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Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, 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.

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

The *Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act, 2020*, Pub. L. No. 116-93; and 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.

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

In FY 2020, the total amount of funds distributed under THSGP will be \$15 million. FY 2020 THSGP funds will be allocated based on self-certified tribal eligibility per section 2001 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Pub. L. No. 107-296, codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. § 601, and the effectiveness of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification (IJ) as determined through a federal review process.

4. Are there changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?

The FY 2020 funding level for the THSGP Program is \$15 million, which is \$5 million more than FY 2019.

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

The FY 2020 THSGP 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 THSGP funds?

To be eligible to receive THSGP funding, recipients must be directly eligible tribes. Directly eligible tribes are Federally recognized tribes that meet the criteria set forth in Section 2001 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 601). Among these eligibility criteria, a tribe can qualify as a directly eligible tribe if it is located on or near an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean or international waters, along with meeting other required criteria. For FY 2020, tribes located within 100 miles of an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean or international waters satisfy this criterion. Previously, the limit was 50 miles.

Detailed eligibility information is provided in Section C of the FY 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

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

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

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the April 15, 2020 (at 5 p.m. ET) application deadline through the Grants.gov portal 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 FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 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 THSGP?

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

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

THSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 THSGP 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. Enhancing cybersecurity;
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places;
3. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction [WMDs], unmanned aerial systems [UASs], etc.).

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

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. 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 by e-mail at AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov, 9 a.m. – 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.