Nonprofit Security Grant Program
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Agenda

- Overview: Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 NSGP Recap
- Preparation for the FY 2022 NSGP: What to Do Now
- Open Forum: Host-Moderated Question and Answer Session
What is the purpose of the NSGP?

- The NSGP is one of a suite of grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

- These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks.

- NSGP allowable costs are focused on security-related activities and projects that will prevent or protect against potential terrorist attacks.
**NSGP Overview: Eligibility**

**Who is eligible?**

- Nonprofit organizations that are described as an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 501(c)(3) entity and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code:
  - Organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues are considered automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) and do not have to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption from the IRS
  - Able to demonstrate, through the application, a nexus that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack
  - Self-identify with one of the following four categories: 1) ideology-based/spiritual/religious, 2) educational, 3) medical, or 4) other

- The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only eligible entity to apply to FEMA; nonprofit organizations must submit their applications to the SAA, who then applies to FEMA on behalf of all applicants from that state or territory
NSGP Overview: Eligibility (cont.)

What type of entities/organizations are not eligible to apply under NSGP?

- Utility Companies
- For-profit transportation entities/companies
- For-profit hospitals
- Public schools (elementary, middle, or high schools)
- For-profit colleges/universities
- For-profit public venues, stadiums, amusement parks
- Organizations active in politics/lobbying
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Community Service Organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Clubs, etc.)
- Homeowner associations, labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations
NSGP Overview: Framework

How is the NSGP structured?
- The NSGP is a competitive grant program intended to provide federal funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist attack.

What are the NSGP priorities?
- The NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.
- Supports enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places from potential terrorist attacks.

What is the Period of Performance?
- The period of performance is traditionally 36 months (FEMA to SAA).
- SAA sets the period of performance in sub-recipient agreement (SAA to nonprofit organization).
What are some commonly proposed projects and activities that are allowed under the NSGP?

- Contract security guards/personnel
- Planning (security/evacuation)
- Training (active shooter/stop the bleed)
- Cybersecurity/technology (supports infrastructure protection projects)
- Closed-circuit television (CCTV) security cameras
- Fences
- Bollards
- Security screening equipment
- Blast proof windows/doors
- Security enhanced doors/windows
- Warning and notification systems
- Access control systems
- Exercises (active shooter/bomb threat)
- Grant management and administration (up to 5% of grant award)
NSGP Overview: Unallowable Project Examples

What are some commonly proposed projects and activities that are not allowed under the NSGP?

- Organizational operating costs
- Direct hiring of public safety personnel
- General-use expenditures
- Overtime
- Development of risk or vulnerability assessments
- License Plate Reader (LPR) systems
- Facial recognition software
- Knox Boxes

- Guns/weapons or weapons training
- Landscaping
- Initiatives that study technology development
- Proof-of-concept initiatives
- Any pre-award costs (including grant writer fees/application development)
- Sexual Predator Screening Database
- Organizational salaries
FY 2021 NSGP Recap
FY 2021 NSGP Recap: Stakeholder Outreach

- FEMA’s Grant Programs Directorate continues to focus on providing quality customer service to all our partners

- Outreach events for the FY 2021 NSGP included:
  - 18 internally and externally hosted virtual events, delivered between February and May 2021
    - Eleven (11) FEMA-led and seven (7) externally-led events
    - Reached over 5,000 individual participants representing hundreds of organizations

- Building on FY2021, continue to refine and increase offerings of technical assistance/webinars, including both pre- and post-application lifecycle, to ensure broad reach to entities that have not historically applied
NSGP Overview: Funding

How much funding was made available through the NSGP in FY 2021?

- Under the FY 2021 NSGP, Congress appropriated $180 million across the two funding sources for nonprofit organizations:
  - **NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA):** funded nonprofit organizations located within a FY 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban area
    - $90 million for NSGP-UA, an increase of $40M from FY 2020
    - $150,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of $450,000 per sub-applicant
  - **NSGP-State (NSGP-S):** funded nonprofit organizations located outside a FY 2021 UASI-designated urban area
    - $90 million for NSGP-S, an increase of $50M from FY 2020
    - $150,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of $450,000 per sub-applicant
FY 2021 NSGP Recap: NSGP-UA

- 1,997 applications were submitted to FEMA under NSGP-UA, requesting $263,520,193 in federal funding:
  - 100% (31 out of the 31) of the FY 2021 UASI-eligible urban areas applied
- 1,073 applications advanced to the Federal Review, requesting $145,968,696 in funding

Approved Funding:
- 656 nonprofits were approved for FY 2021 NSGP-UA funding; 405 (62%) had not received NSGP funding in previous years
- At least one nonprofit within 30 of the 31 UASI-eligible urban areas received FY 2021 NSGP-UA funding
FY 2021 NSGP Recap: NSGP-S

