill Whitten at 871-8380.

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