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Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program?

The purpose of the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program is to provide supplemental federal assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for certain actual costs of providing emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program will be \$7,500,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program funds?

All 56 States and territories and local governments that host an NSSE that will occur prior to September 30, 2013 are eligible to apply for NSSE Grant Program funds. Applications shall be for costs that support an event-specific to the Operational Security Plan developed in coordination with the interagency NSSE Executive Steering Committee.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program?

Applications must be submitted through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 120 days after the NSSE or 30 days before the end of fiscal year, 2013, whichever is shorter.

5. How will the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program funds be allocated?

FEMA will review each application and verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the application kit. Eligible applications will be reviewed and prioritized based upon the expected loss of un-reimbursed costs and lack of alternate funding sources.

Priority will be given to applicants meeting the following criteria:

Significant Unreimbursed Costs

Applicants demonstrating un-reimbursed costs directly related to the provision of security, public safety and emergency management for the designated NSSE. Significant unreimbursed costs are considered to be those costs over and above normal expenditures.

Lack of Alternate Funding Sources

Applicants hosting types of NSSE which have not in the past received direct Congressional appropriations or event-related presidential declarations.

Funds will only be made available for event-specific costs that directly support the Operational Security Plan. These costs have to be specified in a Budget Detail Worksheet, which has to be submitted to and approved by FEMA.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program?

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012* (Public Law 112-74) provides funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program Funding Opportunity Announcement located?

The FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program applications be submitted?

DHS makes all funding opportunities available through the common electronic “storefront” grants.gov, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. If you experience difficulties accessing information or have any questions please call the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Application forms and instructions are available at grants.gov. To access these materials, go to <http://www.grants.gov>, select “Apply for Grants,” and then select “Download Application Package.” Enter the CFDA and/or the funding opportunity number located on the cover of this announcement. Select “Download Application Package,” and then follow the prompts to download the application package. To download the instructions, go to “Download Application Package” and select “Instructions.”

Final applications must be submitted through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 120 days after the NSSE or 30 days before the end of FY 2013, whichever is shorter. Applications received later may not be eligible for full reimbursement of costs before the NSSE. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling & 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. EST, 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.

10. What is the FY 2012 NSSE Grant Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 90 days, defined as the 60 days prior to and the 30 days after the NSSE.