



# Homeland Security

## Fiscal Year 2018 Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141) and as authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Pub. L. No. 107-296), as amended; the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

*In FY 2018, DHS is providing \$60,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.*

provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations. In FY 2018, multiple funding allocations have been appropriated for nonprofit organizations located inside or outside of FY 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designated urban areas. Under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program - State (NSGP-S), eligible states will receive an allocation for nonprofit organizations located outside of FY 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designated urban areas. As in previous fiscal years, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program - Urban Area (NSGP-UA) will be a competitive grant program. The NSGP promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies

The FY 2018 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 mission areas and the realization of a secure and resilient Nation.

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### Funding

In FY 2018, the total amount of funds under this grant program is \$60,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 is for NSGP-UA and \$10,000,000 is for NSGP-S. Each nonprofit organization applies through the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$150,000 grant award for NSGP-UA. For NSGP-S, the SAA may determine an award cap for individual sub-awards up to a maximum of \$100,000 or the total allocation for that state, whichever is lower.

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### Eligibility

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2018 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations which 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. Beginning in FY 2018, for NSGP-UA, nonprofit organizations must be located within one of the FY 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative-designated urban areas, listed in Appendix A of the FY 2018 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); for NSGP-S, nonprofit organizations may be located anywhere within a state or territory, outside of a UASI area.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

FY 2018 NSGP allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. 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. This equipment is limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15).

Certain costs for training of nonprofit staff 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 and/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 Urban Area Security Initiative (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/Federal Emergency Management Agency (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, 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 State Homeland Security Program (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 the NSGP-UA from NSGP-S.**

Nonprofit M&A:

Nonprofit organizations that receive a sub-award under this program may use and expend up to 5 percent of their FY 2018 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the sub-award.

The period of performance for the NSGP is 36 months.

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## Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications are reviewed through a two-phased state and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the IJ (project description and justification) addressed the identified risk. FY 2018 NSGP evaluation criteria includes:

- For NSGP-UA only: State and Federal verification that the nonprofit organization is located within one of the FY 2018 UASI-designated urban areas;
- 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 their ideology, beliefs, or mission;
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism;
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks;
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments;
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts;
- Complete and feasible IJ that address 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
- For NSGP-UA only: History of prior year funding under NSGP.

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## NSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2018 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](mailto:AskCSID@fema.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 to [ASK-GMD@fema.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@fema.gov).