



FY 2025 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

October 2026





Key Changes

- **Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)**
 - No longer available or required under HSGP.
- **Noncompetitive Procurement Authorizations for Single Source Training Requests**
 - California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) will authorize the noncompetitive procurement of HSGP-funded single source trainings concurrently with the issuance of a feedback number.
- **National Priorities**
 - 3% Election Security requirement
 - 10% Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement
 - 17% flexible requirement for a total of 30%



NCSR

National Cyber Security Review:

- As of October 1, 2025, the Center for Internet Security (CIS) no longer administers the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).
- Past participants may visit the NCSR portal to obtain completed assessments through March 31, 2026. Use the General User Guide listed below to login to the platform and access your information.
 - [NCSR](#)
 - [General User Guide](#)



Noncompetitive Procurement Authorizations for Single Source Training Requests

- **This update only applies to the noncompetitive procurement of HSGP-funded single source trainings.**
- California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) will authorize the noncompetitive procurement of HSGP-funded single source trainings concurrently with the issuance of a feedback number. The issuance of a feedback number will include verification that the requested training qualifies as single source.
- Once received, HSGP Subrecipients are authorized to proceed with procurement of the approved **single source** training and are not required to submit an NCPA Form. Please include the CSTI approval as part of the reimbursement supporting documentation.
- If CSTI determines that the training does not meet single source criteria, a feedback number will still be issued; however, the Subrecipient must procure the training through a competitive process.
- Cal OES maintains that HSGP Subrecipients are required to submit an NCPA Form for noncompetitive procurements of trainings under inadequate competition or a public exigency or emergency circumstances.



FY2025 National Priorities

- Subrecipients must spend a **minimum of 30%** of their SHSP and UASI awards across the **five NPAs** but have some flexibility on how that funding is allocated.
- Enhancing Election Security (**3%**) and Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement (**10%**), NPAs have minimum spend requirements totaling 13%. The remaining 17% can be allocated across any of the NPAs.
- **Three** of the five priority-aligned IJs do not require a minimum spend of the applicable State, Territory, or Urban Area's target allocation.



FY2025 National Priorities

- IJ#1: Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers (**no minimum**)
- IJ#2: Enhance the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (**no minimum**)
- IJ#3: Enhancing Cybersecurity (**no minimum**)
- IJ#4: Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement (**NEW 10%**)
- IJ#10: Enhancing election security (**3%**)



IJs vs. State Goals

FY25 Investment Justifications		State Homeland Security Strategy Goal	
1	Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		2	Protect Critical Infrastructure, Soft Targets, and Crowded Places
		6	Enhance Multi/Inter-Jurisdictional All Hazards/Whole Community Incident Planning, Response, and Recovery Capabilities
		8	Enhance Homeland Security Evaluation, Training, and Exercise Programs
2	Enhance the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		2	Protect Critical Infrastructure, Soft Targets, and Crowded Places
		6	Enhance Multi/Inter-Jurisdictional All Hazards/Whole Community Incident Planning, Response, and Recovery Capabilities
		8	Enhance Homeland Security Evaluation, Training, and Exercise Programs
3	Enhance Cybersecurity	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		3	Strengthen Cyberspace Security and Preparedness
4	Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		2	Protect Critical Infrastructure, Soft Targets, and Crowded Places
		7	Enhance Community Preparedness
5	Strengthen Emergency Communications Capabilities Through Planning, Governance, Technology, And Equipment	4	Strengthen Communications Capabilities through Planning, Governance, Technology, and Equipment
6	Enhance Medical and Public Health Preparedness	5	Enhance Medical and Public Health Preparedness and Capabilities
7	Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		7	Enhance Community Preparedness
8	Enhance Multi-Jurisdictional/Inter-Jurisdictional All- Hazards/Whole Community Incident Planning, Response & Recovery Capabilities	6	Enhance Multi/Inter-Jurisdictional All Hazards/Whole Community Incident Planning, Response, and Recovery Capabilities
		7	Enhance Community Preparedness
		8	Enhance Homeland Security Evaluation, Training, and Exercise Programs
		9	Enhance Incident Recovery Capabilities
9	Protect Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (including Food & Ag.)	10	Strengthen Food and Agricultural Outbreak and Contamination Preparedness
10	Enhance Election Security	1	Enhance Information Collection, Analysis, and Sharing, in Support of Public Safety Operations across California
		2	Protect Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources from All Threats and Hazards
		3	Strengthen Security and Preparedness across Cyberspace
		6	Enhance Multi/Inter-Jurisdictional All Hazards/Whole Community Incident Planning, Response, and Recovery Capabilities



