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Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2018 PSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2018 PSGP is to directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. The vast majority of U.S. maritime critical infrastructure is owned or operated by state, local, and private sector maritime industry partners.

PSGP funds available to these entities are intended to improve port-wide maritime security risk management; enhance maritime domain awareness; support maritime security training and exercises; and to maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Area Maritime Security Committee identified vulnerabilities in port security and support the prevention, protection against, response to, and recovery from attacks involving improvised explosive devices and other non-conventional weapons.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2018 PSGP?

Section 102 of the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002*, as amended, (Pub. L. No. 107-295) (46 U.S.C. § 70107). PSGP funding was appropriated by Congress in the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2018 PSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2018 PSGP will be \$100,000,000. PSGP award recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process.

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2017 and FY 2018?

The FY 2018 funding level for the PSGP is the same as the FY 2017 level.

5. Where is the FY 2018 PSGP NOFO located?

The FY 2018 PSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2018 PSGP funds?

All entities subject to an Area Maritime Transportation Security Plan, as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies.

7. How will the FY 2018 PSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the PSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the final application submission through the grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants needing 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 needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on June 20, 2018.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2018 PSGP?

- May 21, 2018: Release date for FY 2018 PSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- June 20, 2018, 5:00pm ET: Applications due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2018 PSGP funds be allocated?

PSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process.

10. What is the FY 2018 PSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. 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 askcsid@fema.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.gov.