



Homeland Security

FY 2011 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas. The program provides funding specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations and seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, state and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils.

In FY 2011, DHS will award \$18,962,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.

Funding

In FY 2011, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$18,962,000. Each nonprofit organization may apply through their State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award. The FY 2011 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2011 NSGP are State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) on behalf of nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific FY 2011 UASI-eligible urban areas will be required to provide their applications to their respective SAA. Applicants will also be required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA.

Allowable Costs

FY 2011 NSGP allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. Thus, funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15).

See published FEMA NSGP Grant Guidance for more detailed information. The period of performance for NSGP is 36 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed through a two-phased state and federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification addresses the identified risk. Additionally, FY 2011 NSGP evaluation criteria include items such as:

- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution(s) that renders the site as possible target of terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts to include coordination with the Citizen Corps Council
- Complete, feasible Investment Justifications that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability
- Recipient of prior years' NSGP funding
- Applicants may provide an optional cost match; however, an applicant's willingness to contribute an optional cost match will not impact application scores. For a cost match, grantees must match 25 percent (25%) of the federal funds requested.
- Type of institution applying for NSGP funding