Fiscal Year 2019 Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for security-related and physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations, as appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2019*, Pub. L. No. 116-6, and as authorized by Sections 2003 and 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Pub. L. No. 107-296 (codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. §§ 604, 605). In FY 2019, multiple funding allocations have been appropriated for nonprofit organizations located inside or outside of FY 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designated urban areas. Under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program - State (NSGP-S), eligible states will receive a target allocation for nonprofit organizations located outside of FY 2019 UASI designated urban areas. The NSGP will continue to be a competitive grant program. The NSGP promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state, local, and tribal government agencies.

> *In FY 2019, DHS is providing $60 million for security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.*

The FY 2019 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities. The core capabilities, outlined in the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) are essential for the execution of the five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery—and the realization of a secure and resilient nation.

Funding

In FY 2019, the total amount of funds under this grant program is $60 million, of which $50 million is for NSGP-UA and $10 million is for NSGP-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 2019 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 2019 UASI-designated urban areas, listed in FY 2019 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 2019 NSGP allowable costs are focused on security-related activities. Funding can be used for security-related planning; exercises; training; contracted security personnel; 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.

Equipment is limited to two sections of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Section 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Section 15).

Certain costs for training of nonprofit staff and members/congregants are also permitted. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness. Training conducted using NSGP funds must address a specific threat or vulnerability, as identified in the nonprofit organization's investment justification (IJ).

State Management &Administration (M&A):

NSGP-UA
The NSGP-UA is a sub-component of the UASI program, and states must ensure that 100 percent of each individual NSGP-UA award is passed through to the nonprofit organizations allocated funding by DHS/FEMA. The state may use UASI funding for M&A purposes associated with administering the NSGP-UA award. However, the state's overall M&A withholding for the NSGP-UA and UASI programs may not exceed 5 percent of the total of the state's combined UASI and NSGP-UA awards.

NSGP-S
The NSGP-S is a sub-component of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), and states must ensure that 100 percent of each individual NSGP-S award is passed through to the nonprofit organizations awarded funding by DHS/FEMA. The state may use SHSP funding for M&A purposes associated with administering the NSGP-S award. However, the state's overall M&A withholding for the NSGP-S and SHSP programs may not exceed 5 percent of the total of the state's combined SHSP and NSGP-S awards.

Note: States must be able to separately account for M&A costs associated with the NSGP-UA from NSGP-S.

Nonprofit M&A:
Nonprofit organizations that receive a subaward under this program may use and expend up to 5 percent of their FY 2019 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the subaward.

The period of performance for the NSGP is 36 months.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications are reviewed through a two-phase state and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the IJ (project description and justification) addressed identified risk. FY 2019 NSGP evaluation criteria includes:

- State and Federal verification that the nonprofit organization is located within one of the FY 2019 UASI-designated urban areas for NSGP-UA or outside of one of the FY 2019 UASI-designated urban areas for NSGP-S;
- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the United States) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on its ideology, beliefs, or mission;
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional, national, or historical institution(s) that renders the site(s) a possible target of terrorism;
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks;
- Findings from previously conducted threat or vulnerability assessments;
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state/territory, tribal, and local preparedness efforts;
- Complete and feasible IJ that addresses an identified risk, including the assessed threat, vulnerability, and consequence of the risk, and proposes building or sustaining a core capability identified in the Goal; and
- History of prior year funding under NSGP.

NSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2019 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.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.gov.