In fiscal year (FY) 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing $250.15 million for facility hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack.

Overview

The FY 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is one of three grant programs that support the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks.

Funding

In FY 2022, the total amount of funds available under NSGP is $250.15 million, of which $125 million is for NSGP- Urban Area (UA), $125 million is for NSGP-State (S), and $150,000 is for Community Project Funding (CPF). NSGP-UA funding will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that are located within one of the FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated high-risk urban areas. NSGP-S funding is for nonprofit organizations located outside the FY 2022 UASI-designated high-risk urban areas. The FY 2022 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which will be released no later than May 13, 2022, will include a list of the FY 2022 UASI high-risk urban areas. CPF funding is for a nonprofit organization as designated in the Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) accompanying the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2022.
Eligibility

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2022 NSGP funds. The SAA applies to FEMA on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations (sub-applicants) that are 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 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code. For NSGP-UA, nonprofit organizations must be located within one of the FY 2022 UASI-designated high-risk urban areas listed in the FY 2022 NSGP NOFO. For NSGP-S, nonprofit organizations may be located anywhere within a state or territory outside of a UASI-designated high-risk urban area. For CPF funding, the only eligible nonprofit organization is the entity listed in the FY 2022 JES.

Management and Administration

SAAs can use up to 5% of their total NSGP-S and NSGP-UA awards for management and administration (M&A) purposes. In prior years, SAAs had not been able to retain any NSGP funding for M&A purposes. Nonprofit organization subrecipients may also continue to use up to 5% of their subaward for M&A purposes.

Funding Guidelines

FY 2022 NSGP allowable costs are focused on security-related activities. Funding can be used for contracted security personnel; security-related planning, exercises, and training; and the acquisition and installation of security equipment (including improvements) on real property (including buildings) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization at the time of application.

Application Process

Applying for an award under the NSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early, as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to
ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2022 NSGP NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at www.grants.gov. Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except federal holidays.

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 needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET by the deadline included in the NOFO.

NSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2022 funding notice will be located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov. The NOFO will be released no later than May 13, 2022.
- The FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual will be updated for the FY 2022 application cycle and will be released no later than May 13, 2022.
- For additional resources on FEMA preparedness grant programs, visit Preparedness Grants | FEMA.gov.
- For additional resources on FEMA procurement and grant processes, visit Contracting with Federal Funds for Goods and Services Before, During and After Disasters | FEMA.gov.
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.

To contact the FEMA staff overseeing the NSGP, e-mail FEMA-NSGP@fema.dhs.gov.