- 1,364 applications were submitted to FEMA under NSGP-S, requesting $136,243,723 in federal funding:
  - 96% (53 out of 55) of the eligible states and territories applied
- 1,155 applications advanced to the Federal Review, requesting $123,282,932 in funding
- Approved Funding:
  - 876 nonprofits were approved for FY 2021 NSGP-S funding; 201 (23%) had not received NSGP funding in previous years.
  - At least one nonprofit within all 53 states and territories that applied received FY 2021 NSGP-S funding
- 3361 applications/1,532 awards - 588 first timers and 944 repeats
FY 2021 NSGP Recap: Activities/Projects

Total number of funded projects/activities by category (note: there can be multiple activities/projects within one IJ/application)

- 1100  – Security surveillance cameras/CCTV
- 850   – Controlled entry/access systems
- 810   – Security enhanced doors/windows
- 625   – Alarms/alert/notification systems
- 610   – Blast proof doors/windows
- 400   – Contract Security
- 380   – Training
- 305   – Other (cybersecurity and technology)
- 285   – Management and administration (M&A)
- 205   – Physical barriers/fences/bollards
- 175   – Planning
FY 2021 NSGP Recap: Summary - Key Takeaways

- Duplicative applications - grant writers
- Administratively incomplete Investment Justifications (IJs)/applications (missing/blank information)
- Unallowable projects and/or activities
- Nonprofit departments/divisions apply on behalf of for-profit organizations
- Unable to clearly express risk or a nexus to potential terroristic attack
- Contract security vs. hiring off-duty law enforcement vs. public safety personnel
- Technology-based projects vs. cybersecurity/cyber-hygiene projects
- General costs not associated with managing/administering the NSGP
Preparation for the FY 2022 NSGP
Notional Application Timeline

Phases of the Congressionally-mandated timeline

- Appropriation Enacted
- Notices of Funding Opportunity Released
- Application Period Closes
- Final Allocations Announced
- Awards processed by end of FY

- Notice of Funding Opportunity Development
  - Statutory Max: 60 Days

- Application Period
  - Statutory Max: 80 Days
  - Regulatory Min: 30 Days

- Application Review
  - Statutory Max: 65 Days

- Award Phase
Preparatory Considerations

Generate Your Idea
• Vulnerability Assessment: identified weaknesses equal activities/projects

Find Your Funding
• The Federal Government is on a Continuing Resolution through 12/3/21
• FY 2022 NSGP allocation is TBD until a full-year appropriation is enacted; NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity released within 60 days of enactment

Develop Your Proposal: Application/IJ

Submit Your Proposal
• SAAs may have unique deadlines/requirements
• SAAs submit all final applications
• Competitive process/award determinations

Manage Your Award
• Manage Award/projects to completion/milestones
FY 2022 NSGP: Materials to Prepare

- **Mission Statement:**
  - Used to validate information in the IJ (application) and to categorize the facility (ideology-based, education, medical, other)
  - Should be on official letterhead, if available
  - Should provide the “who, what, and why” of the organization

- **Completed Vulnerability Assessment (VA):**
  - Identifies the threats and vulnerabilities specific to the facility/site in the application
    - Keep in mind that the VA is the foundation from which the IJ is built
  - Addresses the threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences of potential events at a facility/site
  - Equipment requested in the IJ should directly link to the threats, vulnerabilities, and potential consequences to the facility, as identified in the VA
FY 2022 NSGP: Materials to Prepare (cont.)

- **Draft IJ/Application:**
  - Must have a physical address - no P.O. Box numbers
  - Only one site/one physical location/one address per IJ
  - Must be for a location the organization occupies at the time of application
  - See IJ template used for the FY 2021 NSGP as guide (www.grants.gov; keyword search “NSGP”)

- **Supporting Research and Documentation:**
  - Helps validate/support threat to facility, if applicable, such as police or insurance reports
  - Reach out to your SAA to better understand state level requirements/process
FY 2022 NSGP: Technical Assistance – Webinar Series

- FEMA will provide a series of Technical Assistance Webinars specific to the FY 2022 NSGP application process:
  - Anticipated timeline including notable dates and deadlines
  - Key program/process changes
  - NSGP funding streams
  - Elements of the FY 2022 IJ template/application requirements
  - Roles and responsibilities (FEMA/SAA/nonprofit organizations)
- Anticipate starting in January 2022 (dates to be determined based on when full-year Appropriations are passed)
  - Distribution/notification list: sign up at FEMA-NSGP@fema.dhs.gov
Resource Links

- FY 2021 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity: [Preparedness Grants | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/grants)
- [Preparedness Grants Manual | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/grants) (See Appendix C for NSGP-specific information)
- Application Materials/IJ: [https://www.grants.gov/](https://www.grants.gov/) (Keyword Search: FY 2021 NSGP)
- Grants Management Technical Assistance Online Training: [https://training.fema.gov/grantsmanagement](https://training.fema.gov/grantsmanagement)
- Authorized Equipment List: [https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list](https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list)
- Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Information: [http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195)
- VA Information - Hometown Security: [https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security](https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security), email [NICC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NICC@hq.dhs.gov) for additional information and VA information requests
- DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: [https://www.fema.gov/faith](https://www.fema.gov/faith)
Question and Answer Session
Thank You

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