National Priority Examples

IJ #1: Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers (National Priority)

Example Projects

- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Terrorism Liaison Officer training or Coordinator position
- Fusion Center Projects
- WebEOC Hosting
- OES Emergency Services Coordinator
- Homeland Security Information Network field access
- Everbridge with IPAWS
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Automatic License Plate Readers
- Emergency Management Training



National Priority Examples

IJ #2: Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (National Priority)

Example Projects

- Operational Overtime
- Portable vehicle barrier system
- Security cameras
- CodeRED alerting system
- Bomb Robot
- CBRNE Detection/response equipment
- Evacuation management – Zonehaven
- Fencing, gates and access controls



National Priority Examples

IJ #3: Enhancing Cybersecurity (National Priority)

Example Projects

- Cybersecurity Network Vulnerability testing
- VPN expansion
- Enterprise Password Management Solution
- Cybersecurity training
- Cybersecurity tabletop exercise



National Priority Examples

IJ #4: Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement (National Priority)

Example Projects

- Development or enhancement of information-sharing platforms between local and federal law enforcement agencies
- Procurement of screening, detection, and communications technology to support immigration enforcement activities



National Priority Examples

IJ #10: Enhancing Election Security (National Priority)

Example Project

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures – locks, shatter proof glass, security cameras, alarms, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Online harassment and targeting prevention
- Cybersecurity risk assessments/training/planning
- Portable barriers/bollards
- Information Systems Security Public awareness/preparedness campaigns on election security and integrity measures
- For more information or to ask for assistance in developing election security plans you may contact the Secretary of State Elections Division

electioncybersecurity@sos.ca.gov.



National Priority Examples

- The example projects shown have been approved by FEMA in some form in the past grant years. As a reminder, project descriptions must be well-written, robust, and effectively support the IJ to pass FEMA's effectiveness review. However, approval in the past does not guarantee future approval.
- **IJ #1:** The investment will enhance and sustain the State Threat Assessment System (STAS), which consists of the state's fusion centers and other elements. STAS fusion centers disseminate intelligence, share information, and facilitate communications between tribal, local, state, and federal agencies and private sector partners.
- **IJ #2:** The Soft Targets/Crowded Places NP is about public and private sector collaboration to enhance security of locations such as transportation centers, parks, restaurants, shopping centers, special event venues, polling places, and similar facilities.



National Priority Examples

- **IJ #3:** Enhance Cybersecurity is about improving, enhancing, or strengthening your cybersecurity posture or network.
- **IJ #4:** Will support the state's ability to detect and counter cross-border human trafficking and smuggling and related suspicious activity, defend California's open coastline, assess the risk to border infrastructure, and address security concerns arising from foreign acquisition of land near CA's critical infrastructure.
- **IJ#10:** The Election Security NP and its focus is to secure the elections infrastructure in an effort to address threats to the election systems by enhancing physical election security and/or Cyber Election Security. For election security projects, the State will be working closely with the State's Chief Election Official.



FY2025 National Priority Projects

- The National Priority Projects are reviewed for effectiveness by FEMA before funds are obligated or expended.
- The primary review is conducted by FEMA GPD Program Analyst with assistance from agency partners when necessary.
- Once projects are deemed effective, recipients may charge allowable costs that are incurred during the award's period of performance to the SHSP or UASI award. Any reduction of NP project budgets will require FEMA approval.



Continuing HSGP Requirements

- **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA)**
 - Requirement remains 35% of the total subaward.
- **Build America Buy America Act (BABAA)**
 - Applies to new awards made on or after January 2, 2023, for infrastructure and construction projects.



