Non-Profit Security Grant Program

West Virginia Emergency Management Division
Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

The Non-profit Security Grant provides federal funding for physical and cyber security enhancements and other security related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk to a terrorist attack. The NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of non-profit organizations with broader state and local efforts.

It is a nationally competitive grant program.
Non-Profit Security Grant (NSGP)

• 2023 Federal Funding: $360 million (pending Congressional appropriation)
• Maximum sub-grant awards of $150,000 per site
• Period of performance: October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026

• Target Categories
  • Ideological-based/Spiritual/Religious
  • Educational
  • Medical
  • Other At-risk Organizations
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 an assessment and 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
Funding Priorities

• Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (top priority)
  • Physical security enhancements

• Planning
  • Security plans, contingency plans, shelter-in-place plans

• Training and Awareness
  • Active shooter training
  • Security training for employees
  • Supporting persons with special needs
  • Public awareness

• Exercises
  • Response exercises
Funding Priorities

• Equipment
  • Access control equipment, surveillance equipment (cameras)
  • Impact resistant doors and gates
  • Intrusion detection sensors and alarms
  • Exterior lighting and physical perimeter security
  • Backup computer hardware, operating system, data storage, and application software

All equipment must be on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL) – we will help ensure compliance.
Funding Priorities

The following types of equipment from the FEMA Authorized Equipment List are eligible in this program.

• Category 14: Physical Security Enhancements Equipment
• Category 15: Inspection and Screening Systems
• Notification and Warning Systems
• Radios and Public Warning Systems- Public Address, Handheld or Mobile

Link to AEL:
https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list
Funding Priorities

• Personnel
  • Contracted security protection is the ONLY allowable cost in this category

• Management & Administration
  • Sub-recipients may use up to 5% of their award to cover their administrative costs
  • These are not operational costs and must be justified
  • This would include reporting, financial management, correspondence, and monitoring
  • These must be included in Section IV of the Investment Justification (application) to fully account for project budget.
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
Critical Grant Requirements

• Applicant must provide
  • Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
  • Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) – Obtained from https://sam.gov/content/home

• Completed Threat and Vulnerability Assessment

• Grant Application - called Investment Justification
  • Complete the fillable IJ form
  • All sections must be completed
  • Provide detailed information

• Any supporting documentation
  • Could include things like police or insurance reports
Common Questions

• Can an entity apply for a location they are not yet occupying?
  No – eligible non-profits can only apply for funding for a location they are occupying at the time of application.

• Can an entity apply for work that was done in the past?
  No – recipients cannot be reimbursed for work performed outside of the award period of performance.

• Is there a match requirement?
  There are no matching requirements under FY 22 NSGP.

• Is there a specific vulnerability assessment that should be used?
  No – FEMA does not prescribe any requirements for the vulnerability assessment, just that one be conducted and submitted with the application.
Common Questions

• Can an organization that was previously awarded an NSGP grant apply again in 2022?
  Yes – though they must update their vulnerability assessment to reflect prior investment

• Are there organizational size restrictions that apply to the grant?
  No – any size 501(c)(3) eligible organization may apply

• If an organization subsequently relocates after completing the federally funded security enhancements, may they take any installed equipment with them?
  No – the organization may not move any federally installed equipment to a new location
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