



**FEMA**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2018 NSGP?**

In FY 2018, multiple funding allocations have been appropriated for nonprofit organizations located inside or outside of FY 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designated urban areas. The FY 2018 NSGP provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The NSGP also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

The FY 2018 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities. The core capabilities, outlined in the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) are essential for the execution of the five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas and the realization of a secure and resilient Nation.

### **2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2018 NSGP?**

The FY 2018 NSGP is authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296) (6 U.S.C. § 604); and by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141).

### **3. How much funding is available under the FY 2018 NSGP?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2018 NSGP will be \$60,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 is for NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA) and \$10,000,000 is for NSGP-State (NSGP-S)

Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$150,000 grant award for NSGP-UA. For NSGP-S, the SAA may determine an award cap for individual sub-awards up to a maximum of \$100,000 or the total allocation for that state, whichever is lower.

The FY 2018 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations-as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

### **4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2017 and FY 2018?**

The FY 2018 NSGP funding level is 140 percent higher than the FY 2017 NSGP level. In FY 2017, \$25,000,000 of NSGP funding was awarded; \$60,000,000 will be distributed in FY 2018.

**5. Where is the FY 2018 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity located?**

The FY 2018 NSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2018 NSGP funds?**

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2018 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations which have been determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

For NSGP-UA, eligible nonprofits must be located within one of the FY 2018 UASI-designated Urban Areas, listed in Appendix A of the FY 2018 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); for NSGP-S, nonprofits may be located anywhere within a state or territory.

Nonprofit organizations must apply to their SAA; non-profit organizations **may not** apply directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for FY 2018 NSGP funds.

**7. How will the FY 2018 NSGP applications be submitted?**

Applying for an award under the NSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application 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](#). Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact [ndgrants@fema.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.gov) or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on June 20, 2018.

**8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2018 NSGP?**

- May 21, 2018: Release date for FY 2018 NSGP NOFO.
- June 20, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET: Applications for FY 2018 NSGP are due to FEMA.

**9. How will the FY 2018 NSGP Program funds be allocated?**

### **NSGP-UA**

FY 2018 NSGP-UA applications will be reviewed through a two-phased process that includes a state and federal review for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk. For additional information on how IJs are reviewed and scored at the state and Federal levels, please refer to the full FY 2018 NSGP NOFO.

### **NSGP-S**

FY 2018 NSGP-S applications will be reviewed by the SAA for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk. NSGP-S applications will also be reviewed by DHS/FEMA Program Analysts to ensure that proposed projects are allowable. For additional information on how IJs are reviewed and scored at the state and Federal levels, please refer to the full FY 2018 NSGP NOFO.

## **10. What is the FY 2018 NSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance is 36 months.

## **11. 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 [askcsid@fema.gov](mailto:askcsid@fema.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 at [ASK-GMD@fema.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@fema.gov).