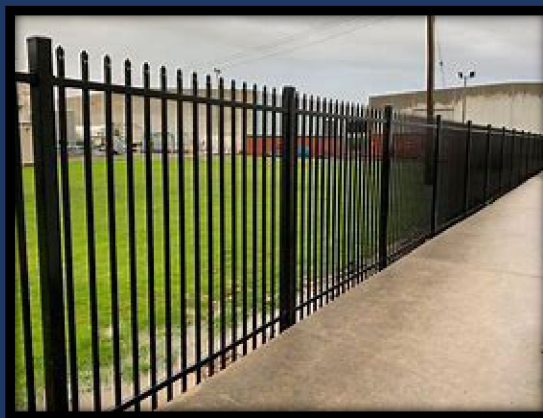


Mississippi Office of Homeland Security 2024 Homeland Security Non-Profit Grant Program Funding Guidance



Schedule for FY24 Homeland Security Non-Profit Security Grant Program

Key Announcements and Dates:

| Key Announcements | Key Dates |
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| Memo Re: Release of FY24 Non-Profit Grant Investment Justification | February 15, 2024 |
| FY24 Grant Application Release | April 22, 2024 |
| Grant Writing Sessions | May 7, 2024 May 14, 2024 |
| Application Deadline | May 24, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. |
| Application Review Period | May 24-June 23, 2024 |
| Conditional Award Notification <i>(Purchase/Authorize of spending is unallowable, until executed Agreement is Received from MOHS)</i> | On or around August 23, 2024 |
| Grant Orientation | September 2024 (Tentative) |
| Grant Awards Released | September 30, 2024 (Tentative) |
| Grant Packets Due and to be Returned to MOHS | November 15, 2024 (Tentative) |
| Grant Performance Period | September 1, 2024-August 30, 2025 |
| Grant Closeout Deadline | November 1, 2025 |

Application packets will be available at the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security website <https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>

Grant applications received after the due date **will not** be accepted for the allocation of funds, but may be considered, if funds become available within one (1) year.

Federal Award Overview:

Department of Homeland Security
FY2024 Homeland Security Non-Profit Security
Grant Program Assistance Listing Number (Formerly CFDA) 97.008
Federal Grant Period: 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/nonprofit-security-grant-program>

Program Objective

The objective of the FY2024 NSGP is to provide funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities for nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The NSGP also seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

Anticipated Program Priorities

Given the evolving threat landscape, it is incumbent upon DHS/FEMA to continuously evaluate the national risk profile and set priorities that help ensure appropriate allocation of scarce security dollars. In assessing the national risk profile for FY 2024, one area attracts the most concern:

- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places.

Likewise, there are several enduring security needs that crosscut the homeland security enterprise. The following are second-tier priorities that help recipients implement a comprehensive approach to securing communities:

1. Effective planning;
2. Training and awareness campaigns; and
3. Exercises.

The table below provides a breakdown of these priority areas for the FY 2024 NSGP, showing both the core capabilities enhanced and lifelines supported, as well as examples of eligible project types for each area. A detailed description of allowable investments for each project type is included in the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

FY 2024 NSGP Funding Priorities

All priorities in this table concern the Safety and Security Lifelines.

| Priority Areas | Core Capabilities Enhanced | Example Project Types |
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| National Priorities | | |
| Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Operational coordination • Public information and warning • Intelligence and Information Sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private contracted security guards • Physical security enhancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Closed circuit television (CCTV) security cameras ○ Security screening equipment for people and baggage |

| Priority Areas | Core Capabilities Enhanced | Example Project Types |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures • Risk management for protection programs and activities • Cybersecurity • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fencing, gates, barriers, etc. ▪ Card readers, associated hardware/software • Cybersecurity enhancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk-based cybersecurity planning and training ○ Improving cybersecurity of access control and identify verification systems ○ Improving cybersecurity of security technologies (e.g., CCTV systems) ○ Adoption of cybersecurity performance goals (CISA's Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals) |
| Enduring Needs | | |
| Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Risk management for protection programs and activities • Risk and disaster resilience assessment • Threats and hazards identification • Operational coordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct or enhancement of security risk assessments • Development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Security plans and protocols ○ Emergency/contingency plans ○ Evacuation/shelter in place plans |
| Training & Awareness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Public information and warning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active shooter training, including integrating the needs of persons with disabilities • Security training for employees • Public awareness/preparedness campaigns |
| Exercises | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response exercises |

