



Homeland Security

FY 2014 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Pub. L. No 113-76); the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 grant programs that directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. PSGP is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the

Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The FY 2014 PSGP provides funds for transportation infrastructure security activities to implement Area Maritime Security Plans and facility security plans among port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies required to provide port security services.

The FY 2014 PSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The FY 2014 PSGP's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

In FY 2014, DHS will award \$100,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds that will be distributed under this grant program is \$100,000,000. FY 2014 PSGP is focused on supporting increased port-wide maritime security risk management; enhancing maritime domain awareness; supporting maritime security training and exercises; and to maintaining or reestablishing maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) identified vulnerabilities in port security.

Eligibility

FY 2014 PSGP will continue to have two designated groupings. Seven port areas were selected as Group I (highest risk) and ports not identified in Group I are included in Group II or "All Other Port Areas." Port areas that were previously Group III and Group IV port areas were re-grouped as Group II. There is no designated ferry allocation.

The following entities are specifically encouraged to apply:

- Owners or operators of federally-regulated terminals, facilities, U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries as defined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 101, 104, 105, and 106.
- Members of an Area Maritime Security Committee, per 33 CFR Part 103, who are recognized as such by the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) Captain of the Port (COTP), and are required to provide port security services. Specifically, eligible applicants include port authorities, port police, local law enforcement agencies, port and local fire departments, and facility fire brigades that have jurisdictional authority to respond to incidents in the port.

Certain ferry systems are eligible to apply for FY 2014 PSGP funds. However, any ferry system receiving funds under the FY 2014 PSGP will not be eligible to participate under the FY 2014 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that participates in the TSGP will not be eligible for funding under the PSGP.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2014 PSGP will focus on enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA); enhancing IED and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities; Cybersecurity; port resilience and recovery capabilities; training and exercises; and Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Implementation. A maximum of up to five percent (5%) of PSGP funds awarded is retainable by grantees for Management and Administration (M&A) associated with the grant award.

The period of performance for the PSGP is 24 months from the date of award.

Key FY 2014 PSGP Changes

- **Cybersecurity:** vulnerability assessments may be funded as contracted costs
- **Port-Wide Risk Management Plan (PRMP):** PRMPs are no longer a requirement of Group I and II ports.
- **Limitations for Projects:** PSGP projects funded under 46 U.S.C. § 70107(b)(2) (including Construction Projects) may not exceed \$1,000,000. The Secretary of Homeland Security may approve a greater amount of per project funding, so long as that greater amount does not exceed 10 percent of total amount of PSGP funding provided to the grantee.
- **TWIC:** PSGP encourages use of the Qualified Technology List (QTL) instead of the Initial Capability Evaluation (ICE) list to identify approved TWIC equipment.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

All port areas were assigned to groupings based on relative risk rankings. The highest risk ports were designated as Group I, lower risk ports were assigned to Group II. To ensure the highest risk ports receive the bulk of available funds, the majority of funding was allocated to those port areas in Group I. Port areas competed for the funds allocated to their respective groups.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct an initial review of all FY 2014 PSGP applications for completion. Field-level reviews will be conducted by the applicable COTP in coordination with the Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration's Gateway Office and appropriate personnel from the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), as identified by the COTP. Field review project scores and prioritized lists will be submitted to FEMA for the national review process. The National Review Panel (NRP) will convene with subject matter experts from DHS and other federal partners to identify a final, prioritized list of eligible projects for funding. The NRP will conduct an initial review of the prioritized project listings for each port area submitted by the USCG's COTP to ensure that the proposed projects will accomplish intended risk mitigation goals. The NRP will validate and normalize the Field Review COTP Project Priority List and provide a master list of prioritized projects by port area. A risk-based algorithm will be applied to the NRP's validation and prioritized lists for each port area in all groups. The NRP then will evaluate and validate the consolidated and ranked project list resulting from the application of the algorithm and submit their determinations to FEMA and ultimately to the Secretary of Homeland Security for final approval.

PSGP Program Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the PSGP Program.

- The FY 2014 PSGP Program Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.