



## NAVIGATING THE NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM WEBINAR SERIES FY22 LESSONS LEARNED

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FAQS

***Can we get any feedback on why our organization was not awarded the grant?***

Unfortunately, neither the SAAs nor FEMA provide any feedback on individual applications as to why they were not awarded. However, SCN provides resources and guidelines to follow to optimize results

***Can our synagogue spend money on security and then apply for the grant, and if successful, receive reimbursement for those security upgrades?***

Unfortunately, the NSGP grant applies only to new projects and any prior projects are deemed ineligible for reimbursement.

***Is there a written guide available?***

The [SCN NSGP web page](#) has many detailed resources to guide organizations through the NSGP process.

***Will we be able to share this presentation with our Board?***

All of the SCN NSGP webinar recordings will be made available on the [SCN NSGP web page](#).

***What is the maximum amount we can apply for?***

In FY22, each applicant can apply for up to \$150,000 per site, for a maximum of \$450,000 for three sites.

***How do I contact my State Administrative Agency?***

A list of State Administrative Agencies (“SAA”) can be found [here](#).

***Do you have to be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in order to be eligible for NSGP?***

Yes. All 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible for the NSGP grant.

***Will Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) numbers change annually?***

No. Once your organization is assigned a UEI, that UEI will remain the same for that organization. It does not expire. Some states require organizations that apply for and get an NSGP award to have an active SAM.gov registration. The SAM.gov registration is free and must be renewed annually.

***My organization is having difficulty getting a UEI. It's been a few months and we haven't been able to get a UEI. We've had to upload our articles of incorporation in order to prove our identity. What should we do now?***

In recent months, we have seen many organizations resolve their issues and receive their UEI numbers. Please login to your SAM.gov account and follow the steps to see if your organization is now able to receive their UEI.

***Can we get support through the NSGP process?***

Please reach out to [nsgpsupport@securecommunitynetwork.org](mailto:nsgpsupport@securecommunitynetwork.org) with any questions that you may have regarding the NSGP process.

***There are two incorporated organizations at one address. Can they both apply?***

Technically yes. However, if the vulnerabilities overlap, there should be some consideration made for the one that is a religious facility to apply since religious entities are entitled to a higher multiplier than other types of organizations. If both apply, each organization will need a separate investment justification and vulnerability assessment.

***If a site has multiple buildings at one address, can the application cover the multiple buildings?***

Yes. It is very important that all the vulnerabilities requested for each building must be present in the vulnerability assessment and discussed as weaknesses and critical to be remedied.

***How can we get a copy of the FY22 Investment Justification?***

A sample of the FY22 Investment Justification can be found [here](#).

***Does the NSGP grant award allow for cost sharing?***

There is no cost share or match requirement for the NSGP grant opportunity. However, if a project exceeds the funding cap or level of funding awarded through the grant, an applicant may use other non-federal sources to fund project costs in excess of what was approved through the grant.

***Does the NSGP grant require a match of funds?***

No. There is no requirement for an organization to match their own funds for the implementation of the approved projects.

***What types of federal requirements are mandated for organizations?***

For general guidelines, please see [SCN NSGP resources](#).

***What qualifies as a vulnerability assessment?***

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, email: [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-fundsinformation/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 recommended tool.

***Is my vulnerability assessment still valid?***

All investments requested and funded through the NSGP funding opportunity must be supported by a current vulnerability assessment. Generally, a current vulnerability assessment would be considered no older than 36 months. Within that period, vulnerabilities may have changed, which could impact what investments might be recommended. If seeking investments that are not justified within the current vulnerability assessment, be sure to update or supplement it to ensure it addresses all investments planned for the upcoming funding opportunity.

***If we have an EHP for our current grant, do we still need another EHP for this year's award?***

In general, you will need to complete an EHP for each grant award and the security upgrades you are planning to undertake. If you have specific questions, please reach out to your SAA for further clarification.

***Who can I reach out regarding my question about eligibility?***

We would recommend that you reach out to your SAA. A list of SAAs is available [here](#).

***Where can we access a list of prohibited equipment?***

FEMA's guidance on prohibited equipment can be found [here](#).

***Are emergency generators allowable?***

The vulnerability assessment must include the generator in the assessment as required to support the other security equipment that is being requested. Your request must also be included in the investment justification.

***How is the Investment Justification scored?***

A copy of the scoring worksheet can be found [here](#).