National Preparedness Goal

“A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

Mission Areas and Core Capabilities

Applicants are encouraged to consider investments and projects that support local, regional, and national efforts to support the five mission areas for Homeland Security:

1. Prevention- Prevent, avoid, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual act of terrorism.
2. Protection- Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
3. Mitigation- Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
4. Response- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
5. Recovery- Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

MISSION AREAS



Applicants are encouraged to also consider projects that meet the FEMA Core Capabilities within the National Preparedness goal. There are thirty-two (32) core capabilities that fit within the five (5) mission areas that help build, sustain and agencies capabilities, along with close identified gaps.

For more information on the core capabilities, please see the following link to FEMA Core Capability Development Sheets.

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ccds-all-sheets.pdf

FEMA Core Capabilities:

Prevention

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| 1. Planning | 3. Intelligence and Information Sharing | 5. Screening, Search, and Detection |
| 1. Public Information and Warning | 4. Interdiction and Disruption | 6. Forensics and Attribution |
| 2. Operational Coordination | | |

Protection

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| 1. Planning | 5. Interdiction and Disruption | 9. Physical Protective Measures |
| 2. Public Information and Warning | 6. Screening, Search, and Detection | 10. Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities |
| 3. Operational Coordination | 7. Access Control and Identity Verification | 11. Supply Chain Integrity and Security |
| 4. Intelligence and Information Sharing | 8. Cybersecurity | |

Mitigation

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| 1. Planning | 4. Community Resilience | 7. Threats and Hazards Identification |
| 2. Public Information and Warning | 5. Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction | |
| 3. Operational Coordination | 6. Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment | |

Response

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| 1. Planning | 7. Fatality Management Services | 12. On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement |
| 2. Public Information and Warning | 8. Fire Management and Suppression | 13. Operational Communications |
| 3. Operational Coordination | 9. Logistics and Supply Chain Management | 14. Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services |
| 4. Infrastructure Systems | 10. Mass Care Services | 15. Situational Assessment |
| 5. Critical Transportation | 11. Mass Search and Rescue Operations | |
| 6. Environmental Response/Health and Safety | | |

Recovery

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| 1. Planning | 4. Infrastructure Systems | 7. Housing |
| 2. Public Information and Warning | 5. Economic Recovery | 8. Natural and Cultural Resources |
| 3. Operational Coordination | 6. Health and Social Services | |

Funding Eligibility

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. This includes entities designated as “private” (e.g., private institutions of higher learning), as private colleges and universities can also be designated as 501c3 entities.

Note: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. Such organizations are automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3). These organizations are not required to provide recognition of exemption. For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3), the state may or may not require recognition of exemption, as long as the method chosen is applied consistently. Refer to links below for additional information: • Exemption Requirements - 501(c)(3) Organizations | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov) • <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p557/ch03.html> Publication 557 (01/2022), Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov) • Charities and Nonprofits | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

2. Able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.

Below are entities that are **not eligible** to apply under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. These entities are subject to change with release of the official 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity from FEMA.

- Utility companies
- For-profit transportation companies, such as a company offering bus service.
- For-profit hospitals
- Organizations active in politics, lobbying, and advocacy work
- Volunteer fire departments
- Community Service organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Clubs)
- Homeowner Associations
- Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations
- Labor unions, county fairs, and flower societies are examples of these types of groups.

Nonprofit organizations must apply for FY2023 NSGP through the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security. Nonprofit organization may not apply directly to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

What can I apply for?

If applicants have questions regarding the allowable or unallowable use of funding or need assistance in completing the application, please contact mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity.

Please see the link below:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security/nonprofit-security-grant-program-notices-funding-opportunity>

Funding Maximums (subject to change with the release of the official 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity from FEMA):

Applicants with one site may apply for up to \$150,000 for that site. Applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$150,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$450,000 per sub-applicant. If a sub-applicant applies for projects at multiple sites, regardless of whether the projects are similar in nature, it must include an assessment of the vulnerability and risk unique to each site. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the application.

