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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** All State Administrative Agency Heads  
All State Agency Points of Contact  
All Urban Areas Security Initiative Points of Contact  
All State Homeland Security Directors  
All State Emergency Management Agency Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Guidance on the Eligibility of Law Enforcement Agencies for  
Institutions of Higher Education to Receive Funding Under the  
State Homeland Security Program, Urban Area Security Initiative,  
and Nonprofit Security Grant Program

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide guidance that law enforcement agencies at institutions of higher education (e.g., public and private colleges and universities) are eligible to receive both State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding for eligible activities as subrecipients. In addition, institutions of higher education that are described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code may also apply for and receive funding for eligible activities as subrecipients under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP).

**II. Applicability**

This IB is applicable to applicants/subapplicants and recipients/subrecipients of SHSP, UASI, and NSGP funding in accordance with the Preparedness Grants Manual (PGM) and Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) applicable to those programs.

### **III. Guidance**

#### **A. State Homeland Security Program and Urban Area Security Initiative**

Law enforcement agencies at institutions of higher education (e.g., public and private colleges and universities) are eligible to receive SHSP and UASI funding from the state administrative agency (SAA) to carry out eligible activities specified in the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) NOFO and PGM. When executing subawards to institutes of higher education and their law enforcement agencies, the SAA should work with FEMA GPD to determine whether such subawards may be applied to the State's pass-through requirements described in the HSGP NOFO. See, e.g., Section F.2 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 HSGP NOFO.

#### **B. Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

Public and private colleges and universities that are described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code may also apply for and receive funding for eligible activities as subrecipients under NSGP. See Section C.2 of the FY 2023 NSGP NOFO.

### **IV. Questions**

Questions regarding this IB may be directed to your assigned FEMA Preparedness Officer or FEMA Grants News at [fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 368-6498, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

### **V. Review Date**

This IB will be reviewed within five years from date of issuance.