



GRANT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM GMM 2025-14

Date: November 6, 2025

To: Eligible local, tribal, and territorial government Applicants

From: Cal OES Grants Management

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS)
Grant Program Application Webinar

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program under the authority of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025. This program provides a total of \$500 million in funding over two Fiscal Years to support state, local, tribal and territorial governments combatting the unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems that threaten the safety and security of the American people, communities, and institutions.

For FY 2026 - DHS/FEMA has prioritized \$250 million in funding to states that are directly or indirectly hosting FIFA World Cup 2026 events and the National Capital Region, which is hosting America 250 national events. California will receive a statutory minimum of \$3,325,000 in funding with an additional \$105,050,000 allocated competitively based on a Special Event Assessment Rating level of hosted events (representing risk), and the anticipated effectiveness of proposed projects.

The outstanding \$250 million will be distributed in FY 2027 to states and territories, with an expanded focus on building national detection and response capacity. Details regarding Fiscal Year 2027 will be determined and shared at a later date.

Eligibility for FY 2026 funding is limited to local, tribal, and territorial government entities located in California, including city and county agencies, law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, and other qualifying public safety organizations.

All agencies and personnel operating counter-unmanned aircraft systems mitigation technologies purchased or supported with C-UAS Grant Program funds must:

- Have the Department of Justice acting through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), deputize state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement or correctional facility officers in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces.

- Have personnel trained at or scheduled to be trained at the FBI's National Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Center.

In preparation for the FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program application submission, Cal OES will be conducting webinars to explain the requirements and application process.

FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program Application Webinar Schedule

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Webinar 1: (10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.)
Call In: (415) 906-4037
Conference ID: 692 162 357#

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Webinar 2: (1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.)
Call In: (415) 906-4037
Conference ID: 472 737 028#

The following four (4) Application documents must be submitted as one email to the following email address: C-UASGrantProgram@caloes.ca.gov by **Friday, November 21, 2025, 5:00 PM PDT.** A completed Application package must consist of the four required documents in a single email.

FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program Application Documents:

1. [FEMA Investment Justification \(IJ\) Form](#)
2. [C-UAS Grant Program Application Certifications](#)
3. **Mission Statement**
4. **Registrations and Certifications** - Proof of National Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Center registration and, where applicable, certification.

FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program Resource:

- [FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Application packages received after this time/date or sent to any other email address or by any other delivery method will not be considered. **Incomplete, scanned copies, altered or prior versions of required forms, combined forms, embedded links of Application documents, or zip files will not be considered.** Please ensure that your Application package email submission is accurate and complete before sending. **Resubmitted, duplicate, or incomplete Applications will also not be considered.**

Technical questions pertaining the FY 2026 C-UAS Grant Program Application process can be addressed to the Community Resiliency Unit at: C-UASGrantProgram@caloes.ca.gov.