



URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$615 MILLION

APPLY BY MAY 14, 2021

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

States are required to ensure that at least 25 percent of the combined funds allocated under the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and UASI are dedicated toward Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). The 25 percent LETPA allocation may be met by funding projects in any combination of the four national priority areas identified below and any other investments.

A cost share/match is not required under this program. The performance period is three years.

WHO CAN APPLY

The State Administering Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply. There are 32 high-threat, high-density urban areas eligible for funding this year. The SAA may retain up to 20 percent of the UASI funding, but it must be used to support the designated urban areas in the state. A listing of eligible urban areas may be found on page 12 of the [Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(HSGP NOFO\)](#).

FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ALLOWABLE COSTS

DHS/FEMA has identified five National Priority Areas for which applicants must allocate 30 percent of their funding and submit separate Investment Justifications (IJ):

- Enhancing cybersecurity (7.5%)
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (5%)
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS (5%)
- Combating domestic violent extremism (7.5%)
- Addressing emergent threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems, weapons of mass destruction, etc.) (7.5%)

In addition to these national priorities, DHS/FEMA has also identified a number of enduring security needs including effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; equipment and capital projects; and exercises.

There are 21 allowable equipment categories listed on the [Authorized Equipment List](#). These include, among other things, Interoperable Communications Equipment, Information Technology (e.g., computer-aided dispatch systems, software for data gathering and analysis, artificial intelligence tools), Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment, Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment (e.g., law enforcement surveillance equipment), and Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (e.g., video surveillance, warning, and access control).

Emergency Communications: All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align with their Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP). Recipients must coordinate with their Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and/or Statewide Interoperability Governance Body (SIGB)/Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words “emergency communications” to easily identify any emergency communications investments. Emergency communications projects that fall under one of the five National Priority Areas should be included under the applicable priority’s IJ.

The FY21 HSGP includes more specific guidance around emergency communications projects that may be found on pp. 32 & 50-51 of the HSGP NOFO. Among other things, all states and territories are required to update their SCIPs by the period of performance end date, with a focus on communications resilience/continuity, to include assessment and mitigation of all potential risks identified in the SCIP. In addition, all entities using Homeland Security Grant Program funding to support emergency communications investments are required to comply with the [SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants](#).

Maintenance and Sustainment: Maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees are allowable, but the coverage period of stand-alone contracts or extensions to an existing one must not exceed the performance period of the grant. The only exception is if the maintenance contract or warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment, then coverage may exceed the performance period.

Communications Towers: Construction of communications towers is permitted subject to compliance with all applicable Environmental and Historical Preservation requirements.

Real-Time Crime Centers: Activities eligible under the LETPA set-aside include those outlined in the National Prevention Framework, one of which is real-time crime analysis centers. Investments in real-time crime information and analysis centers must be coordinated with the state or major urban area fusion center.

Cybersecurity: Applicants are required to include at least one investment that focuses on cybersecurity projects that support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to terrorism preparedness. Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2021 grant awards will be required to complete the 2021 [Nationwide Cybersecurity Review](#), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture.

Security Cameras and Access Controls: These type of solutions are identified as examples of the type of projects that would satisfy the requirement to invest in enhancing protection of soft targets/crowded places.

Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Equipment or Services: Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds for certain telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see pages 33-34 of the [HSGP NOFO](#) and page 19 of the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#). Grant funds may be used to procure replacement equipment and services impacted by this prohibition, provided the costs are otherwise consistent with program requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) must submit the full application by **May 14, 2021, 5 pm ET**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline. Complete project-level information for the Investment Justifications required for the five National Priority Areas will not be required until the first Biannual Strategy Implementation Reports are due on January 30, 2022.

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OFFERS A PROVEN BASIS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

We offer a wide range of solutions to promote safety and security, increase operational efficiency and connect officers to help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **Cybersecurity Professional Services** — Secure and protect your critical infrastructure by always knowing your cyber security risk posture. Motorola Cyber Security Professional Services offer a comprehensive assessment of an agency's attack surface profile by applying the best practices of the NIST Cyber Security Framework. Detailed remediation recommendations can then guide the agency to an appropriate solution, such as Security Monitoring or Security Update Services.
- **Interoperable Two-Way Radios and Networks** — Communications in urban areas can be enabled or augmented with Project 25-compliant, mission-critical-grade infrastructure to provide expanded coverage, reliability, capacity and security for emergency responders. Mobile and portable radios are designed specifically for the needs of first responders and provide interoperability on Project 25 networks, legacy Smartnet/Smartzone or conventional networks, and across multiple frequency bands for unparalleled interoperability through a single device. Connectivity between disparate or neighboring standalone communications networks can be achieved via IP-based gateways, consolidated P25 networks or hosted cloud solutions.
- **Body-Worn and In-Car Cameras** — [WatchGuard](#), part of Motorola Solutions, provides mobile video solutions for law enforcement, supplying in-car video systems and body-worn cameras along with evidence management software to approximately one-third of all law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada.

Combine all of your digital evidence and management workflows with CommandCentral Vault. Preserve evidence confidently and easily manage large quantities of content by storing all of it together in a single, secure place. Leverage smart data correlation from across systems to automatically organize content so that people and cases keep moving.
- **Community Engagement Solutions** — Begin to foster a more transparent and accessible relationship with the public you serve with CommandCentral Community. Collaborative applications inspire partnership and empower community members to help shape public safety and improve quality of life. Give your community an easier way to communicate while boosting accessibility and promoting partnership with a single public touchpoint with CityProtect.
- **Dispatch Solutions** — Computer-aided dispatch solutions suite enhances incident management by automating workflows and data retrieval from the PSAP to the field. Coordinate your team with a seamless flow of information from the moment a call comes in, to when responders arrive - enabling the quickest, safest response.
- **CommandCentral Software** — CommandCentral is an end-to-end software suite that provides users with a unified, intuitive experience and intelligent capabilities designed specifically for the needs of public safety and schools. It includes integrated call handling, command and control and records and evidence solutions.
- **WAVE Work Group Communications** — Create simple, secure, and reliable Push-To-Talk communications between radios and devices outside the radio system, such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops.
- **Video Security & Analytics** — Motorola Solutions offers multiple product lines for fixed video solutions. [Avigilon](#) offers advanced video surveillance and analytics solutions, from high definition cameras to artificial intelligence and machine learning. [Pelco](#) is a leader in the design, development, and manufacture of predictive video security solutions, including video surveillance cameras, video management and recording systems, security software, and aligned services.
- **License Plate Recognition (LPR)** — [Vigilant Solutions](#), part of Motorola Solutions, offers an LPR platform with powerful analytics that help complete the investigative triangle of person, plate and location. All of the data and analytics received from LPR detections across the nation are stored in Vigilant's Cloud, LEARN, to help law enforcement develop leads and close cases.

HOW TO APPLY

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through www.grants.gov. The full application package should be submitted via the Non-Disaster Grants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Applicants should refer to the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on submitting an application.

Other program documents, including FAQs, may be found [here](#).

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts [here](#). Applicants should take note of the application evaluation criteria on pp. 41-46 of the HSGP NOFO.

WE CAN HELP YOU

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at PoliceGrantsHelp.com. Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

Additional information and resources can be found on our website: www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants.

