

Fiscal Year 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$100 million to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical port infrastructure from acts of terrorism.

Overview

The FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the 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 DHS to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. The PSGP provides funds to state, territory, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2021, the total amount of funds under this grant program is \$100 million. The FY 2021 PSGP is focused on supporting increased maritime cybersecurity, port-wide maritime security risk management, enhancing maritime domain awareness, supporting maritime security training and exercises, and maintaining or reestablishing maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) identified vulnerabilities in port security.

Eligibility

All entities subject to an Area Maritime Security Plan, as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies. A facility operator owns, leases or operates any structure or facility of any kind located in, on, under or adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Examples of facility operators include, but are not limited to, terminal operators, ferry systems, bar/harbor pilots and merchant's exchanges.

Ferry systems that elect to participate under the FY 2021 PSGP are not considered for funding under the FY 2021 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elects to participate in the FY 2021 TSGP is not considered for funding under the FY 2021 PSGP.



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Please refer to pages 7-9 in the FY 2021 PSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for additional information on eligibility.

Funding Guidelines

PSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2021 PSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing the Cybersecurity National Priority Area in their investment justifications (IJs).

Application Process

Applying for an award under the PSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early, 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 D in the FY 2021 PSGP NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the May 14, 2021 application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at www.grants.gov. Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except federal holidays.

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 May 14, 2021.

PSGP Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the PSGP.

- The FY 2021 PSGP NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.
- The FEMA [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) is located online at www.fema.gov/grants.
- For additional program-specific information, please 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 grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.