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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** All State Administrative Agency Heads  
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All State Homeland Security Directors  
All Tribal Associations  
All Tribal Emergency Managers  
All Tribal Nation Points of Contact  
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**SUBJECT:** Guidance on Gun Violence Prevention Expenditures

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide recipients and subrecipients of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP), with guidance regarding potential and eligible funding uses for projects and activities to raise awareness, address, combat, and reduce gun violence. The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) also provides eligible nonprofit organization subrecipients with funding that can be used for eligible activities related to reduce gun violence and its potential effects. Considering recent reports of the growing threat of gun violence<sup>1</sup>, communities are increasingly looking for ways to build capacity and awareness to address the issue. This IB demonstrates how recipients and subrecipients can apply HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP funds toward activities associated with preventing gun violence.

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<sup>1</sup> Op-Ed by FBI Director Christopher Wray: Violent Crime Problem Is Real and Tackling It Requires a Group Effort — FBI Op-Ed by FBI Director Christopher Wray: Violent Crime Problem Is Real and Tackling It Requires a Group Effort (January 5, 2023).

HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP funding can be used by state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to support the Administration's [Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety](#), announced in June 2021.

## **II. Applicability**

This IB is applicable to all applicants, recipients, and subrecipients of HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP.

## **III. Guidance**

When considering the use of HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP funding for gun violence prevention activities, recipients and subrecipients must adhere to requirements outlined in the HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs), the [Preparedness Grants Manual \(PGM\)](#), and the terms and conditions of their respective award. State Administrative Agencies (SAA) and Tribal Nations are encouraged to include reduction of gun violence activities as an element in their planning process for upcoming and future HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP application periods.

HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP recipients and subrecipients may use funding for activities that relate to gun violence prevention and reduction, such as:

- Active-shooter trainings and drills;
- Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) law enforcement patrols (not applicable for NSGP; allowable for THSGP with prior approval);
- Emergency management awareness campaigns;
- Equipment for first responders (not applicable for NSGP);
- Improvements to emergency personnel communications systems to ensure that information is expeditiously shared with law enforcement officials and first responders;
- Intelligence Analysts (not applicable for NSGP);
- Physical security upgrades to prevent bad actors from gaining entry to high-target buildings; and
- Situational awareness and preparedness training and campaigns, which could assist the public in alerting responders prior to an attack being carried out.

HSGP, THSGP, and NSGP recipients and subrecipients have been using grant funding for many of the above activities since the programs began, centered around terrorism prevention, detection, and response. These same activities can have a risk-reduction impact on gun violence, and recipients and subrecipients are encouraged to look at how these activities can help reduce gun violence in their jurisdictions by applying for funding.

#### **IV. Questions**

Questions regarding this IB may be directed to your assigned FEMA Preparedness Officer or FEMA Grants News at [FEMA-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 368-6498, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET.

#### **V. Review Date**

This IB will be reviewed within five years from date of issuance.