

Navigating the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Webinar Series:
What to Do Now
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Q: Is it necessary to get an account with SAM.gov?

A: Each State Administrative Agency (“SAA”) will determine whether they are going to require full SAM.gov registrations in order to be eligible to apply for the NSGP application. Unique Entity ID (UEI) numbers will be required. You can obtain a UEI by logging into SAM.gov with your current DUNS number. Login to SAM.gov. In your Workspace, select the title of the “entities” widget. A list of your entities is displayed. The Unique Entity ID is show on the left side of the list. Please see [SCN NSGP Resource page](#) for more information.

Q: Do we need a Dun & Bradstreet number to apply for the NSGP?

A: Dun & Bradstreet numbers will no longer be used as entity identifiers within the Federal system. The Federal system will be using a Unique Entity ID (“UEI”) after April 4, 2022. Please see [SCN NSGP Resource page](#) for more information on getting a UEI.

Q: Can we replace old doors with fully equipped doors with access control?

A: In the FY21 Allowable Equipment List, doors are an eligible item under the NSGP. We anticipate that FY22 Allowable Equipment List will include doors but, more information will be available when the NOFO is published.

Q: Who is the SAA for Ohio?

A: Please go to the following link for a list of SAAs, according to FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/state-administrative-agency-contacts>

Q: What is the maximum award per applicant?

A: The funding cap will remain at \$150,000 per applicant this year.

Q: How can we get started now before the FY22 NOFO is released?

A: You can use FY21 Investment Justification form as a guide to begin drafting your application responses. See a sample of the [FY21 Investment Justification](#) here.

Q: How can an organization determine if it is located in an NSGP-UA area of NSGP-State?

A: For the FY21 list of FEMA’s NSGP-UA cities, please go to: <https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-91/2/FY%25202021%2520NSGP%2520UASI%2520Regions%2520.pdf>. The FY22 NOFO might update this list.

Q: What will the scoring be for underserved communities?

A: For FY22, it is anticipated that the IJ will include a new additional bonus of 15 points for nonprofits located in underserved communities. Please refer to the FY22 NOFO, when it becomes available, for more detailed information.

Q: What is the IJ scoring for first-time recipients?

A: The IJ scoring will continue to include a bonus for first-time recipients but in FY22 we anticipate that the bonus will increase from 5 to 15 points. If you have never received a grant award (even though you applied), you will be considered a first-time recipient.

Q: Once we receive notification that we have received an award, can we start work immediately?

A: No. There are several procedural steps that your SAA might require your organization to take prior to beginning any work. All organizations are required to submit an Environmental and Historic Preservation form application and get FEMA's approval of this form PRIOR to beginning any work.

Q: Can we get reimbursed on a per project basis?

A: Please check with your SAA on their implementation requirements as they differ from state to state.

Q: Can we use staff for M&A costs when we request M&A on our IJ?

A: Yes. You can request staff or an outside vendor for your Management & Administration request - but you must be able to identify the details of who is doing the work, how many hours they will be working, what they will be doing and a total of the costs involved on your IJ.

Q: Can I submit two vulnerability assessments?

A: The vulnerability assessment will be an uploaded document. It doesn't appear that you will be able to upload two separate documents.

Q: To what extent can information in a previously successful application be used in a new application?

A: Basic institutional information can be used – such as membership and community served or mission statement. However, for all other responses, please make sure to submit answers that are comprehensive and respond thoroughly.

Q: Can you apply to this grant more than one time if you have different facilities in different states?

A: Yes. It is permissible for an organization with multiple locations in two or more states to apply separately in each state for an award.

Q: Is cybersecurity eligible for this grant?

A: Information Technology Contingency Operations (14CI-00-COOP) is an eligible investment category under the FY21 Allowable Equipment List. This generally includes hardware associated with cybersecurity protection. Please refer to the FY NOFO for any updates.

Q: If there are two separate faith-based nonprofit organizations in the same building will they both be able to apply for this grant?

A: They should each have a separate vulnerability assessment addressing each organization's vulnerabilities.

Q: What are the sub-applicant types?

A: Through an applicant's Mission Statement and answers on their IJ, the SAAs and FEMA will assign an organization one of these category types: places of worship/faith-based organizations (factor of 3); medical and educational institutions (factor of 2); all other nonprofit organizations (factor of 1).