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Dear State Government Affairs Professionals, JCRC Directors, Security Directors, and Other Interested Parties:

This week Congress completed the FY 2020 Appropriations Bills and, today, the President is expected to sign them into law. This year, we successfully secured \$90 million for the program, a 50% increase over the FY 2019 level. This year \$50 million will support NSGP-UA (Urban Area) projects and \$40 million will support NSGP-S (State) projects. With the enactment of this legislation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will begin developing the **FY 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**. The NOFO is the NSGP grant application guidance.

The NOFO when published will **specify all key dates** for each stage of the process. The following is a general timeline:

- By statute FEMA will have up to 60 days to post the NOFO.
- Once the NOFO is posted, the application period will commence. By statute, this period may run between 30 and 80 days. Part of this period will be designated for the nonprofits to submit their applications and the remainder will be designated for the State Administrative Agencies to review and submit the requests to FEMA.
- FEMA will then have up to 65 days to review and finalize application award decisions.
- All awards are required to be processed before the end of fiscal year 2020 (before October 1st).

In advance of the FY 2020 NOFO, I will send out preliminary guidance (based on the FY 2019 NOFO) starting next week with the **risk assessment requirements**. The risk assessment forms the basis of the application request. Interested parties should then begin formulating or updating their draft requests, as the time designated for nonprofits to submit their applications is typically brief.

Once the FY 2020 NOFO is published, I will review the materials and update you on key program changes and other new or pertinent details within the NOFO relevant to completing this year's application.

Note: All New York City/State applicants should reach out to David Pollock, JCRC of NY's Associate Executive Director and Director, Public Policy & Jewish Security, for NSGP grant guidance and assistance, at: pollockd@jrcny.org. New York City/State applicants may also want to subscribe to David's NY-focused Security and Emergency Preparedness Alerts at: www.jrcny.org/security.

I am looking forward to working with you as the FY 2020 NSGP program advances. Stay tuned for next week's guidance.

Best,

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