



Homeland Security

FY 2013 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act, 2013* (Public Law 113-6); and authorized by the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (hereafter “9/11 Act”) the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) provides funding to eligible Federally-recognized tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. The FY 2013 THSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) 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 2013 THSGP’s allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

In Fiscal Year 2013, DHS will award \$10,000,000 to enhance the ability of Federally-recognized tribal nations to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards

Funding

In FY 2013, the total amount of funds distributed under THSGP, as a carve-out of the FY 2013 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), is \$10,000,000. FY 2013 THSGP funds were allocated based on tribal eligibility per the 9/11 Act (self-certified), and the effectiveness of the applicant’s THSGP Investment Justification (as determined through a peer review process).

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive THSGP funding, grantees must be considered “directly eligible Tribes as well as Federally-recognized Tribes.” Per 6 U.S.C. § 601(4), the term “directly eligible Tribe” means –

- (A) any Indian Tribe –
 - (i) that is located in the continental United States;
 - (ii) that operates a law enforcement or emergency response agency with the capacity to respond to calls for law enforcement or emergency services;
 - (iii)
 - a. that is located on or near an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean (including the Gulf of Mexico) or international waters;
 - b. that is located within 10 miles of a system or asset included on the prioritized critical infrastructure list established under section 210E(a)(2) [of the

(<http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>), a community can understand how to best manage or reduce its exposure to risk.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

FY 2013 THSGP funds were allocated based on two factors: 1) eligibility, as defined in the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended by the 9/11 Act and self-certified by applicant, and 2) effectiveness: the score of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification (IJ). With respect to the effectiveness criteria, THSGP IJs were evaluated through a peer review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed Investment(s). Only the information included in the IJ was scored in the peer review process.

Eligible tribes with complete applications were reviewed and scored through a peer review process to analyze the anticipated effectiveness of proposed Investment(s). This peer review process is described below:

- The IJs were reviewed by volunteer peer reviewers solicited from groups, including DHS HQ, FEMA HQ and FEMA Regional tribal liaisons, Native American Associations, and past reviewers. Peer reviewer nominations were reviewed and vetted by FEMA GPD staff. Peer reviewers were then assigned to review IJs in panels designed to ensure equitable distribution of IJs and to mitigate the potential for scoring bias.
- Reviewers evaluated how well the proposed Investment(s) contribute to building and/or sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from acts of terrorism or other significant events.
- Scores from individual reviewers on a panel were combined to create a Final Effectiveness Score for each individual Investment. Allocation recommendations were based on these scores, with final determinations made by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

THSGP Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with THSGP.

- The FY 2013 THSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, please 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 5:30 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.

FY 2013 THSGP Funding Table

State	Tribe	Allocation
Alaska	Aleut Community of St. Paul Island	\$305,747
	Tanana Chiefs Conference	\$181,342
Alabama	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	\$642,703
Arizona	Ak-Chin Indian Community	\$281,455
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	\$656,502
	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	\$564,900
	Gila River Indian Community	\$50,000
	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	\$1,514,206
	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	\$540,840
	Tohono O'odham Nation	\$635,000
	White Mountain Apache Tribe	\$382,354
California	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	\$391,000
	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada	\$903,400
	Hopland Band of Pomo Indians	\$135,640
	Karuk Tribe	\$260,000
	San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	\$139,206
Connecticut	Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut	\$175,200
Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	\$43,313
Minnesota	Prairie Island Indian Community	\$125,000
Oklahoma	Chickasaw Nation	\$200,000
	Kaw Nation	\$180,365
Oregon	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	\$147,059
	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	\$465,280
	Coquille Indian Tribe	\$58,640
South Carolina	Catawba Tribe of South Carolina	\$120,000
Washington	Nisqually Indian Tribe	\$289,330
	Quileute Tribe	\$483,345
	Suquamish Tribe	\$128,173
Total		\$10,000,000