



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2020 Port Security Grant Program

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (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. PSGP provides funds to state, territorial, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism.

In FY 2020, DHS is providing \$100 million to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2020, the total amount of funds under this grant program is \$100 million. The FY 2020 PSGP is focused on supporting increased 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.

Funding Guidelines

PSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 PSPG NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing the Cybersecurity national priority in their investment justifications (IJs).

Application Process

Applying for an award under the PSGP 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.

PSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2020 PSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- 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 grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.