LETPA

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA)

- IB 485 provides further direction on accounting for LETPA activities, best practices for submitting investment justifications for LETPA, and information on distinguishing LETPA from other activities.
- Provides additional clarity to the LETPA requirements in the FY25 HSGP NOFO.
- For activities presumed to be LETPA, the Project Description and Investment Justification must include a clear reference to the statutory list of allowable activities, or to the core capabilities being addressed in the National Prevention or National Protection Frameworks. Remember to reference this language in your Project Descriptions.
- Must be 35% of total award from SHSP, UASI or both.



BABAA

Build America, Buy America Act:

- States that all Federal Agencies including FEMA must ensure that no federal financial assistance for “**Infrastructure**” projects is provided unless all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.
- Infrastructure projects are for construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of infrastructure such as roads, highways, bridges, and public transportation.
- When necessary, subrecipients may apply for a waiver from these requirements. Additional information regarding the BABAA can be found on FEMA's website under [Buy America Preference](#).
- More information on BABAA can be found on FEMA's website under BABAA requirements.



HSGP Grant Guidance

The next slides are reminders of existing guidance for the following:

- National Priority Modifications
- Personnel Cap
- Semi-Annual Drawdowns
- Emergency Communications Projects
- EHP
- Training and Exercise Requirements
- Extension Requests



National Priority Area (NPA) Modifications

- For FY 2025, National Priority Area Modification process will remain the same.
- Certain NPA modification requests **Do** require FEMA approval while others **Do Not**.
- Modifications that **do not** require an NPA Modification request are determined by Cal OES based on information provided by the subrecipient.