* Must have separate addresses for each site location.

Allowable Grant Items:

Please see the FY24 Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity for additional information on allowable grant costs. The list below is not exhaustive, therefore, if applicants have any additional questions, please reach out to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security/nonprofit-security-grant-program-notices-funding-opportunity>

Eligible organizations may request NSGP funds to support the following activities. Each applicant must include its vulnerability/risk assessment on which the request(s) in the IJ is based.

Equipment: Allowable costs are focused on target hardening and physical security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is **limited to select items** in the following two sections of items on the [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#). These items, including the item’s plain-language description specific to the NSGP, are as follows:

| AEL Code | Title | Description |
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| 03OE-03-MEGA | System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile | Systems for mass audio notification, including vehicle-mounted high powered speaker systems, or battery powered megaphone/public address systems with corded microphone. |
| 03OE-03-SIGN | Signs | Restricted access and caution warning signs that preprinted or field printable and can be various colors, sizes, and shapes. Examples can include traffic cones, other free-standing signage, mountable items, and signs and devices for individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs (e.g., programmable audible caution cones and scrolling marquis signs). |
| 04AP-05-CRED | System, Credentialing | Software application and associated hardware and material for creating site/event credential badges and controlling scene access. Although some hardware may be required, functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service, as opposed to purchasing software. |

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| 04AP-09-ALRT | Systems, Public Notification and Warning | Systems used to alert the public of protective actions or to provide warning to the public in the event of an incident, such as sirens, the Emergency Alert System (EAS), the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). |
| 04AP-11-SAAS | Applications, Software as a Service | Sometimes referred to as “on-demand software,” this application runs on the provider’s servers, delivering functionality via the internet to any device having connectivity and the required browser or interface. Access to the application is obtained via a service subscription rather than outright purchase, with all updates and configuration requirements handled by the service provider. <i>This item is limited to those services that support security systems such as access controls, camera networks, cybersecurity services or other critical infrastructure security.</i> |
| 05AU-00-TOKN | System, Remote Authentication | Systems used to provide enhanced remote authentication, often consisting of a server or synchronization scheme and a device, token, or smartphone application. |
| 05EN-00-ECRP | Software, Encryption | Encryption software is used to protect stored data files or email messages. |
| 05HS-00-MALW | Software, Malware/Anti-Virus Protection | Software for protection against viruses, spyware, and malicious code. May be obtained for individual hosts or for entire network segments. |
| 05HS-00-PFWL | System, Personal Firewall | Personal firewall for operation on individual workstations. This item is usually a software solution, but appliances are also available. See also: 05NP-00-FWAL. |
| 05NP-00-FWAL | Firewall, Network | Firewall (software or standalone appliance) for use in protecting networks. See also 05HS-00-PFWL. |
| 05NP-00-IDPS | System, Intrusion Detection/Prevention | Intrusion Detection and/or Prevention System deployed at either host or network level to detect and/or prevent unauthorized or aberrant (i.e., abnormal) behavior on the network. |
| 06CP-01-PORT | Radio, Portable | Individual/portable radio transceivers, for notifications and alerts. |
| 06CP-01-REPT | Repeater | Electronic device that receives a weak or low-level signal and retransmits that signal to extend usable range. |
| 06CC-02-PAGE | Services/Systems, Paging | Paging services/systems/applications; one-way text messaging for notifications or alerts. |
| 06CP-03-ICOM | Intercom/Intercom System | Communication system for a limited number of personnel in close proximity to receive alerts or notifications |
| 06CP-03-PRAC | Accessories, Portable Radio | Speaker/microphone extensions to portable radios. |
| 10GE-00-GENR | Generators | Generators (gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas, etc.) and their required installation materials, including 10PE-00-PTSW (a power switch) if not already included, to support a redundant power supply for security systems, alarms, lighting, and other physical security/cybersecurity infrastructure |
| 13IT-00-ALRT | System, Alert/Notification | Alert/notification software that allows for real-time dissemination of information for situational awareness or alerts among a group via means such as smartphones, landlines, pagers, etc. This item may also be a subscription cloud-based service using a web browser interface or a mobile application instead of software. |

