



Nonprofit Security Grant Program

West Virginia Emergency
Management Division

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

The NSGP provides federal funding for physical security enhancements and other security related activities to nonprofit organizations at risk of a terrorist attack.

Besides funding, it aims to integrate plans and actions of nonprofit organizations with broader community preparedness efforts.

How can we enhance Facility Security?

- Appoint a Security Team
- Conduct a Facility Security Assessment
- Develop an Emergency/Evacuation Plan
- Organize Training and Education/Awareness activities
- Practice, Practice, Practice



Facility Security Team

- Identify members with relevant skills and backgrounds
- Meet with local law enforcement
- Review insurance coverage
- Appoint a spokesperson

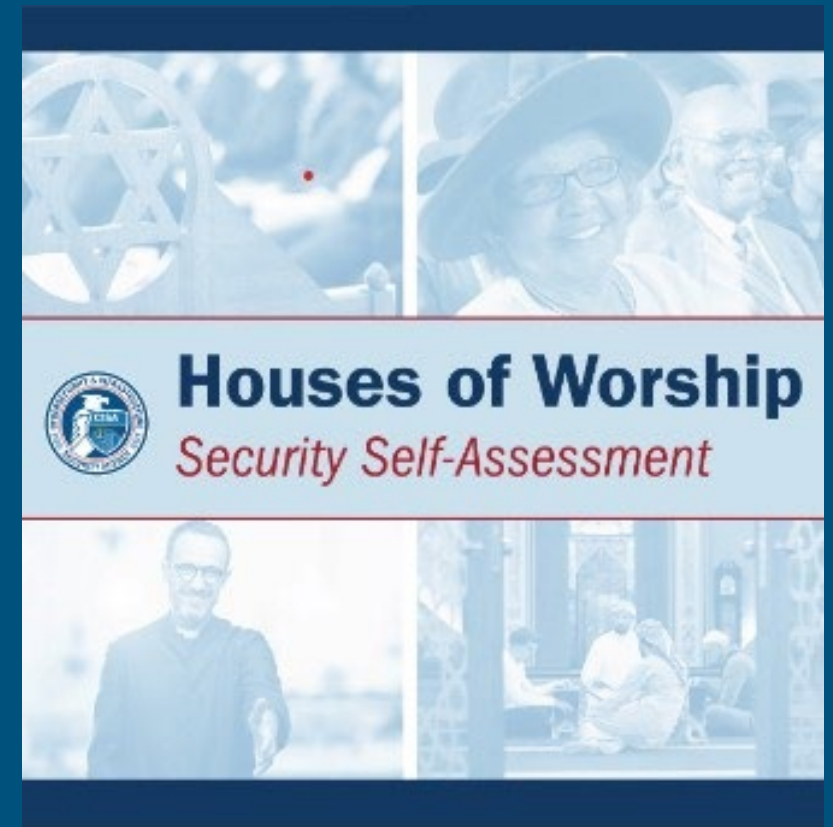


Find your Vulnerabilities

An assessment to identify the threats and vulnerabilities which pose the greatest risk is essential to improving the security of any organization or facility.

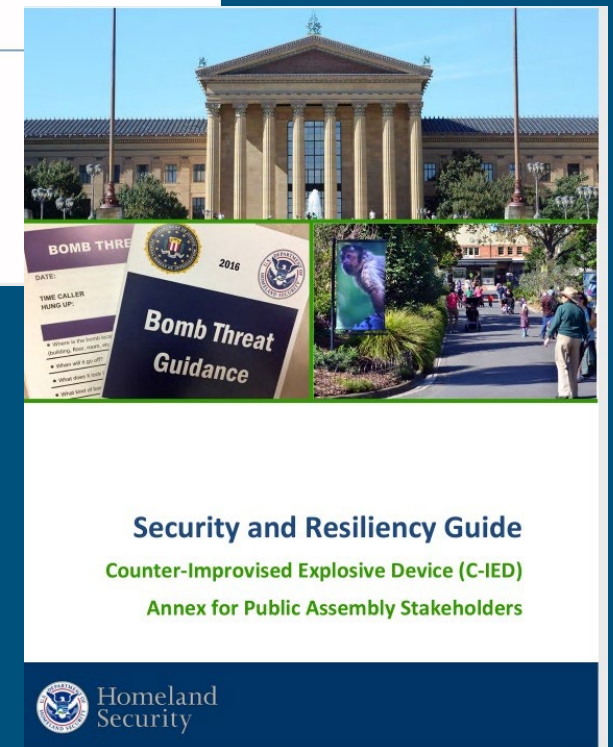
Online self-assessment tool specifically designed for Houses of Worship can be accessed at:

