



Homeland Security

FY 2013 National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated and authorized by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2013* (Public Law 113-6); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program provides 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.

In Fiscal Year 2013, DHS will award \$4,619,706 to provide supplemental federal assistance for emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE.

The Secretary of Homeland Security designates events of national significance as an NSSE based on factors including, but not limited to: anticipated attendance by U.S. officials and foreign dignitaries; the size of the event; and the significance of the event. By statute, the United States Secret Service (USSS) is designated as the lead federal agency for planning, coordinating, and implementing security operations at NSSE. The FY 2013 NSSE Grant Program was developed by FEMA in coordination with USSS.

Funding

In FY 2013, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$4,619,706.

Eligibility

All 56 states and territories, tribal nations, and local governments that host a NSSE that will occur prior to September 30, 2014 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.

Allowable Costs

FY 2013 NSSE Grant Program funds may be used to reimburse certain actual costs incurred by state, local, and tribal governments for providing emergency management, public safety, and security directly related to the presence of a specific NSSE. Allowable costs must directly support the NSSE. Costs must be reasonable and necessary to accomplish the work; be compliant with

federal, state, and local requirements for procurement; and be incurred in support of Operational Security Plans developed in collaboration with the interagency NSSE Executive Steering Committee. Additionally, funds may be used for a variety of planning, personnel, and organizational activities.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

The following process will be used to make awards under the FY 2013 NSSE Grant Program:

- FEMA will review each application and verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the application kit; and
- Eligible applications will be reviewed and prioritized based upon the expected loss of unreimbursed 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.