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Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2014 THSGP Program?

The purpose of the FY 2014 THSGP Program is to make grants available to Federally-recognized “directly eligible Tribes” to provide Tribes with the ability to develop and deliver core capabilities using the combined efforts of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2014 THSGP’s allowable costs support efforts of Tribes to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas. The FY 2014 THSGP also 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. Federally-recognized Tribes are those Tribes appearing on the list published by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the *Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994* (Pub. L. No. 103-454) (25 U.S.C. § 479a-1). “Directly eligible Tribes” are defined in Section 2001 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296) (6 U.S.C. § 601).

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2014 THSGP?

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under THSGP, as a carve-out of the FY 2014 State Homeland Security Program, will be \$10,000,000. FY 2014 THSGP funds will be allocated based on Tribal eligibility per the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended (self-certified), and the effectiveness of the applicant’s THSGP Investment Justification (IJ) (as determined through a peer review process).

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2014 THSGP funds?

All Federally-recognized Native American Tribal Governments that are “directly eligible Tribes,” as defined by Section 2001 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 601), which appear on the list published by the Secretary of the Interior, are eligible to apply directly to FEMA for THSGP funds.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2014 THSGP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2014 THSGP are:

- March 18, 2014: Release date for FY 2014 THSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement
- May 23, 2014: Final applications due to DHS FEMA

5. How will the FY 2014 THSGP funds be allocated?

Applications for FY 2014 THSGP funds will be awarded based on two factors: 1) eligibility, and 2) effectiveness.

- Eligibility is defined in the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended and must be self-certified by the applicant.
- Effectiveness is determined based on completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines. Effectiveness is determined by a panel of peer reviewers who analyze and score the anticipated effectiveness of each individual proposed Investment.

Applicants who have not received funding in prior years will receive five (5) points in addition to the peer reviewers' average score for each investment submitted as part of their IJ.

6. Are there changes in funding levels between FY 2013 and FY 2014?

The FY 2014 funding level is the same as the FY2013 funding level for the THSGP.

7. Where is the FY 2014 THSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement located?

The FY 2014 THSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2014 THSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the THSGP is a multi-step process. Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of 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 in need of technical support with the ND Grants System, please contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 23, 2014.

If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

9. 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 by e-mail at ASKCsid@fema.gov , 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2014 THSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is twenty-four (24) months.