



**FEMA**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2020 TSGP?**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. TSGP provides funds to transit agencies to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

### **2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2020 TSGP Program?**

The TSGP is authorized by Section 1406 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, Pub. L. No. 110-53 (codified at 6 U.S.C. § 1135), and the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020* (Pub. L. No. 116-93)

### **3. How much funding is available under the FY 2020 TSGP?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2020 TSGP will be \$88 million.

### **4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?**

The FY 2020 funding level for the TSGP is the same as the funding level in FY 2019.

### **5. Where is the FY 2020 TSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?**

The FY 2020 TSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### **6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 TSGP funds?**

Agencies eligible for the FY 2020 TSGP are determined based upon daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas.

Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2020 TSGP and receive funds. However, any ferry system electing to participate and receive funds under the FY 2020 TSGP will not be eligible to participate under the FY 2020 Port Security Grant Program

(PSGP) and will not be considered for funding under the FY 2020 PSGP. Likewise, any ferry system that participates in the PSGP will not be eligible for funding under the TSGP.

## **7. How will the FY 2020 TSGP applications be submitted?**

Applying for an award under the TSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov> at least seven days before the final application deadline. Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact [ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 865-4076 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

## **8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 TSGP?**

- February 14, 2020: Release date for the FY 2020 NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 TSGP are due to FEMA.

## **9. How will the FY 2020 TSGP funds be allocated?**

TSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 TSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following three national priorities in their IJs:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Soft targets and crowded places
3. Emerging threats

## **10. What is the FY 2020 TSGP Program period of performance?**

The period of performance is 36 months.

## **11. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [askcsid@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@fema.dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at [ask-gmd@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ask-gmd@fema.dhs.gov).