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Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2019 NSGP?

In FY 2019, multiple funding allocations have been appropriated for nonprofit organizations located inside or outside of FY 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designated urban areas. The FY 2019 NSGP provides funding support for security-related activities 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/territory, tribal, local government agencies.

The FY 2019 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 are essential for the execution of the five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery—and the realization of a secure and resilient Nation.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2019 NSGP?

The FY 2019 NSGP is authorized by Sections 2003 and 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Pub. L. No. 107-296, (codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. §§ 604, 605); and by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2019*, Pub. L. No. 116-6.

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2019 NSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2019 NSGP will be \$60 million, of which \$50 million is for NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA) and \$10 million is for NSGP-State (NSGP-S).

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

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2018 and FY 2019?

The FY 2019 NSGP funding level is the same as FY 2018 NSGP level. \$60 million will be distributed in FY 2019.

5. Where is the FY 2019 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity located?

The FY 2019 NSGP NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2019 NSGP funds?

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2019 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations that are:

1. Described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code.
2. Able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack; and
3. For NSGP-UA, located within a FY 2019 UASI-designated urban area; or for NSGP-S, located outside of a FY 2019 UASI-designated urban area.

Nonprofit organizations must apply to their SAA; nonprofit organizations **may not** apply directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for FY 2019 NSGP funds.

7. How will the FY 2019 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 or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2019 NSGP?

- April 12, 2019: Release date for FY 2019 NSGP NOFO.
- May 29, 2019, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for FY 2019 NSGP are due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2019 NSGP Program funds be allocated?

FY 2019 NSGP-UA applications will be reviewed through a two-phased process that includes a SAA 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 SAA and federal levels, please refer to the full FY 2019 NSGP NOFO.

10. What is the FY 2019 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. 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 at ASK-GMD@fema.gov.