



# Homeland Security

## Fiscal Year 2015 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. No. 114-4), and authorized by the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) provides funding to eligible tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

*In Fiscal Year 2015, DHS awarded \$10,000,000 to enhance the ability of tribal nations to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards*

The FY 2015 THSGP 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.

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### Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds distributed under THSGP, a carveout of the FY 2015 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), is \$10,000,000. FY 2015 THSGP funds were allocated based on tribal eligibility per the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended, and the effectiveness of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification (IJ) as determined through a peer review process.

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### Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive THSGP funding, recipients must be considered "directly eligible tribes." Per 6 U.S.C. § 601(4), the term "directly eligible tribe" means –

- (A) any Indian Tribe –
  - (i) that is located in the continental United States;
  - (ii) that operates a law enforcement or emergency response agency with the capacity to respond to calls for law enforcement or emergency services;
  - (iii)
    - a. that is located on or near (50 miles) an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean (including the Gulf of Mexico) or international waters;
    - b. that is located within 10 miles of a system or asset included on the prioritized critical infrastructure list established under section 210E(a)(2) [of the



Funding Opportunity (NOFO), including the required submission of an IJ by the established due dates.

A panel of peer reviewers analyzed and scored the investments from all applications that Program Analysts determined to be complete and eligible. The peer reviewers analyzed and scored the anticipated effectiveness of each individual proposed investment. Effectiveness was determined based on completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines.

Peer reviewers scored each investment individually using six questions to assess how well the investments satisfied the four criteria sections in the Investment Justification template: Overview; Baseline; Project Management and Milestones; and Accomplishments and Impact.

The reviewers scored the following questions:

- A. Overview Section of Investment
  - How well are the activities of the Investment described, including any activities that include planning, organization, equipment, training, and/or exercises?
- B. Baseline Section of Investment
  - How well does this Investment identify existing capability levels and address capability gaps?
- C. Project Management and Milestones Section of Investment
  - How well does the Investment support the selected National Preparedness Goal core capabilities?
  - Does the budget narrative provide a clear explanation of how funds demonstrate the need to achieve the outcomes described?
  - Do the projects/activities demonstrate progress towards achieving the Investment?
- D. Accomplishments and Impact Section of Investment
  - Do the outcome(s) demonstrate progress towards building the capability gap(s) identified in the Investment?

Applying their subject matter expertise, the peer reviewers provided a score of one to five (1-5) for each question. Each investment was reviewed by no less than two (2) peer reviewers, using the following scoring scale to assess how well the information provided in each investment answered the question being scored:

- 1 = Little to None
- 2 = Inadequate
- 3 = Adequate
- 4 = Substantial
- 5 = Strong

To calculate the final score for each proposed investment, the scores from the six investment questions were first normalized by taking the average of the six (6) scores, dividing this number by five (5), and multiplying by 100.

For example: If an investment received the following scores for the six questions:

Question 1: 2  
Question 2: 3  
Question 3: 5  
Question 4: 5  
Question 5: 3  
Question 6: 5

The sum of the scores is 23 (the average score is 3.83). The average score, 3.83 is then divided by 5 with the result multiplied by 100. The normalized score is 76.6. The investment's final score is determined by averaging the normalized scores from all reviewers of that investment.

Applicants who have not received THSGP funding in prior years received five (5) points for each proposed investment, this was added to the normalized score for each Investment submitted.

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## THSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2015 THSGP NOFO 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 DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

## FY 2015 THSGP Awards

State	Tribe	Award
Alaska	Native Village of Scammon Bay	\$282,674
Arizona	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	\$210,000
	Gila River Indian Community	\$1,200,000
	Navajo Nation	\$1,764,852
	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	\$582,925
California	Cahuilla Band of Indians	\$200,000
	Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians	\$368,500
	San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	\$267,500
	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	\$49,500
Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	\$524,400
Nevada	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	\$60,505
Oklahoma	Cherokee Nation	\$393,693
	Kaw Nation	\$13,071
	Otoe-Missouria Tribe	\$199,001
	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	\$339,116
	Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	\$350,000
Oregon	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	\$301,535
South Dakota	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	\$564,838
	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	\$270,000
Texas	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	\$655,967
Washington	Puyallup Tribal Council	\$382,291
	Quileute Tribe	\$488,831
	Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	\$209,621
	Skokomish Indian Tribe	\$321,180
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,000,000</b>