



Homeland Security

FY 2013 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2013* (Public Law 113-6); and authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Public Law 107-296), as amended (6 U.S.C. § 604); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist

In FY 2013, DHS will award \$10,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.

attack. The program provides funding specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations and seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies. The FY 2013 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (NPG).

Funding

In FY 2013, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$10,000,000. Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award. The FY 2013 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2013 NSGP are SAAs on behalf of nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission **and** that are located within one of the designated FY 2013 UASI-eligible Urban Areas will be required to provide their applications to their respective SAA. Applicants will also be required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA.

Funding Guidelines

FY 2013 NSGP allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. Thus, funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15). A maximum of up to five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be retained by the State and any funds retained are to be used solely for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes associated with the NSGP award. Recipient non-profit organizations may also use up to five percent (5%) of their FY 2013 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the award.

The period of performance for NSGP is 24 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed through a two-phased state and federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk. FY 2013 NSGP evaluation criteria include items such as:

- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the United States) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, or mission;
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism;
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks;
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments;
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts;
- Complete, feasible IJs that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and build or sustain a core capability identified in the NPG;
- Not having received prior years' NSGP funding; and
- Risk profile.