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Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2012 THSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2012 THSGP is to provide funding directly to eligible tribes to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The FY 2012 THSGP plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG).

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2012 THSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 THSGP will be \$6,000,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for the FY 2012 THSGP funds?

In order to be eligible to receive THSGP funding, grantees must be considered “directly eligible Tribes.” Per the 9/11 Act, 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 (50 miles) an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean (including the Gulf of Mexico) or international waters (excluding shoreline border around the Great Lakes);
 - 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) [please refer to section 1001 of the 9/11 Act] or has such a system or asset within its territory;
 - c. that is located within or contiguous to one of the 50 most populous metropolitan statistical areas in the United States; or
 - d. the jurisdiction of which includes not less than 1,000 square miles of Indian country, as that term is defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code; and

- (iv) that certifies to the Secretary that a State has not provided funds under section 2003 [UASI] or 2004 [SHSP] to the Indian Tribe or consortium of Indian Tribes for the purpose for which direct funding is sought; and
- (B) a consortium of Indian Tribes, if each Tribe satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (A).

In summary, eligible Tribes must meet the requirements set forth in (A) (i), and (A) (ii), and (A) (iv). Tribes must also meet one of the requirements set forth in (A) (iii); either (A) (iii) (a), or (A) (iii) (b), or (A) (iii) (c), or (A) (iii) (d). Finally, (B) may also be satisfied, if each Tribe satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (A).

4. How will the FY 2012 THSGP funds be allocated?

THSGP awards will be based on tribal eligibility per the 9/11 Act and the effectiveness of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification, as determined through a peer review process. The peer review process will assess the completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed Investments within each Investment Justification.

5. What are the key changes for FY 2012 THSGP?

- In order to ensure standardization across all grant programs and cooperative agreements issued by DHS, THSGP's Guidance was reformatted for consistency and renamed to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Priorities for THSGP support the implementation of PPD-8 and the NPG. FY 2012 THSGP has been aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
- Reduces the period of performance for THSGP from 36 months to 24 months
- Removes the Semi-Annual Assistance Progress Report (SAPR) reporting requirement in lieu of the Standard Form-Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report on progress towards implementing program-specific performance measures
- Expands the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that has previously been purchased with both federal and other sources of funding as long as direct linkage can be provided to one of the core capabilities within the NPG
- Removes optional 25 percent (25%) cost match for each Investment which was previously required under FY 2011 THSGP
- Applicants will no longer be required to align proposed Investments to the eight National Priorities within the *National Preparedness Guidelines*. Instead, applicants will be required to align Investments to the five missions areas as outlined in the NPG
- Applicants will no longer be required to align proposed funding requests to the Target Capabilities List. Instead, applicants will be required to align funding to the core capabilities as outlined in the NPG

6. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2012 THSGP?

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

7. Where is the FY 2012 THSGP FOA located?

The FY 2012 THSGP FOA is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. 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@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.

9. What is the FY 2012 THSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.