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## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2015 PSGP?**

The purpose of the FY 2015 PSGP is to directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. The vast majority of U.S. maritime critical infrastructure is owned or operated by State, local and private sector maritime industry partners.

PSGP funds available to these entities are intended to improve port-wide maritime security risk management; enhance maritime domain awareness; support maritime security training and exercises; and to maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) identified vulnerabilities in port security and support the prevention, protection against, response to, and recovery from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IED) and other non-conventional weapons.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2015 PSGP?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2015 PSGP will be \$100,000,000. In FY 2015, PSGP will discontinue having two designated port groupings. All Port Areas will be selected for funding through a competitive review process. All PSGP award recipients must provide a non-Federal match (cash or in-kind) supporting *at least 25 percent of the total project cost* for each proposed project.

### **3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2015 PSGP funds?**

All entities subject to an Area Maritime Transportation Security Plan (AMSP), as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to port authorities, facility operators, and State and local government agencies.

### **4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2015 PSGP?**

The key milestones associated with FY 2015 PSGP are:

- April 2, 2015: Release date for FY 2015 PSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- May 19, 2015: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the applicant organization.

**5. How will the FY 2015 PSGP funds be allocated?**

All Port Areas will be selected for funding through a competitive review process.

**6. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2014 and FY 2015?**

The FY 2015 funding level for the PSGP is the same as the FY 2014 level.

**7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2015 PSGP?**

Section 102 of the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002*, as amended, (Pub. L. No. 107-295) (46 U.S.C. § 70107). PSGP funding was appropriated by Congress in the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. No. 114-4).

**8. Where is the FY 2015 PSGP NOFO located?**

The FY 2015 PSGP NOFO is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**9. How will the FY 2015 PSGP applications be submitted?**

Applying for an award under the PSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the Non Disaster (ND) Grants System. Applicants in need of technical support with the ND Grants System should contact [ndgrants@fema.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.gov) or (800) 865-4076.

If applicants have questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015.

**10. 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](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EDT, 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](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**11. What is the FY 2015 PSGP period of performance?**

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