

FY 2021 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) KEY CHANGES

The [Homeland Security Grant Program \(HSGP\)](#) consists of three individual grant programs: the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program, and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG).

Eligible Urban Areas Under the UASI Program

The number of high-risk urban areas eligible to receive UASI funding decreased from 32 in fiscal year (FY) 2020 to 31 in FY 2021. Please refer to the FY 2021 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the complete list of UASI-designated eligible urban areas.

National Priority Areas for FY 2021

For FY 2021, a fifth National Priority Area has been added to the four National Priority Areas introduced in FY 2020 for SHSP and UASI. As in FY 2020, SHSP and UASI applicants must include one Investment Justification (IJ) for each National Priority Area and ensure the IJ meets a minimum spend as a percentage of their total SHSP and UASI allocations. **All projects related to the National Priority Area must be included in the same IJ.** The five National Priority Areas, along with the relevant minimum spend percent, are:

1. Enhancing cybersecurity – 7.5 percent;
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 5 percent;
3. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – 5 percent;
4. Combating domestic violent extremism (new) – 7.5 percent; and
5. Addressing emergent threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], weapons of mass destruction [WMD], etc.) – 5 percent.

Additionally, applicants are **no longer required** to include an election security project as part of their cybersecurity and soft targets/crowded places IJs.



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