

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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Timeline Overview

****This is intended to be an overview of the NSGP application process, with updates per FY2022 guidance****

Application Process:

- 5/13/2022 - Investment Justification (IJ) & Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released by DHS/ FEMA; sent to prospective applicants
- 5/25/2022 - Application Deadline

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Overview

- The NSGP is a **competitive** grant program intended to provide federal funding for physical security and cyber security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist attack.
- The NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.
- Authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks. NSGP supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

NSGP Overview (cont'd)

- In FY 2022, the total amount of funds under this grant program is \$250 million, of which \$125 million is for NSGP Urban Area (UA) and \$125 million for NSGP-State (S).
- **Period of performance - 33 months**
 - Period of performance START DATE - September 1, 2022
 - Period of performance END DATE - May 31, 2025

NSGP Eligibility

- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Entities not eligible to apply under NSGP
 - Utility Companies
 - For-profit companies (Ex. Bus service Companies)
 - For profit hospitals
 - Organizations active in politics, lobbying, and advocacy work
 - Community Service Organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lion Club)
 - Homeowners Association
 - Labor/agriculture or horticulture organizations, Labor unions, county fairs, and flower societies

NSGP IRS Tax Exemption

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).
- Such organizations are automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3). These organizations are not required to provide recognition of exemption.
- For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3), the state may or may not require recognition of exemption, as long as the method chosen is applied consistently.
 - To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

Application Package Checklist

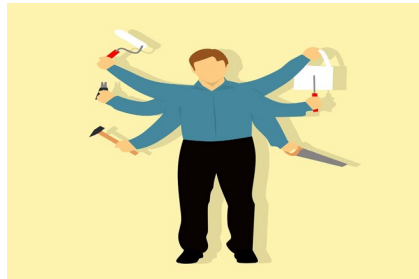
- Investment Justification (IJ) - **PDF only**
 - **Must be saved as:**
 - *Baltimore Urban Areas - FY2022_NSGP_UA_MD_ Urban Area_ <Nonprofit Name>*
 - *Outside Baltimore Urban Area - FY2022_NSGP_S_MD_ <Nonprofit Name>*
 - Baltimore Urban Area Example - FY2022_NSGP_UA_MD_ Baltimore Our New Place School*
- Mission Statement
 - **Please save as** *<nonprofit name> Mission Statement*
- Vulnerability/Risk Assessment
 - **Please save as** *<nonprofit name> Vulnerability Assessment*

Baltimore Urban Area vs. State Organizations

- Baltimore Urban Area (NSGP-UA)
 - City of Annapolis
 - Anne Arundel County
 - Baltimore City
 - Baltimore County
 - Carroll County
 - Harford County
 - Howard County
- State-Level (NSGP-S)
 - Organizations outside the designated Baltimore Urban Area (except organizations within the National Capital Region - Montgomery & Prince George's Counties (applications submitted to DCHSEMA))

Single Site vs. Multiple Sites

- Sub-applicants with one site may apply for up to \$150,000 for that site.
- Sub-applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$150,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$450,000 per sub-applicant.
- If a sub-applicant applies for projects at multiple sites, regardless of whether the projects are similar in nature, an assessment of the vulnerability and risk unique to each site is required.



Note: Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the application.

NSGP Funding Priorities

- National Priority
 - Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places
- Enduring Security Needs
 - Effective Planning
 - Training and awareness
 - Exercises

**not required but should be considered.*

Restrictions & Allowable Cost

- **Planning** – Security or emergency planning expenses and the materials required to conduct planning activities
 - Must be related to the protection of the facility and the people within it [With consideration for individuals with access and functional needs as well as those with limited English proficiency]
 - Examples of allowable planning activities
 - Development and/or enhancement of security plans
 - Emergency contingency or Continuity of Operations Plans
 - Evacuation/Shelter-in-place Plans Security Risk Management Plans
 - Emergency Response Plans

Restrictions & Allowable Cost cont.

- **Training/Exercises** – Limited to an organization’s security personnel, staff, members and volunteers only.
 - Both offsite or onsite security training is allowed
 - Train-the-trainer courses are allowed
 - Related costs are limited to attendance fees and related expenses such as materials, supplies and/or equipment.
 - Allowable training/exercise topics include physical and cybersecurity, target hardening, terrorism awareness/employee preparedness , active shooter training and emergency first aid training.
 - Travel is ***not*** a reimbursable cost

Restrictions & Allowable Cost cont.

- **Access Control Equipment**

- Surveillance Equipment (Cameras)
- Impact Resistant Doors and Gates
- Intrusion Detection Sensors & Alarms
- Exterior Lighting
- Physical Perimeter Security (fencing, walls, jersey barriers)
- Screening & Inspection Equipment
- Backup Computer hardware, operating system, data storage and application software

Restrictions & Allowable Cost cont.

- **Access Control Equipment**

- Allowable equipment outside AEL Categories 14 & 15 include ONLY the following:
 - Handheld Radios (AEL 06CP-01-PORT- Radio, Portable)
 - Public Warning Systems (030E-03-MEGA – System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile)
- Authorized Equipment List -
 - <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>

Restrictions & Allowable Cost cont.

- **Personnel** – Contracted security protection is the only allowable cost in this category under the grant program.
 - Funds may not be used to purchase equipment for contracted security.
 - Application should justify proposed contacted security personnel spending in the target hardening narrative section of the application.

Example: Number of Personnel, Frequency of Use, Hourly Rate

Restrictions & Allowable Cost cont.

- **Management & Administration** – Up to 5% of a sub-applicant's FY 2022 NSGP award may be used for M&A purposes.
 - **Cannot** be operational costs & must be justifiable in order to receive reimbursement.

Examples: *Reporting, Financial Management, Correspondence & Monitoring*
 - **Must** be included in section IV of the IJ to fully account for project budget

Vulnerability Assessment

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- Local Police & Fire Department
- Self Assessment
 - <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>

Application Submission

- Baltimore Urban Area
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- Surrounding State Areas
 - Lola Parker - lola.parker2@maryland.gov
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- National Capital Region (Montgomery & Prince George's County)
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