



Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of FY 2009 OPSG?

The purpose of FY 2009 OPSG is to provide funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress from international borders.

2. How much funding was available under FY 2009 OPSG?

The total amount of funds distributed under FY 2009 OPSG is \$60,000,000.

3. What is the priority for FY 2009 OPSG Grant Program?

The priority is to increase operational capabilities of Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within United States Border States and territories.

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 OPSG funds?

Eligible applicants under FY 2009 OPSG are local units of government at the county level (or equivalent) and Federally-recognized tribal governments in the states bordering Canada (including Alaska), southern states bordering Mexico, and states and territories with International water borders.

5. How were FY 2009 OPSG allocations determined?

FY 2009 OPSG funds were allocated competitively to designated localities within U.S. Border States using a combination of the results of the risk analysis and feasibility of the Operations Orders. Real time Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intelligence and expanded eligibility to include states and territories with international water borders, were factors in FY 2009 OPSG allocation determinations.

6. What legislation authorized funding for FY 2009 OPSG?

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2009 OPSG Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 OPSG Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as at www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the period of performance for FY 2009 OPSG?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.

10. Has the Department expanded the allowable activities under Operation Stonegarden?

The following grant guidance modifications were made to FY 2009 OPSG:

- Allow OPSG funds to be used to activate reserve State, local and Tribal law enforcement personnel (cannot hire new peace officers).
- Allow OPSG funds to pay current part time law enforcement personnel salary bringing them to full time status.
- Allow OPSG funds to be used for travel, per-diem and lodging to support up to a six (6) month deployment of law enforcement personnel to critical Southwest Border locations to support operational activities.
- Remove fuel and/or fuel mileage reimbursement cap for operational activities.
- Allow backfill costs for personnel supporting operational activities.
- Encourage County level grantees to utilize OPSG funding to support a request to the Governor to activate, deploy or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of State law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements operational activities.
- Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of State, local and Tribal law enforcement agencies.

11. Do these grants go to states or counties?

OPSG funding is awarded to the designated State Administration Agency (SAA) with 100% pass-through to selected local units of government at the county level and Federally-recognized tribal governments.