



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2017 Transit Security Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017* (Pub. L. No. 115-31) 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) 2017 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 2017 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 and increase the resilience of critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

In Fiscal Year 2017, DHS is providing \$88,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

The FY 2017 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 2017 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 2017, the total amount of funds available under this grant program is \$88,000,000. FY 2017 TSGP funds are 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 2017 TSGP. Ferry systems that elect to participate under the FY 2017 TSGP are not considered for funding under the FY 2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elects to participate in the FY 2017 PSGP is not considered for funding under the FY 2017 TSGP.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2017 TSGP focuses on operational activities, operational packages, and capital projects including Top Transit Asset List (TTAL) and critical infrastructure vulnerability remediation.

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

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

TSGP applications are reviewed by Federal representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other DHS agency partners. 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.

TSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2017 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 5:00 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.