



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2016 Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016* (Pub. L. No. 114-113) and as authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Pub. L. No. 107-296), as amended; the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 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 2016, DHS is providing \$20,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-designated urban areas.

The FY 2016 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. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2016 NSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

Funding

In FY 2016, the total amount of funds under this grant program is \$20,000,000. Each nonprofit organization applies through the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award.

Eligibility

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2016 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 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative-designated urban areas, listed in Appendix A of the FY 2016 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Funding Guidelines

FY 2016 NSGP allowable costs are primarily 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).

Certain costs for training of security personnel are also permitted. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness. Training conducted using NSGP funds must address a specific threat and/or vulnerability, as identified in the nonprofit organization's investment justification (IJ).

State Management & Administration (M&A):

The NSGP is a sub-component of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program and states must ensure that one-hundred percent (100%) of each individual NSGP award is passed through to the nonprofit organizations allocated funding by DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The state may use UASI funding for M&A purposes associated with administering the NSGP award. However, the state's overall M&A withholding for the NSGP and UASI programs may not exceed five percent (5%) of the sum total of the state's combined UASI and NSGP awards.

Nonprofit M&A:

Nonprofit organizations that receive an award under this program may use up to five percent (5%) of their FY 2016 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the award.

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

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications are reviewed through a two-phased state and federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the IJ (project description and justification) addressed the identified risk. FY 2016 NSGP evaluation criteria includes:

- Verification that the nonprofit organization is located within one of the FY 2016 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 that build or sustain a core capability identified in the Goal;
 - History of prior year funding under NSGP; and
 - Subject matter expertise to determine feasibility of proposed projects.
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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 2016 NSGP NOFO 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 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.