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Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2020 IBSGP?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. IBSGP provides funds to intercity bus companies to protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2020 IBSGP?

IBSGP is authorized by Section 1532 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, Pub. L. No. 110-53 (codified at 6 U.S.C. § 1182).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2020 IBSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2020 IBSGP will be \$2,000,000.

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?

The FY 2020 IBSGP funding amount is the same as FY 2019.

5. Where is the FY 2020 IBSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 IBSGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2020 IBSGP are private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus that have completed a vulnerability assessment and developed a security plan that the Secretary of Homeland Security has approved as described in Section 1531 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (6 U.S.C. § 1181).

Applicants must either operate fixed route intercity bus transportation providing services to a historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) urban area or operate a charter bus service using over-the-road buses and provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more

of the historically eligible UASI-designated urban areas. All owner/operators that meet the basic eligibility criteria may apply (refer to the FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO for additional details).

7. How will the FY 2020 IBSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the IBSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at least 7 days before the final application deadline at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 IBSGP?

- February 14, 2020: Release date for the FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 IBSGP due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2020 IBSGP funds be allocated?

IBSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 IBSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following three national priorities in their IJs:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Soft targets and crowded places
3. Emerging threats

10. What is the FY 2020 IBSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.

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

- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.