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Below is a brief synopsis of the grant program and the process for applying.

Urban Areas Security Initiative: Nonprofit Security Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will announce (sometime in 2016), that nonprofit organizations in designated UASI areas nationwide are eligible to apply for funds as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). This competitive grant program will provide funding (to be determined by the Federal government), nationwide to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations that are deemed at a high-risk of a potential terrorist attack. DHS's criteria for determining eligible applicants that are at high risk of terrorist attack include, but are not limited to:

- Identification and substantiation (e.g., police reports or insurance claims) of prior threats or attacks against the nonprofit organization or closely related organizations (within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders the site as possible target of terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted risk assessments including threat or vulnerability

The only way an eligible nonprofit may apply, is through the State Administration Agency (SAA), who will then submit all eligible, state scored, applications to DHS for Federal scoring, and review. The NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (NJOHSP) is the designated SAA for the state of NJ. Nonprofit organizations must submit applications (Investment Justification/IJ), a copy of the organization's Mission Statement, a Vulnerability/Risk Assessment, **AND** a copy of the agency's 501(c)3, to the NJOHSP, to be considered eligible for a federal award up to \$75,000. **Not all eligible nonprofit organizations are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2016 UASI NSGP.** If selected by FEMA to receive funding under the FY 2016 NSGP, a recipient may only fund investments that were included within their FY 2016 IJ that was submitted to NJOHSP/FEMA and evaluated through the Federal review process.

The federal grant funds must be used for target-hardening activities, which can be accomplished through the purchase and installation of security equipment on real property (owned or leased by the nonprofit organization) and training. Allowable equipment is limited to physical security enhancements (e.g., alarm systems, bulletproof doors or windows etc.) and/or inspection and screening systems (e.g., walk-through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices). For a complete listing of allowable equipment, please refer to the Authorized Equipment List at <http://www.fema.gov/preparedness-non-disaster-grants>, and <http://www.fema.gov/grants>. Allowable equipment is limited to specific items within categories 14 - Physical Security

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Enhancement Equipment; and 15 - Inspection and Screening Systems. Additionally, nonprofit organization security personnel may use UASI NSGP funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training-related costs are limited to attendance fees for the training, and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. **Overtime, backfill, and/or travel expenses are not allowable costs.** Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of CI/KR, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness.

Management and Administration (M&A) activities are also allowable (maximum of up to five percent (5%) of funds awarded) and are defined as directly relating to the management and administration of NSGP funds, such as financial management and monitoring.

****This is a REIMBURSEMENT grant program, therefore, if your agency is selected to receive funding, the agency is responsible for ordering, and purchasing eligible equipment. Those eligible expenses would then be submitted to the OHSP with copies of purchase orders, invoices and copies of the front and back of canceled checks for reimbursement.**

GRANT PERIOD

The period of performance associated with the FY 2016 NSGP is **36 months**. Any unobligated funds remaining at that time will be reverted back to the NJOHSP.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible nonprofit organizations must be located within the following counties:

- *• **Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Union, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Sussex, Somerset, Ocean and Pike County Pa.**

APPLICATION CONTENT

ONCE ANNOUNCED for FY 2016, applicants must complete an Investment Justification (application), as well as other pertinent information, which will be published to our website: www.njohsp.gov/nonprofit-security-grant-program

***All completed Investment Justification Templates, a Vulnerability/Risk Assessment, a copy of the organization's Mission Statement AND a copy of the agency's 501(c)3, if applicable, must be electronically submitted to the NJOHSP via: DFields@njohsp.gov

QUESTIONS

Please email questions to: Mr. David B. Fields, NSGP Grant Liaison, directly, at 609-584-4992 or by email: DFields@njohsp.gov

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Each Investment Justification will be reviewed for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the proposed solution addresses the identified risk. IJ's will be reviewed in two phases to leverage local knowledge and understanding of the applicant's risk of a terrorist attack while also ensuring coordination and alignment with Federal, State and local preparedness efforts.

IJs will be reviewed and scored by NJOHSP in coordination with New Jersey's Urban Areas Working Group. After scoring, the IJ's will be ranked based upon need and impact. The prioritized list of the rankings along with their corresponding Investment Justifications will then be forwarded to DHS. The IJs will then be reviewed and award determinations made through a panel of evaluators from across DHS, including components within the Office of Infrastructure Protection (e.g., Risk Management Division, Office of Bombing Prevention), the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (as applicable), and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis. **DHS is responsible for making final funding decisions.**

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