Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute Department of Homeland Security (DHS) DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks.

In FY 2020, DHS is providing $90 million for security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.

Funding

In FY 2020, the total amount of funds under this grant program is $90 million, of which $50 million is for NSGP-Urban Area (UA) and $40 million is for NSGP-State (S). For NSGP-UA, each nonprofit organization applies through the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a $100,000 grant award. For NSGP-S, the SAA may determine an award cap for individual subawards up to a maximum of $100,000 or the total allocation for that state, whichever is lower.

Eligibility

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2020 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations that 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. For NSGP-UA, nonprofit organizations must be located within one of the FY 2020 UASI-designated urban areas, listed in FY 2020 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). For NSGP-S, nonprofit organizations may be located anywhere within a state or territory, outside of a UASI-designated urban area.

Funding Guidelines

FY 2020 NSGP allowable costs are focused on security-related activities. Funding can be used for contracted security personnel, as well as security-related planning; exercises; training; and the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) 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:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at http://www.grants.gov. Applicants needing 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 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 on April 15, 2020.

NSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2020 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@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk, via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.