



Homeland Security

FY 2015 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* Public Law (114-4) and authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Public Law 107-296), as amended (6 U.S.C. § 604); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.

In FY 2015, DHS will award \$13,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.

The FY 2015 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. The FY 2015 NSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$13,000,000. Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award.

Eligibility

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2015 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations which have been determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations 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. Eligible nonprofits must be located within one of the FY 2015 UASI-designated Urban Areas, listed in Appendix A of the FY 2015 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Funding Guidelines

FY 2015 NSGP allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. Thus, funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15).

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State M&A:

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Non-profit M&A:

Non-profit organizations that receive an award under this program may use up to five percent (5%) of their FY 2015 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the award.

The period of performance for NSGP is thirty-six (36) months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

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. FY 2015 NSGP evaluation criteria include items such as:

- Verification that the nonprofit organization is located within one of the FY 2015 UASI-designated Urban Areas;
- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the United States) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, or mission;
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism;
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks;
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments;
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts;
- Complete, feasible IJs that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and build or sustain a core capability identified in the Goal;
- History of prior year funding under NSGP

- Subject matter expertise to determine feasibility of proposed project
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NSGP Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with NSGP.

- The FY 2015 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity. A copy is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.