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| 10PE-00-UPS | Supply, Uninterruptible Power (UPS) | Systems that compensate for power loss to serviced equipment (e.g., short-duration battery devices, standby generator devices for longer duration). |
| 14CI-00-COOP | System, Information Technology Contingency Operations | Back-up computer hardware, operating systems, data storage, and application software necessary to provide a working environment for contingency operations. May be purchased as a remote service or a dedicated alternate operating site. |
| 14EX-00-BCAN | Receptacles, Trash, Blast-Resistant | Blast-resistant trash receptacles. |
| 14EX-00-BSIR | Systems, Building, Blast/Shock/Impact Resistant | Systems to mitigate damage from blasts, shocks, or impacts, such as column and surface wraps, wall coverings, portable or fixed ballistic boards/barriers, breakage/shatter resistant glass, window wraps/films/velums, etc. |
| 14SW-01-ALRM | Systems/Sensors, Alarm | Systems and standalone sensors are designed to detect access violations or intrusions using sensors such as door/window switches, motion sensors, acoustic sensors, seismic sensors, and thermal sensors. May also include temperature sensors for critical areas. |
| 14SW-01-ASTN | Network, Acoustic Sensor Triangulation | Network of deployed acoustic sensors and one or more processing nodes for data integration and analysis. Such networks can be set to one or more ranges of frequencies to detect sounds such as gunshots, heavy weapons discharge, explosions, man-portable air defense system launches, vehicle noises, etc., and utilize acoustic triangulation to provide accurate location data. Such networks can be wired, wireless, or hybrid, and are capable of operation near critical infrastructure assets or in wide areas. |
| 14SW-01-DOOR | Doors and Gates, Impact Resistant | Reinforced doors and gates with increased resistance to external impact for increased physical security. |
| 14SW-01-LITE | Lighting, Area, Fixed | Fixed high-intensity lighting systems for improved visibility in areas such as building perimeters, parking lots, and other critical zones to increase physical security. |
| 14SW-01-PACS | System, Physical Access Control | Locking devices and entry systems for control of physical access to facilities. |
| 14SW-01-SIDP | Systems, Personnel Identification | Systems for positive identification of personnel as a prerequisite for entering restricted areas or accessing information systems. |
| 14SW-01-SIDV | Systems, Vehicle Identification | Systems for identification of vehicles, ranging from decals to radio frequency identification or other transponder devices. (License plate reader and facial recognition software are NOT allowed.) |
| 14SW-01-SNSR | Sensors/Alarms, System, and Infrastructure Monitoring, Standalone | Standalone sensors/alarms for use on critical systems or infrastructure items (e.g., security systems, power supplies, etc.) to provide warning when these systems fail or are near failure. |
| 14SW-01-VIDA | Systems, Video Assessment, Security | Camera-based security systems utilizing standard, low light, or infrared technology. (License plate reader and facial recognition software are NOT allowed.) |
| 14SW-01-WALL | Barriers: Fences; Jersey Walls | Obstacles designed to channel or halt pedestrian or vehicle-borne traffic to protect a physical asset or facility such as barriers, bollards, planters, benches etc. (Earthen barriers, berms, |

trees, or other botanical obstacles are NOT allowed.)

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| 15SC-00-PPSS | Systems, Personnel/Package Screening | Hand-held or fixed systems such as walk-through magnetometers are used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices. |
| 21GN-00-INST | Installation | Installation costs for authorized equipment purchased through FEMA grants. |
| 21GN-00-TRNG | Training and Awareness | See Section D.12.f.iv “Training and Exercises” |

Other dropdowns in the Section IV-B of IJ, while not part of the AEL, include the following:

| Code | Title | Description |
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| Contract Security | Private Contact Security Personnel/Guards | See Section D.12.f.vii “Contracted Security Personnel” |
| M&A | Management and Administration (M&A) | See Section D.12.c “Management and Administration (M&A)” |
| PLANNING | Planning | See Section D.12.f.i “Planning” |
| EXERCISE | Exercise | See Section D.12.f.iv “Training and Exercises” |

Training and Exercises:

Training and exercise costs are allowed under this program only as described in this funding notice and the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Nonprofit organizations may use NSGP funds for the following training-related costs:

- i. Employed or volunteer security staff to attend security-related training within the United States;
- ii. Employed or volunteer staff to attend security-related training within the United States with the intent of training other employees or members/congregants upon completing the training (i.e., “train-the-trainer” type courses); and
- iii. Nonprofit organization’s employees, or members/congregants to receive on-site security training.

