



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2015 Transit Security Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. No. 114-4) and authorized by Section 1406 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, (Pub. L. No 110-53) (6 U.S.C. 1135), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) grant programs that directly support transportation infrastructure security activities. The FY 2015 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 2015, DHS awarded \$87,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

FY 2015 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 2015 TSGP's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds available under this grant program is \$87,000,000. FY 2015 TSGP funds were 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.

Eligibility

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

Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2015 TSGP. Ferry systems that elected to participate under the FY 2015 TSGP are not considered for funding under the FY 2015 Port

Security Grant Program (PSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elected to participate in the FY 2015 PSGP is not considered for funding under the FY 2015 TSGP.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2015 TSGP focuses on operational activities, operational packages (OPacks), and Top Transit Asset List (TTAL) vulnerability remediation.

The period of performance for the TSGP is thirty-six (36) months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

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

TSGP Resources

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with TSGP, including:

- The FY 2015 TSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, applicants may 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 DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

FY 2015 TSGP Awards

State/Territory	Agency	Award
California	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	\$6,521,328
	Orange County Transportation Authority	\$515,500
	Sacramento Regional Transit	\$100,430
	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	\$455,000
	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)	\$1,629,753
	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)	\$4,662,804
	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	\$1,000,000
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Transportation	\$2,048,216
District of Columbia	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	\$4,318,991
Florida	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	\$435,000
Georgia	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	\$1,269,785
Illinois	Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	\$6,140,646
	Commuter Rail Div. of the Regional Transportation Authority	\$3,696,219
	Pace Suburban Bus Division of the RTA	\$265,360
Louisiana	New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (NORTA)	\$202,233
Maryland	Maryland Transit Administration	\$1,160,694
Minnesota	Metropolitan Council / Metro Transit	\$939,227
Missouri	Bi-State Development Agency	\$236,000
	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority	\$174,000
North Carolina	City of Charlotte	\$162,750
New Jersey	Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA)	\$2,655,200
	New Jersey Transit	\$17,361,332
	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ)	\$4,010,937
New York	New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority	\$22,347,341
	Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority	\$54,000
Ohio	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	\$44,000
Oregon	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	\$559,552
Pennsylvania	Port Authority of Allegheny County	\$122,849
	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	\$2,261,208
Texas	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	\$390,328
Utah	Utah Transit Authority	\$100,000
Washington	King County Department of Transportation	\$334,523
	Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corp (Pierce Transit)	\$414,965
Wisconsin	Milwaukee County	\$409,829
Total		\$87,000,000