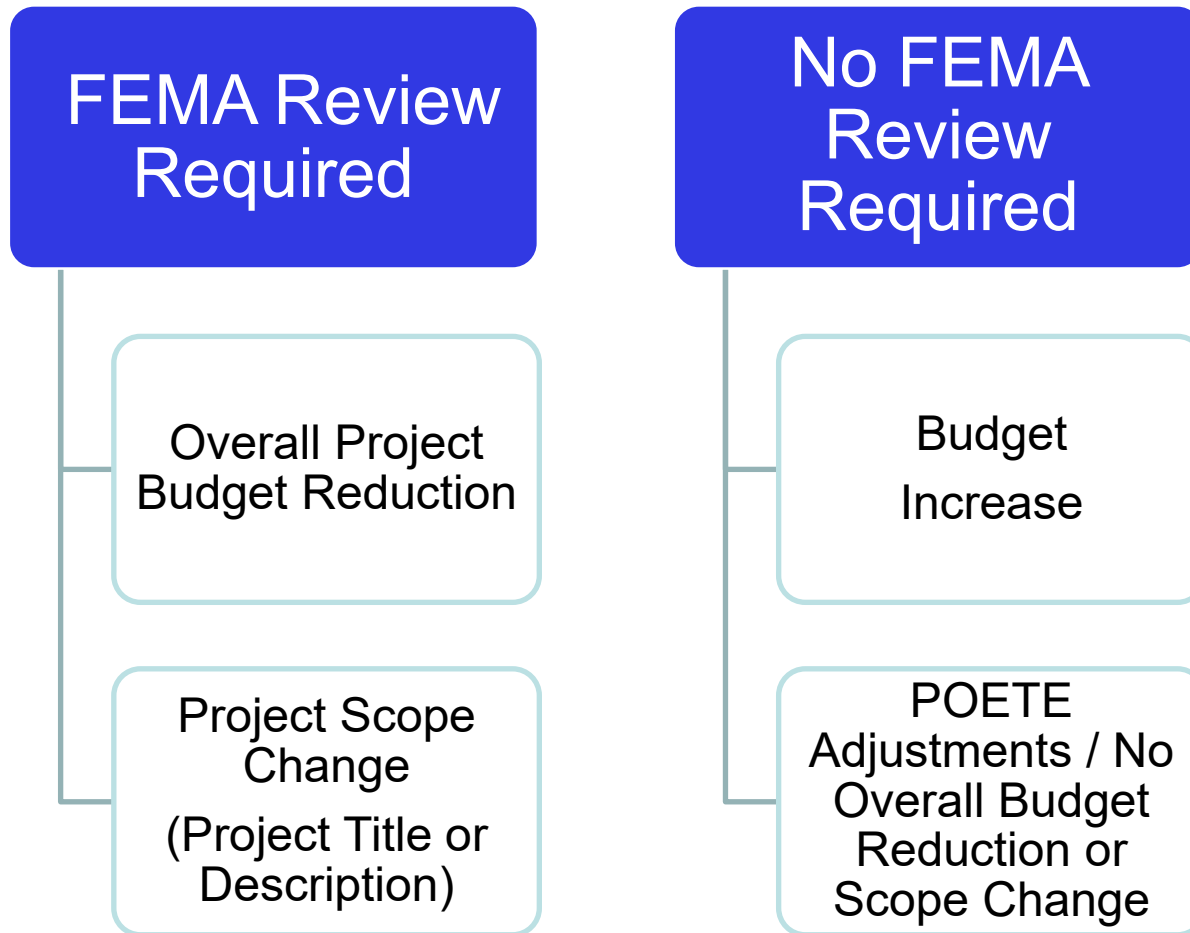


National Priority Area Modifications

- The next slide contains a basic flow chart, to make it clear when a FEMA review is required as part of the NPA modification process, and when it is not.
- If there is an overall project reduction, (emphasis on the word project), that is a per project reduction, not a component of the project being reduced, or the project's scope is changing. Meaning, if there are any project title or project description changes, the modification requires the NP modification process and approval by FEMA.
- All other NP modifications, such as, budget increases, or POETE adjustments that do not result in an overall budget reduction and have no scope changes, can be submitted via the normal Modification Process.



National Priority Area Modification Chart





NPA - FEMA Approval Required

- Project budget decrease
- Changes to overall project description or project title
- **Any** project scope change
 - **Note:** Removing a Solution Area (Training, Equipment, Planning, Exercise) in a project that has more than one Solution Area would be considered a scope change



NPA - FEMA Approval Required

Decreases in project budgets example:

- “Happy” County is requesting to move funds between Cyber Security Equipment Project #5 and Cyber Security Training Project #6

Project	Original - Allocation	Proposed
Cyber Security Equipment Project #5	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 11,000
Cyber Security Training Project #6	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 9,000



NPA - FEMA Approval Required

- If there are multiple projects allocated toward one NPA requirement, each project is treated individually.
- The proposed change for Project #6 results in an overall funding reduction. This reduction to the individual NPA project requires FEMA approval.

Project	Original Allocation	Proposed
Cyber Security Equipment Project #5	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 11,000
Cyber Security Training Project #6	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 9,000



NPA - FEMA Approval NOT Required

- Project budget increase, no scope change
- Shifting of funds within solution areas with no scope change and no overall budget reduction
 - **Note:** The complete removal of a Solution Area (POETE category), in an NPA project that has multiple Solution Areas, is considered a Scope Change, and WOULD trigger the NPA modification process for FEMA for review and approval



NPA – FEMA Approval NOT Required

Increases in NPA allocations can be approved by Cal OES using the standard modification process.

Example: “Happy” County is requesting to increase their project budget on their Cybersecurity Project

Project	Original Allocation	Proposed
Cyber Security Equipment Project#5	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 11,000



NPA – FEMA Approval NOT Required

“Happy” County is requesting to shift funding within Solution Areas of a single project with no scope changes or overall budget reductions

Project	Original Allocation	Proposed
Cyber Security Project#5	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 10,000
Training Solution Area	~~\$ 5,000~~	\$ 4,000
Equipment Solution Area	~~\$ 5,000~~	\$ 6,000



NPA – FEMA Approval NOT Required

- If your National Priority project is broken out into separate pieces with separate Project Numbers, the projects are treated individually and therefore, any reduction in any of the projects requires a FEMA approval.
- If the project is structured as shown in the example, consisting of multiple solution areas that are included in the same project, there is some flexibility in how it is managed.
- As this example shows, the solution areas remain the same and no new Solution Area added or deleted and the total allocation for that project and NPA are still the same even after allocations were moved around within the existing solution areas, the standard modification process can be used to complete the changes.

Project	Original Allocation	Proposed
Cyber Security Project#5	~~\$ 10,000~~	\$ 10,000
Training Solution Area	~~\$ 5,000~~	\$ 4,000
Equipment Solution Area	~~\$ 5,000~~	\$ 6,000



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

Personnel Cap Waiver (PCAP) Requests

- Required for personnel costs over 50% of each fund source.