Allowable training-related costs under the NSGP are limited to attendance fees for training and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Overtime, backfill, and travel expenses are **not** allowable costs.

Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of critical infrastructure key resources, including physical and cybersecurity, facility hardening, and terrorism/other extremism awareness/employee preparedness such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, indicators and behaviors indicative of terrorist/other extremist threats, Active Shooter training, and emergency first aid training. Additional examples of allowable training courses include: “Stop the Bleed” training, kits/equipment, and training aids; First Aid and other novice level “you are the help until help arrives” training, kits/equipment, and training aids; and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and AED/Basic Life Support training, kits/equipment, and training aids.

Training conducted using NSGP funds must address a specific threat and/or vulnerability, as identified in the nonprofit organization’s Investment Justification (IJ). Training should provide the opportunity to demonstrate and validate skills learned as well as to identify any gaps in these skills. ***Proposed attendance at training courses and all associated costs using the NSGP must be included in the nonprofit organization’s IJ.***

Funding may be used to conduct security-related exercises. This includes costs related to planning, meeting

space and other meeting costs, facilitation costs, materials and supplies, and documentation. Exercises afford organizations the opportunity to validate plans and procedures, evaluate capabilities, and assess progress toward meeting capability targets in a controlled, low risk setting. All shortcomings or gaps—including those identified for children and individuals with access and functional needs—should be identified in an improvement plan. Improvement plans should be dynamic documents with corrective actions continually monitored and implemented as part of improving preparedness through the exercise cycle.

Maintenance and Sustainment:

Maintenance and sustainment costs, such as maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable. For additional information, see the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Construction/Renovation:

NSGP funding may not be used for construction and renovation projects without prior written approval from FEMA. In some cases, the installation of equipment may constitute construction and/or renovation. If you have any questions regarding whether an equipment installation project could be considered construction or renovation, please contact your Preparedness Officer. All recipients of NSGP funds must request and receive prior approval from FEMA before any NSGP funds are used for any construction or renovation. Additionally, recipients are required to submit a SF-424C Budget and budget detail citing the project costs and an SF-424D Form for standard assurances for the construction project. The total cost of any construction or renovation paid for using NSGP funds may not exceed the greater amount of \$1million or 15% of the NSGP award.

Contracted Security Personnel:

Contracted security personnel are allowed under this program only as described in this NOFO and must comply with guidance set forth in [IB 421b](#) and [IB 441](#). NSGP funds may not be used to purchase equipment for contracted security.

Unallowable Grant Costs

The following items are considered unallowable by FEMA and/or the Mississippi Department of Homeland has deemed the items not permissible for funding. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below, <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/homeland-security-grant-notices-funding-opportunity>

- **Supplanting:**
Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or recipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.
- **FEMA Approval:**
Grant funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment not approved by DHS/FEMA. Grant funds must comply with IB 426 and may not be used for the purchase of the following equipment: firearms; ammunition; grenade launchers; bayonets; or weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind with weapons installed.

