**FY2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program – NSS**

**Project Manager Responsibilities:**

The 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) project performance period runs from **May 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027**.

Upon receipt of notice of award, the following administrative requirements must be complete before funds can be accessed.

* Receive, review, sign and return your award agreement to the SAA
* Address any *financial holds* that may be listed in the articles of your award agreement
	+ Holds will require additional submission of information to FEMA for pending approval, which could extend past the original start date for funding. Reimbursement cannot be done without release of holds as approved by FEMA
* Complete and submit a current W-9 for your organization
* Sign and return a Sexual Harassment form
* Sign and return an Israeli Boycott form
* Sign and return a Covered Technology form
* Provide a table of expenses for contracted security personnel, if applicable

***Before*** physical work on your facility can begin:

* An Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP) assessment must be submitted and approved by FEMA
* Make sure all involved in this project, facility management, and fiscal agents are aware, work ***cannot***begin until FEMA provides EHP approval
* All construction and renovation projects require EHP review per guidance in the [FY25 Preparedness Grants Manual](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_gpd_fy2025-preparedness-grants-manual_082025.pdf). Must be identified within 6 months of the award and completed EHP review materials must be submitted no later than 12 months before the end of the period of performance

You will submit your EHP to the SAA at nsgp.khp@ks.gov to review and submit to FEMA on your behalf.

**Do not begin physical enhancements to your facility until you receive an official FEMA approval letter that will be forwarded from the SAA.**

**Reimbursements for work completed prior to the designated performance period cannot be reimbursed.**

**FY24 - Project Manager Performance Period:**

Due to increased costs, build and delivery, you should make every effort to procure equipment within the first 18 months of the award (by **November 1, 2026**).

All Planning, Equipment, Training, Exercise and M&A funds must be expended, and reimbursement submitted by the end of your stated award performance period (**December 31, 2027**).

Project managers must ensure that project milestones are completed within the project performance period and budget. As soon as you see pending challenges to meet any milestones, please reach out to the SAA.

**There are no extensions for this funding opportunity.**

**Review of the approved Investment Justification (IJ):**

* Review the approved IJ to ensure it is accurate, to include a complete description of equipment, planning, exercises, and training
* Costs, expenses, or activities not listed in the project workbook cannot and will not be reimbursed. Do not submit unapproved activities with your reimbursement requests. Check your itemized invoices before submission
* Please advise the SAA of personnel changes that would impact the project

**Planning:**

* Ensure you have obtained SAA approval to utilize funds for allowable Planning activities by submitting a Planning/Training/Exercise notification form to nsgp.khp@ks.gov at least 30 days prior to the planning activity
* Record and provide meeting minutes, noting participants and / or an overview of the Planning activity that was completed when submitting your reimbursement request
* Retain a copy of the approval for your records
* The SAA will provide you with a P/T/E form

**Equipment:**

* Ensure all equipment is listed in the IJ and approved by the SAA of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Only the equipment listed in your IJ has been approved. If you have quantity amounts or other changes to approved items, please email a request to nsgp.khp@ks.gov and a member of the SAA will respond
* Once all administrative requirements are met and the SAA communicates you are approved to begin the procurement process, the best practice for any threshold amount is to seek at least three (3) vendors you wish to work with who will agree to accept Net 45 Purchase Orders
* Because this is a competitive funding opportunity changes, modifications or additions to your project may not be allowable. For questions, email nsgp.khp@ks.gov
* To meet end of grant year deadlines; Bids for equipment should not be posted after **June 1, 2026**.

 *Vendor specific specifications cannot be utilized when posting bids or obtaining quotes*

 *You cannot limit response to quotes or bids to a designated territory, such as a city limit(s), county(is) or state(s)*

* Once your project is complete, please let the SAA know.
* Please contact the SAA if equipment is lost, stolen, damaged, has met its useful life, or if you intend to sell or trade the equipment
* The records for property and equipment acquired with the support of Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition

**Training:**

* Ensure you have obtained SAA approval to utilize funds for allowable Training activities by submitting a Planning/Training/Exercise notification form to nsgp.khp@ks.gov at least 30 days prior to the Training activity
* Course description, materials, agenda, a daily sign-in sheets of attendees must be submitted with the reimbursement request, so make sure if you are working with a contractor to provide training, that they understand the requirements up front
* Sign-in sheets can be completed in any format but should be legible, with the name of the activity, date(s), location, and duration(s) with typed or printed names and the individual signature for each participant. The SAA can provide you with a sign-in sheet template if needed
* Retain a copy of the approval and other supporting documents for your records
* The SAA will provide you with a P/T/E form

**Exercise:**

* Ensure you have obtained SAA approval to utilize funds for allowable Exercise activities by submitting a Planning/Training/Exercise notification form to nsgp.khp@ks.gov at least 30 days prior to the Exercise activity
* Exercise description, materials, agenda, a daily sign-in sheet of attendees must be submitted with the reimbursement request, so make sure if you are working with a contractor to provide Exercise activities, that they understand the requirements up front
* Sign-in sheets can be completed in any format but should be legible, with the name of the activity, date(s), location, and duration(s) with typed or printed names and the individual signature for each participant. The SAA can provide you with a sign-in sheet template if needed
* Retain a copy of the approval and other supporting documents for your records
* The SAA will provide you with a P/T/E form

**Procurement:**

When selecting a vendor, choosing Equipment, Training, Exercise or Planning activities, it’s imperative you follow your own Procurement Policy if it is not less stringent than the State of Kansas Procurement Policy and you can justify the expense with back-up documentation when submitting a Reimbursement Request.

