



# Homeland Security

## FY 2014 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

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### Overview

As appropriated by *The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76) and authorized by Section 1406 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, Public Law 110-53 (6 U.S.C. 1135); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) is one of the Department's FY 2014 grant programs that directly support transportation infrastructure security activities. FY 2014 TSGP provides funds to owners and operators of transit systems (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, ferries, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

*In Fiscal Year 2014, DHS will award \$90,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.*

FY 2014 TSGP 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 TSGP 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. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2014 TSGP's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

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### Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds available under this grant program is \$90,000,000. FY 2014 TSGP funds will be awarded to support the creation of sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

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### Eligibility

Eligible transit agencies were determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions.

Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2014 TSGP. Ferry systems that elect to participate under the FY 2014 TSGP may not participate in the FY 2014 Port Security Grant

Program (PSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elects to participate in the PSGP will not be considered for funding under the TSGP.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

The FY 2014 TSGP focuses on operational activities, operational packages (OPacks), and Top Transit Asset List (TTAL) remediation.

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

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## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

TSGP applications are reviewed by representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Panelists review applications and, where possible, score applications independently before joint panel deliberations. During panel sessions, panelists discuss projects and agree on individual final scores, comments, and recommend funding levels. The panel provides funding recommendations to an Executive Committee made up of FEMA and TSA leadership. This committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security, who reviews the recommendations and makes final award decisions.

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## **TSGP Resources**

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

- The FY 2014 TSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement. A copy 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](mailto: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](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).