Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2014 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)?

The FY 2014 NSGP provides funding support for hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-eligible Urban Areas. The program seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The NSGP also serves to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2014 NSGP?

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 NSGP will be $13,000,000. Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a $75,000 grant award. The FY 2014 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2014 NSGP funds?

Applicants eligible to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2014 NSGP are SAAs on behalf of nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission **and** that are located within one of the designated FY 2014 UASI-eligible Urban Areas will be required to provide their applications to their respective SAA. Applicants will also be required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2014 NSGP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2014 NSGP Program are:

- March 18, 2014: Release date for FY 2014 NSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- May 23, 2014: Applications for FY 2014 NSGP are due to DHS-FEMA

5. **How will the FY 2014 NSGP Program funds be allocated?**

    FY 2014 NSGP Applications will be reviewed through a two-phased State and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk. For additional information on how IJs are reviewed and scored at the State and Federal level, please refer to the full FOA.

6. **What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2014 NSGP?**

    The FY 2014 NSGP is authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Public Law 107-296), as amended (6 U.S.C. § 604); and by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76)

7. **Where is the FY 2014 NSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement located?**

    The FY 2014 NSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: *http://www.fema.gov/grants* as well as on *www.grants.gov*.

8. **How will the FY 2014 NSGP applications be submitted?**

    Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 23, 2014. SAAs on behalf of the eligible nonprofit organization must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at *http://www.grants.gov*. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

9. **What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

    - For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
    - For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. **What is the FY 2014 NSGP period of performance?**

    The period of performance is 24 months.