# FY 2025 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

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# **General Program Questions**

# What is the purpose of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program?

The FY 2025 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) is one of the grant programs that constitute the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks.

## What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2025 THSGP?

The program is authorized by Section 2005 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Pub. L. No. 107-296 (codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. § 606), and the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act*, 2025, Pub. L. No. 119-4, § 1101.

# How much funding is available under the FY 2025 THSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2025 THSGP is \$13.5 million.

# What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2024 and FY 2025?

The FY 2025 funding level for the THSGP remains the same as FY 2024 funding levels.



#### Where is the FY 2025 THSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity located?

The FY 2025 THSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at /grants/preparedness/tribal-homeland-security.

#### Who is eligible to apply for FY 2025 THSGP funds?

Eligible applicants are federally recognized Tribes that meet the criteria set forth in Section 2001 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. § 601(4)). Detailed eligibility information is provided in Section 2 of the <u>FY</u> 2025 THSGP NOFO.

#### What types of security-related activities are allowable under the THSGP?

Allowable activities and costs will generally fall under one of the following categories:

- Planning;
- Organization;
- Equipment;
- Training and Exercises;
- Personnel Activities:
- Construction and Renovation:
- Maintenance and Sustainment;
- Critical Emergency Supplies; or
- Secure Identification.

Please refer to Appendix A of the <u>FY 2025 THSGP NOFO</u> for detailed information on these allowable cost categories.

# What makes a strong Investment Justification (IJ)?

- Clearly identified threats, vulnerabilities and consequences;
- Description of findings from a previously conducted vulnerability assessment;
- Details of any incident(s) including description, dates, etc.;
  - A brief description of any supporting documentation (such as police reports or photographs) that is submitted as part of the application, if applicable.
- Explanation of how the investments proposed will mitigate or address the vulnerabilities identified from a vulnerability assessment;



- Clear linkage between investment(s) and core capabilities (See <u>National</u> <u>Preparedness Goal</u>);
- Verification that all proposed activities are allowable costs per the <u>FY 2025</u> THSGP NOFO;
- Realistic milestones that consider the <u>Environmental Planning and Historic</u> Preservation (EHP), if applicable; and
- Description of the project manager(s) level of experience.

#### How will the FY 2025 THSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the THSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system, as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section 5 in the FY 2025 THSGP Program NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

All application materials will be posted on <u>Grants.gov</u>. Eligible applicants should submit their application through <u>FEMA GO</u>. For FEMA GO support, applicants should contact <u>FEMAGO@fema.dhs.gov</u> or (877) 585-3242, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted in the <u>FEMA GO</u> system no later than 5 p.m. ET on Aug. 15, 2025.

### What are the key dates associated with the FY 2025 THSGP?

- Application start date: Aug, 1, 2025
- Application submission deadline: Aug. 15, 2025, at 5 p.m. ET

#### How will the FY 2025 THSGP funds be allocated?

THSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the <u>FY 2025 THSGP NOFO</u>. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following five National Priority Areas in their IJ:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places;



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- 2. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers;
- 3. Enhancing and integrating cybersecurity resiliency;
- 4. Enhancing election security; and/or
- 5. Supporting border crisis response and enforcement.
- 6. What is the FY 2025 THSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

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

- The FY 2025 THSGP NOFO and IJ template are located online at Grants.gov.
- The FY 2025 <u>FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual</u> and other related informational resources are located online at <u>www.fema.gov/grants</u>.