Once you have defined your *“non-vendor specific”* specs for equipment or services and estimated costs choose the appropriate *threshold* for procurement.

State Contract - If you have access to a state contract that allows nonprofits to utilize it, there will be no need to move down a *threshold* checklist, and you can provide a copy of that state contract with your reimbursement request. You can review procurement tutorials at <http://www.datacounts.net/nsgp> .

**Thresholds:**

* **Expense at or less than $4,999.99** o no competitive bidding - doshop around for the best quality at a reasonable price. The best practice is to research costs with at least 3 vendors.
	+ \*Note\* if you are spending more than $4,999.99 in one fiscal year on one vendor → go to the next threshold
	+ Follow your policy fiscal year or state policy
* **Expense between $5,000 to $24,999.99** o minimum of three (3) quotes received
* **Expense is between $25,000 to $49,999.99** o Sealed bid process used, Invitation to Bid, Public Bulletin Board (your nonprofit website) – minimum ten calendar days
	+ \*Note\* The best practice is to post all bids on KS Register that exceed $25,000.00
* **Expense is at or greater than $50,000** o Sealed bid process used, Invitation to Bid, post on Kansas Register at <https://sos.ks.gov/publications/kansas-register.html> - minimum of ten business days, excluding holidays and minus the first & last day of posting (+2). You can utilize M&A for this cost if it was listed and approved in your IJ

**Choosing your vendor:**

Start with the lowest quote or bid to determine if they meet the specs - Document

If the lowest quote or bid does not meet the specs, move to the next - Document

You do not need to choose the lowest quote or bid. However, you do need to justify and document your choice.

You will need to keep this documentation to submit with your future reimbursement request to show what procurement method was utilized.

From here you can notify the vendor to begin work, order the equipment and / or issue a contract as appropriate.

**Reimbursement:**

Now that the work is completed - you have inspected and approved of the final service or product:

* Complete the provided Reimbursement Request Form
* Prepare, organize, and attach your *supporting documentation* that will match your reimbursement requests
* **Supporting documentation** - also known as Source Documentation includes as applicable
	+ Procurement Checklist
	+ Bids or quotes
	+ Bid or quote tabulation sheet - this sheet lists out all bids or quotes obtained
	+ Pre-Approval forms such as for Planning/Training/Exercise - also email approvals
	+ Correspondence
	+ Sealed bid information
	+ Proof of payment: could include cancelled check, bank or credit card statement highlighting vendor payment (you are welcome to black out other information if you desire), receipt, or letter from vendor stating specific item or service in the amount of request has been paid
		- Cancelled checks–*if the cancelled check is for multiple charges or invoices, please note this (breaking out costs) on the copy or summary you will be providing the SAA*
		- *Failure to provide proof of payment may jeopardize funding and future activities*
* Any other documents that support your itemized invoice listing only pre-approved items or activities
* Send reimbursement requests to the SAA at nsgp.khp@ks.gov and carbon copy KHP.Homeland@KS.GOV
* Email subject: Reimbursement Request, Fiscal year, nonprofit name, reimbursement number (Example: Reimbursement Request FY24 name of your nonprofit #1)

\*\*Note\*\* *Submit reimbursements as they are incurred to ensure a timely pass-through of funds. If proof of payment is not submitted at the time of reimbursement, you must send within 30 days of submitting the reimbursement request but as soon as possible*

**Reporting Requirements:**

Project managers are responsible for providing reasonable project milestone (DD/MM/YY) information.

Quarterly reports are required until the project is complete. Specific information is required and outlined for our reporting requirements to FEMA. “Nothing has been done yet” will not be acceptable.

Explain clearly what is to be done and / or what has been done with the funding. The designated project manager will receive an email notification that the report is due from Astra around the time the report is required. Once submitted, our team will review and approve or request changes accordingly. Send questions on quarterly reports to nsgp.khp@ks.gov

An inventory is required to be maintained by the designated project manager or designee, also referred to as the “End User” for the life of equipment and reconciled annually. The SAA will work with the End User to reconcile annual inventory no later than **September 30th every other year. Next Annual Inventory due September 30, 2025, 2027 and so on.**

An inventory spread sheet of what our office shows will be provided for you to simply review, approve, or provide corrections.

If equipment becomes lost, stolen, damaged, no longer serviceable, or supportable, an Equipment Disposition Form will need to be submitted to the SAA for approval to remove from your inventory. The records for property and equipment acquired with the support of Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition.

**Monitoring:**

All equipment with a threshold of **$5,000.00** or more will need to be tagged and monitored by the SAA at least twice - once during the open grant period and once after closing.

The SAA will reach out to schedule these monitoring visits.

Please access <http://www.datacounts.net/nsgp> for tools, resources, project management training and updates.

If you have any questions pertaining to the guidance above or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of us at nsgp.khp@ks.gov .

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