

Grant Executive Summary

Operation Stonegarden Grant

Funds available

\$81 Million

Apply by June 24, 2024



Grant highlights

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

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

Who can apply

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for OPSG funds. Funds for OPSG will be allocated competitively based on risk-based prioritization. Subrecipients eligible to apply for a subaward directly from the SAAs are divided into three tiers based on their proximity to such borders. Tier 1 eligible sub-recipients under OPSG are local units of government at the county level or equivalent and federally-recognized tribal governments on a physical border in states bordering Canada or Mexico and states and territories with international water borders.

Funding priorities and allowable costs

DHS/FEMA has identified as a national priority for OPSG applicants enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS.

OPSG is intended to support U.S. border States and territories in accomplishing the following objectives:

- Increase intelligence and operational capabilities to prevent, protect against and respond to border security issues.
- Increase coordination and collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Continue the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection.

- Provide intelligence-based operations through U.S. Border Patrol Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities.
- Support a request to the governor to activate, deploy or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of state law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements operational activities.
- Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Enhance the sharing of threat information and intelligence between Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Develop and sustain a capable workforce of analysts.

OPSG funds must be used to provide an enhanced law enforcement presence and to increase operational capabilities of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within border states and territories.

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize the acquisition and development of regional projects on the borders to maximize interoperability and coordination capabilities among federal agencies and with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. Such regional projects include communications equipment, radio systems and repeaters, and situational awareness equipment (license plate reader networks, visual detection and surveillance systems, sensor systems, radar systems, and manned or unmanned aircraft systems).

All emergency communications investments must comply with the [SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants](#) and must be aligned with the Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP).

Equipment allowability is based on the [Authorized Equipment List](#).

Maintenance and sustainment costs (e.g. maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees) are allowable, but the coverage period 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.

OPSG funds may not be used for any construction.

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 pp. 64 of the [HSGP NOFO](#) and pp.13-14 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.

Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects: Grant recipients planning to use award funds for infrastructure projects must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act unless they obtain a waiver from FEMA. For more information see pp. 121-123 of the [HSGP NOFO](#) and consult your legal department.

Application deadline

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) must submit the full application by **June 24, 2024 5 pm ET**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline in order to have enough time to submit the full application via FEMA GO.

Applications will be reviewed by the SAA and CBP/Border Patrol Sector Headquarters for completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines as well as operational content prior to submission to FEMA.



Motorola Solutions offers a proven basis for your application

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How to apply

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through www.grants.gov. The full application package should be submitted via FEMA GO at <https://go.fema.gov>.

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

FAQs may be found [here](#). Applicants should take note of the application evaluation criteria on pp. 102-105 of the [HSGP NOFO](#).

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts [here](#).

As part of the OPSG application process, each eligible local unit of government at the county level or federally-recognized tribal government must develop their Operations Order in coordination with state and federal law enforcement agencies, to include but not limited to CBP and Border Patrol.

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.



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