<https://www.cisa.gov/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>



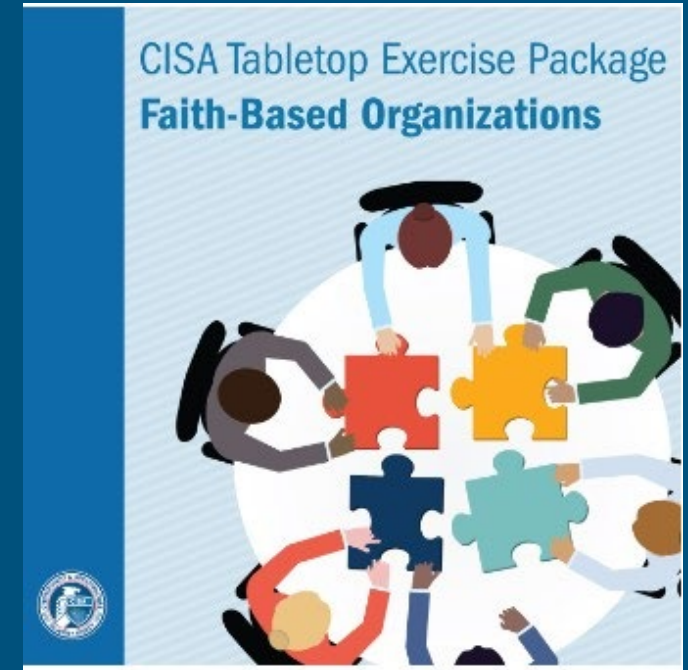
Emergency Planning

- Collect important information and keep copies in different locations in the church, and a copy off site
- Post signage for exits
- Identify persons who will help people who need extra assistance
- Designate external reunification locations



Building Awareness

- Understanding Alerts and Alarms
- Review emergency evacuation routes
- How to summon law enforcement and what to report to 911
- Strategies to barricade doors and windows
- Remembering and recalling incident details



2023 Non-Profit Security Grant

- Total 2023 Federal Funding: \$360 million
- Nationally competitive program
- Maximum subgrant award of \$150,000 per site
- No match requirement
- Period of performance: October 2023 to September 2026
- Types of Eligible Organizations
 - Ideological-based/Spiritual/Religious
 - Educational
 - Medical
 - Other



Funding Priorities

- **Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (top priority)**
- Planning
- Training and Awareness
- Practical Exercises to assess equipment, planning, and training
- Equipment
- Personnel



Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be:

- Organizations that qualify as 501(c)(3) entities and are exempt from tax under section 501(a)
- Located in the State of West Virginia
- Able to demonstrate, through the application, that they are at risk of a terrorist attack
- An occupant of the facility at the time of application

Eligibility

The following types of entities are not eligible:

- **Volunteer Fire Departments**
- **For-profit hospitals**
- **For-profit transportation companies**
- **Community service organizations**
- **Utility companies**
- **Homeowners associations**
- **Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations**

Unallowable Costs

- **Organizational Operating Costs**
- **General-use expenditures**
- **Development of risk/ vulnerability assessments**
- **License Plate Reader (LPR) systems**
- **Facial Recognition software**
- **Knox boxes**
- **Guns/Weapons**
- **Weapons Training**
- **Landscaping**
- **Sexual Predator Screening Database**
- **Initiatives in which federal agencies are the beneficiary or that enhance federal property**
- **Hiring of public safety personnel**
- **Overtime**
- **Any pre-award costs (including grant writer)**
- **Proof-of-concept initiatives or initiatives which study technology development**

Key Takeaways

1. We can all be winners.
2. This is federal money so there are strings attached.
 - a. Timeframes
 - b. Regulations
 - c. Paperwork
3. Don't overcommit.
4. Not all security improvements are expensive.
5. We are here to help!

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