For additional information on Un-allowable costs, see the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

The following projects and costs are considered **ineligible** for award consideration:

- Organization costs, and operational overtime costs;
- Hiring of public safety personnel;
- General-use expenditures;
- Overtime and backfill;

- Initiatives that do not address the implementation of programs/initiatives to build prevention and protection-focused capabilities directed at identified facilities and/or the surrounding communities;
- The development of risk/vulnerability assessment models;
- Initiatives that fund risk or vulnerability security assessments or the development of the IJ;
- Initiatives in which federal agencies are the beneficiary or that enhance federal property;
- Initiatives which study technology development;
- Proof-of-concept initiatives;
- Initiatives that duplicate capabilities being provided by the Federal Government;
- Organizational operating expenses;
- Reimbursement of pre-award security expenses (see Section D.12.b);
- Cameras for license plate readers/license plate reader software;
- Cameras for facial recognition software;
- Weapons or weapons-related training; and
- Knox Boxes

Environmental and Historical Preservation Compliance: All projects that may have potential impact to the environment **will require** a FEMA Environmental Historic Preservation form. For more information, please see FEMA Policy 108-023-1.

- Ground disturbances, new construction, modification/renovation of buildings (include the addition of cameras, security doors, etc.) will require an EHP form to be submitted.
- Renovation of and/or modification including installation of security and communication equipment to buildings or structures that are fifty (50) years old or older.
- Installation of security features such as doors, cameras, security locks, etc., will also require an EHP submission for FEMA approval.
- Security enhancements to improve perimeter security or any other construction or renovations that change or expand the footprint of the facility.
- Physical security enhancements including, but not limited to:
 - Lighting
 - Fencing
 - Closed Circuit Televisions
 - Motion Detection
 - Barriers, doors, gates and related security enhancements.

When Are Applications Due?

All HGSP applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security offices by **May 24, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. CST.** Applications may be submitted before the deadline and encouraged. Applications received after this date and time may not be considered eligible for consideration.

To facilitate processing, please submit applications and supporting documentation via email to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

What Do I Need to Do to Apply?

Applicant(s) must be:

- 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.

Note: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. Such organizations are automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3). These organizations

are not required to provide recognition of exemption. For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under 501(c)(3), the state may or may not require recognition of exemption, as long as the method chosen is applied consistently.

Be able to demonstrate, through this application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack.

- Must be eligible for funding.
 - The applicant must not be listed on the suspended and debarred list.
 - The applicant must not be listed on the DPS Restricted Parties List.
 - Applicants must have a current and active DUNS/Unique Entity Identification number.
 - Applicant must read and comply with 2 CFR 200.317 to 2 CFR 200.327 regulations.
 - Applicant must have written procurement standards per 2 CFR 200.318(a).
 - Applicant must have written conflict of interest standards per 2 CFR 200.318(c).
 - Applicant read and understands that certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment are prohibited from being purchased using grant funds. See 2 CFR § 200.216 and 2 CFR § 200.471.
- Applicant must take necessary steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used, when possible, per 2 CFR 200.321.
 - Applicant agrees that this federal funding does not supplant (replace) state, local, and agency monies in their organization's budget for the requested items in this application.

The following MUST items must be submitted, or the application will be considered incomplete.

- Complete Investment Justification/Application, submitted as an PDF. The IJ cannot be accepted in any other form, other than the format that is provided.
- Agency Signatures
- Mission Statement on Letterhead
- Vulnerability/Risk Assessment
- Applicant Organizations that are not Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious organizations must submit documentation from the IRS demonstrating that they are a **501(c)3**.

What If I Have Questions about the Grant Application?

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security is always available to answer any questions regarding the application packet and/or any grant questions.

