



## NAVIGATING THE NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM WEBINAR SERIES THREATS AND RISKS UNDER THE NSGP

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FAQS

### ***How can we get access to the 09 February 2023 webinar recording?***

The webinar recording can be found on the SCN NSGP page, along with other NSGP-related resources. <https://www.securecommunitynetwork.org/resources/dhs-grant-funds-information>

### ***Is there a particular form that is required for the security assessment?***

Please schedule a security assessment now!

FEMA does not prescribe which vulnerability assessment tool an applicant may utilize as a basis for the grant. A professional assessment conducted by experienced assessors is advisable. SCN-supported community/regional security directors/advisors and/or Federation-based security directors may be available to assist at no charge. State or local law enforcement partners may also provide vulnerability assessments free of charge.

If these options are not available, there may be private vendors who will conduct assessments at a cost (not reimbursable through the grant). Private sector vendors may vary in cost, quality, and competency, so it would be advisable to vet/conduct due diligence on all prospective candidates and confer with SCN's Duty Desk if there are questions or concerns, at: [dutydesk@securecommunitynetwork.org](mailto:dutydesk@securecommunitynetwork.org).

For organizations that are unable to arrange for an outside vulnerability assessment, the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and SCN have developed baseline security self-assessments that are designed for organizations/persons, with little to no security experience, to complete a security assessment.

- CISA Assessment Tool: <https://www.cisa.gov/houses-of-worship>
- SCN Assessment Tool: <https://securecommunitynetwork.org/resources/dhs-grant-funds-information/nsgp-tvra-tool>

Note: Before using any self-assessment tool for the NSGP grant, check with your SAA to make sure they will accept the self-assessment tool you plan to use – they may have a preferred or recommend tool.

### ***Does the UEI change if you've received one from a previous grant?***

The UEI is unique to each organization and should remain the same from year to year. However, an organization will need to re-register with SAM.gov annually to keep its active status.

***Are we eligible if our building is for sale?***

Your organization must occupy the building at time of application. Also, FEMA does require that the organization keep the approved equipment for approximately 4-7 years after an award, unless a waiver is approved by FEMA.

***What if our organization's legal name is not the same as listed on the 990 and other forms?***

In order to register in SAM.gov, your organization must be able to provide documentation supporting your organization's name. Your organization's UEI and SAM.gov registration must match the documents you are supplying to support that request.

***How long does it take for SAM.gov to assign a UEI?***

FSD.gov, the agency that manages the UEI assignments, has been severely delayed in getting these UEI numbers assigned. Please get started immediately so that your organization will have its UEI prior to receiving an NSGP award.

***Can we cite white supremacist antisemitic threats in our NSGP application?***

Yes. These threats can be listed in addition to terrorist threats to your organization or threats to other organizations locally and nationally.

***Are outdoor guard shack structures or man-traps permissible expenses under the NSGP?***

Construction projects are not allowable expenses under the NSGP.

***How long is the average process from time of grant award to grant receipt?***

Nonprofit organizations may not begin any work until they have been awarded the grant and have been given permission by their State Administrative Agency to begin their projects. This process could take 5-6 months after the grant award has been announced.

***What if our mailing address is different from our physical address?***

The FY2022 Investment Justification requested the organization's physical address. Please ask your SAA if your organization will need a separate UEI for your physical address if your mailing address is different than the physical address of the facility.

***Are we eligible to apply this year if we previously received Federal or state grant funding?***

Yes. All eligible nonprofit organizations can apply every year. However, the request for funding should not duplicate projects that are currently being implemented under an ongoing Federal or state NSGP award.

***How can we find out why we lost points on the FY2022 NSGP grant application?***

FEMA currently does not offer any feedback on unsuccessful grant applications.

***We have four contiguous parcels. Are these considered separate sites?***

It depends. It might be considered a "campus" and you can apply in one application for security investments that would benefit all the parcels. Or, if they are separate addresses, you might want

to apply for up to 3 addresses, pursuant to the NSGP guidelines. You would need 3 separate security assessments. We would recommend reaching out to your SAA for further guidance.

***Is there an annual fee to complete the UEI application?***

No. Registering in SAM.gov and obtaining a UEI number is a free process.

***How can we view data from the 2021 ADL statistics?***

Please go to: <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2021>. The ADL HEAT map dataset goes back to 2016.

***Can you give some guidance on completing under "Risk", the "Potential Consequences" section?***

In this section, please describe how a terrorist attack would impact the lives and property of your organization. A potential example could apply to groups that meet at your facility and would not be able to meet anywhere else if your building was destroyed. You can also include the psychological consequences to your members and as well as to entire community in the event of a terrorist attack to your building.

***Will there be character limits on the FY2023 NSGP Investment Justification?***

In FY2022, there were character limits on the Investment Justification and we do anticipate that there will be character limits on the FY2023 Investment Justification application.

***If our organization completed an Environmental & Historic Preservation form with a prior grant, we will need to complete another one if we get an award in 2023?***

Yes. The Environmental & Historic Preservation form will describe the investments that you requested in that year's Investment Justification form.

***Will there be a separate security personnel grant this year?***

In FY2022, the Federal NSGP grant award allowed requests for contracted security personnel. We do anticipate that this will continue in FY2023. Some states had their own security grants, which also included security personnel. Please check with your SAA for specific information.