

Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2021 THSGP?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 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 2021 THSGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2021* (Pub. L. No. 116-260); and authorized by Section 2005 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Pub. L. No. 107-296), codified as amended (6 U.S.C. § 606).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2021 THSGP?

In FY 2021, the total amount of funds distributed under THSGP will be \$15 million.

4. Are there changes in funding levels between FY 2020 and FY 2021?

The FY 2021 funding level for the THSGP is the same as FY 2020.

5. Where is the FY 2021 THSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2021 THSGP NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2021 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 2021, tribes located within 100 miles of an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean or international waters satisfy this criterion. This change was initiated in FY 2020 and is being continued in FY 2021. Previously, the limit was 50 miles.

Detailed eligibility information is provided in Section C.2 of the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO.



7. 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
- Exercise
- Personnel Activities
- Travel
- Construction and Renovation
- Operational Overtime
- Maintenance and Sustainment
- Critical Emergency Supplies
- Secure Identification

Please refer to the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for detailed information on these allowable cost categories.

8. What makes a strong IJ?

- Clearly identified risks, 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;
- Establish a clear linkage with investment(s) and core capabilities (See [National Preparedness Goal](#));
- Verify all proposed activities are allowable costs per the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO;
- Realistic milestones that consider the [Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation \(EHP\)](#) review process, if applicable; and
- Description of the project manager(s) level of experience.

9. How will the FY 2021 THSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the THSGP is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact the ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D *Application and Submission Information* in the FY 2021 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.

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.

10. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2021 THSGP?

- February 25, 2021: Release date for the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO.
- May 14, 2021, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2021 THSGP due to FEMA.

11. How will the FY 2021 THSGP funds be allocated?

THSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following four National Priority Areas in their IJs:

1. Enhancing cybersecurity
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places
3. Combating domestic violent extremism
4. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], weapons of mass destruction [WMD], etc.)

12. What is the FY 2021 THSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

13. 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 grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.