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# Strategies and Resources for Protecting the Jewish Community

## NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

On December 11, 2001 (90 days after 9/11), the Senate Government Affairs Committee held a hearing on The Role Communities Play in Homeland Security. The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) urged Congress that, as it “further deliberates on issues surrounding homeland defense, and in particular focuses on how best to secure local communities, it includes consideration of the security needs of the nonprofit sector and the related costs it will incur.” Three years later, thanks to a coalition representing Jewish and other at-risk communities, Congress established the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP).

**In the 16 years since the program’s inception, \$419 million in federal funding for NSGP has provided more than 5,000 grants nationally, and an additional \$180 million in recent appropriation should secure about 2,000 more grants in 2021.**

A significant share of these resources has helped to secure thousands of Jewish communal institutions, including Jewish community centers, places of worship, schools and other places of learning, campus organizations, Holocaust museums and memorials, human service agencies, Federations, camps, and hospitals among them.

Today’s threat environment provides a compelling reason for government to invest in protecting the nonprofit sector against attacks that would disrupt the vital health, human, social, cultural, religious, and other humanitarian services they provide to communities, and threaten the lives and well-being of millions of Americans who utilize, and live, and work in proximity to them. Therefore, the need to continue the bipartisan and bicameral support for a strong NSGP remains a top communal priority.