Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Funds available \$210 Million

Apply by January 24, 2025

Grant highlights

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program National Security Supplemental (NSGP-NSS) provides funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The NSGP-NSS also seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

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

Who can apply

- State governments. Nonprofit organizations must apply for NSGP funding through their State Administrative Agency (SAA). A list of SAA points of contact is available <u>here</u>. Nonprofit organizations may not apply directly to DHS/FEMA for NSGP-NSS funds, but must go through their SAA for submission.
- Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations that are:
 - Described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code;
 - Able to demonstrate that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack; and
 - For NSGP-NSS Urban Areas (NSGP-NSS-UA), located within an FY 2024 UASI-designated urban area; or for NSGP-NSS-States (NSGP-NSS-S), located outside of an FY 2024 UASI-designated urban area. A list of NSGP eligible urban areas may be found on pp. 13-15 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Eligible nonprofits located within FY 2024 UASI-designated urban areas may apply to the SAA to receive funding only under NSGP-UA. Eligible nonprofit organizations located outside of FY 2024 UASI-designated urban areas may apply to the SAA to receive funding only under NSGP-NSS-S.
- A total of \$105 million is available for applicants under the NSGP-NSS-UA category. Each nonprofit organization under this category may apply for up to \$200,000 per site and for up to three sites for a maximum of \$600,000.



- A total of \$105 million is available for applicants under the NSGP-NSS-S category. Under the NSGP-NSS-S category, the SAA may determine an award cap for individual subawards up to a maximum of \$200,000 per site and for up to three sites for a maximum of \$600,000. Target state allocations may be found on p. 16-22 of the <u>NSGP NOFO</u>.
- Sub-applicants are required to self-identify with one of the following four categories in the Investment Justification as part of the application process: 1) Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious; 2) Educational; 3) Medical; or 4) Other.

Funding priorities and allowable costs

FEMA has identified enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places as the national priority of greatest concern for purposes of this program. Second-tier priorities include effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; and exercises.

Allowable costs under this program are focused on facility hardening and physical security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack.

Allowable equipment under this program is limited to select items on the Authorized Equipment List which may be found on pp. 48-55 of the <u>NOFO</u>. These include, among other items:

- Public Notification and Warning Systems
- Security Cameras
- Physical Access Control Systems
- Portable Radios and Accessories
- Alert and Notification Systems
- Personnel Identification

Cameras for license plate readers/license plate reader software and cameras for facial recognition software are listed as unallowable costs for this program.

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 pp. 54-55 of the <u>NSGP</u>. <u>NOFO</u> and pp. 13-14 of the <u>FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual</u>. 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. 77-78 of the <u>NSGP NOFO</u> and consult your legal department.

Application deadlines

Eligible applicants must submit completed applications by **January 24, 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 final application to FEMA GO.



Motorola Solutions offers a proven basis for your application

We offer a wide range of solutions to improve transportation infrastructure security activities and help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- <u>Cybersecurity Services</u> Secure and protect your critical infrastructure by always knowing your cyber security risk posture. Motorola Solutions Cybersecurity Professional Services offer a comprehensive assessment of an agency's attack surface profile by applying the best practices of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Detailed remediation recommendations can then guide the agency to an appropriate solution, such as Security Monitoring or Security Update Services.
- Land Mobile Radio Communications 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.
- <u>Video Security & Access Control</u> Motorola Solutions offers fixed video, access control and software solutions to help you find, analyze and share information so you can respond to events with speed and decisiveness to keep your people and property safe. Our fixed video security systems include Avigilon, IndigoVision, and Pelco. Our access control systems and security include Openpath.
- Mass Notification and Critical Incident Management Enable organizations and communities to quickly and effectively send emergency alerts and share critical information to their entire audience through multiple channels including, SMS, email, voice, desktop, IPAWS, push notifications, social media and more. Supercharge notifications with tactical incident management for both planned and unplanned events to make sure every task is completed using automated communications, dynamic task management, event-specific resources and extensive reporting.

How to apply

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

Applications should refer to the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual for more information on submitting an application.

FAQs may be found <u>here</u>. Applicants should take note of the application evaluation criteria on pp. 58-61 of the <u>NSGP NOFO</u> and Question 17 and 19 of FAQs on what must be included in the Investment Justification.

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts <u>here</u>. Among other things, a vulnerability/risk assessment specific to the location/facility for which the nonprofit organization is applying must be submitted to the SAA.

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 <u>GovGrantsHelp.com</u>. 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: <u>www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants</u>.



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