



FEMA

Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 PSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2011 PSGP is to support increased port-wide risk management; enhanced domain awareness; training and exercises; expansion of port recovery and resiliency capabilities; and further capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and other non-conventional weapons.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2011 PSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 PSGP will be \$235,029,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2011 PSGP funds?

Seven port areas have been selected as Group I (highest risk) and 48 port areas have been selected as Group II. Ports not identified in Group I or II are eligible to apply as a Group III or "All Other Port Areas" applicant. There is no designated Ferry appropriation. Ferry Systems in Group I and II can apply through the designated Fiduciary Agent (FA). All other Ferry Systems should apply with the Group III and "All Other Port Areas." Ports that qualify under the "All Other Port Areas" category that are located within Group I, II or III areas are allowed to receive grant funds from their geographically proximate higher group if the project has regional impact across the entire port area, but not from both funding groups for the same project.

4. How will the FY 2011 PSGP funds be allocated?

Each Group I and Group II port area has been designated a target amount of money based upon the FY 2011 risk analysis. Group III and "All Other Port Areas" (including new Group II port areas that choose to opt out of the FA process) will compete for the funding identified in their corresponding group. Applications will be reviewed at the field-level managed by the applicable U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, and at the national level by subject matter experts from DHS and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

5. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2011 PSGP?

The key milestones associated with the FY 2011 PSGP are:

- **May 19, 2011:** Release date for the FY 2011 PSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit

- **June 3, 2011:** Fiduciary Agent change/selection due to Program Office
- **June 20, 2011:** Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the port areas

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 PSGP?

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2011 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2011 PSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EST, June 20, 2011**. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. When applicants apply through <http://www.grants.gov>, the Standard Form 424 in the initial Grants.gov application will need to be submitted. The Standard Form 424 will be retrieved by ND Grants and the system will automatically populate the relevant data fields in the application. Because FEMA will need to conduct an initial review of the application prior to the submission deadline of June 20, 2011, grantees are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov by no later than June 13, 2011. Upon the completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application should proceed further and the applicant will be notified to complete their submission by fulfilling additional application requirements (e.g., budget, Investment Justification, Work Plan, etc.) by no later than **June 20, 2011**.

The application must be completed and only final submission made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2011 PSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.