Semiannual Drawdowns (Reimbursements)

- Must drawdown funds, at minimum, semi-annually (six months)

Emergency Communications projects

- Projects that fall under IJ#5 still need to be SAFECOM compliant. Reminder to mention the SCIP goal # and “emergency communications” in the project description.



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

EHP Requirements

- To ensure EHP compliance, any project or activity that involves changes to the natural or built environment, including but not limited to; construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures, facilities, and infrastructure, or new construction, including; replacement or relocation of facilities, must participate in the EHP review process and get EHP approval before starting the project.



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

Training and Exercise Requirements

- EHPs
- Training Feedback numbers
- After Action Reports (AARs)
- Noncompetitive Procurements

Training

- Training and exercises that are classroom-based, table-top exercises, and Functional exercises, do not need an EHP approval.
- For Training and Exercises that are hosted, field-based, and essentially have “boots on the ground”, EHP approval is needed and an EHP form must be submitted before the project can be started.
- Feedback numbers are required for all training projects. CSTI issues these through the [Request for Federal Tracking Form](#). The link is also available on the State Supplement and Cal OES webpage.
- For more information on training-related inquiries, contact the Cal OES Training Branch at (916) 845-8745 or Training@CalOES.ca.gov.



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

Exercise

- If using Homeland Grants for “Exercise” costs, an After-Action Report (AAR)/Improvement Plan(IP), or Summary Report (for Seminars and Workshops) must be completed and submitted to Cal OES within 90 days after exercise/seminars/workshops are conducted.
- It is acceptable to submit an Exercise Summary Report for Seminars and Workshops in lieu of a full AAR/IP.
- No reimbursement will be approved if there is no AAR submitted.
- Email AAR/IPs and Summary Reports to:
 - hseep@fema.dhs.gov
 - exercise@caloes.ca.gov
 - Designated HSGP Region Grant Analyst
- For exercise-related issues and/or questions, please email the Cal OES Exercise Team at exercise@caloes.ca.gov.



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

BSIR Reporting will be replaced by FEMA GO

- FEMA grant awards have been moved from the Grants Reporting Tool (GRT) system to FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO). FEMA GO will be used for all grants management actions, including reporting activities that were previously submitted through the GRT.
- The GRT has been placed in read-only mode.
- GRT will be permanently decommissioned on September 28, 2026, and will no longer be accessible in the GRT.
- Beginning on September 1, 2026, active awards and closed awards still within the seven-year records retention period became available in FEMA GO.
- For more information on any of these items, please see the State Supplement, or contact your Grant Analyst.



HSGP Grant Guidance Cont.

Extension Requests

- Must be received no later than 60 days prior to the end of the Subrecipient's period of performance. **Cannot extend a project after the POP has passed.**
- Must contain specific and compelling justifications as to why an extension is required.
- Recommend extending to the furthest date possible to allow for unforeseen project delays.
- Extended projects cannot be modified for scope changes, and no new projects can be added after the original POP end date.



Final Application Documents

- **FMFW – Financial Management Forms Workbook:** with Facesheet, AA Info, Project Ledger and POETE tabs filled in. Available on Cal OES HSGP homepage.
- **GBR – Governing Body Resolution (Certified):** Board identifies authorized agents who are authorized to sign grant-related documents including modifications and reimbursements.
 - Recommended to identify authorized agents by position/job title.
- **Standard and Program Assurances:** Incorporates state and federal grant award requirements. Required to pass down to all Subawards. Available on Cal OES HSGP homepage.
- **Subrecipient Grants Management Form:** Evaluates the federal statutes, regulations and grant terms and conditions, as well as experience with grants. Available on Cal OES HSGP homepage.
- **FFATA - Federal Funding Accounting and Transparency Act:**
 - The first requirement is reported by Cal OES.
 - The second requirement is information on executive compensation. If it does not apply you will check the box that states “Not subject to the Executive Compensation requirement of the FFATA Financial Disclosure”. Available on Cal OES HSGP homepage.
- **UEI sam.gov:** Proof of registration, should include organization's Unique Entity ID (UEI)



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