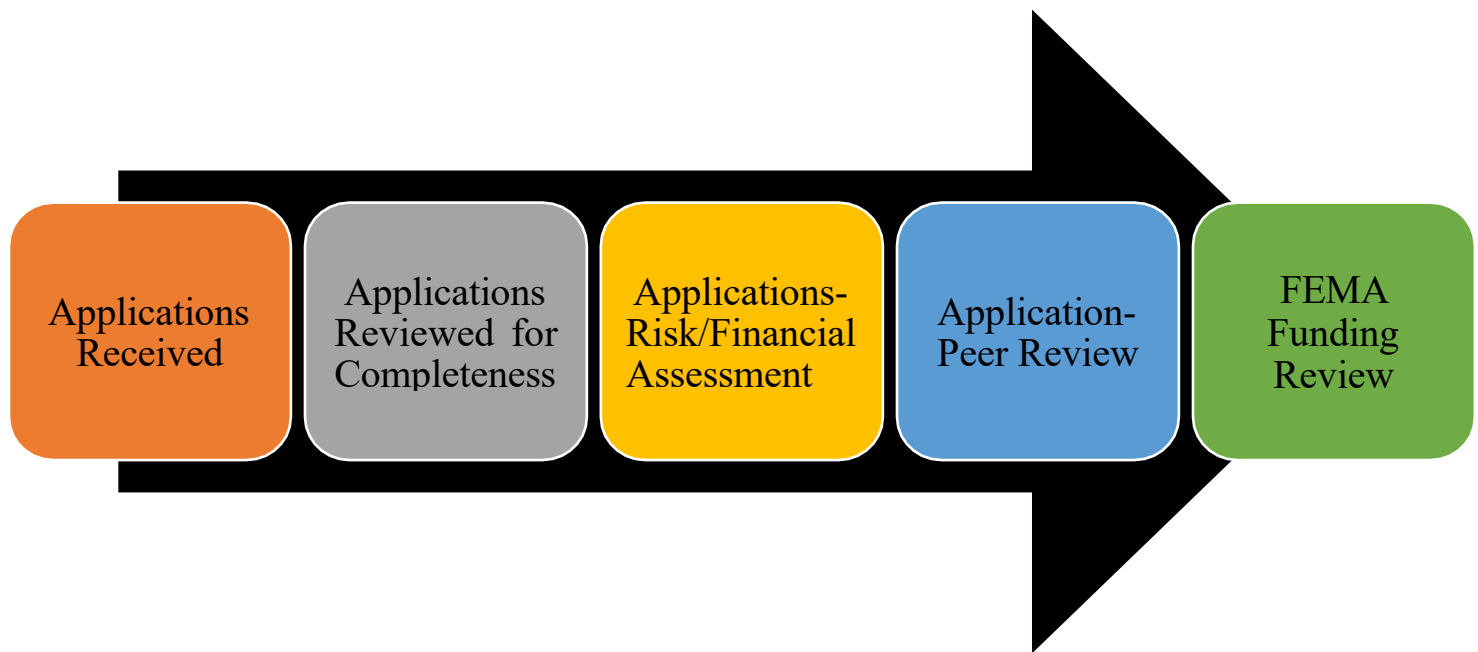
Grant Writing Sessions:

The MOHS will hold two (2) grant writing sessions to provide program updates, answer questions and assist in the development of the applications.

| Grant Writing Sessions for the Homeland Security Grant Program | |
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| May 7, 2024 Virtual Training | May 14, 2024 Virtual Training |

What Happens After the Application Is Submitted?

Each application will go through a series of reviews for completeness, risk assessment, peer review, scoring and an executive planning and funding session. Please see below the stages of review for each application that is received.



Please Remember:

- **Funding is limited.**
- **Funding is not guaranteed.**

NSGP applications are to be submitted by nonprofit organizations to the MOHS. Applications will be reviewed through a multi-phase state and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the IJ (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk(s). The MOHS will make recommendations to DHS/FEMA based on their target allocation and according to the chart listed in the NSGP-S Process subsection.

MOHS Review: Application packages are submitted by the nonprofit organization to the MOHS based on the established criteria. The MOHS will review applications and recommend to DHS/FEMA which nonprofit organizations should be selected for funding.

1. The MOHS will review applications and recommend to DHS/FEMA which nonprofit organizations should be selected for funding. As part of the state review, the MOHS must:
 - Conduct an eligibility review.
 - Verify that the nonprofit is located outside an FY 2024 UASI-designated urban area.
2. Each member of the Nonprofit Security Working Group will review each application independently.
3. The Nonprofit Security Working Group Review and score all complete application packages. (including vulnerability assessments and mission statement) using the NSGP Scoring Worksheet provided by DHS/FEMA.
4. A score will be calculated for each application.
5. The Working Group may choose to ask for additional documentation for review, as they see appropriate, to assist in the review and award process.
6. Applications will be scored, prioritized and recommendations for funding will be made to FEMA. The MOHS will:
 - Submit the results of the state review along with complete applications from eligible applicants to DHS/FEMA.
 - Submit nonprofit organization application details for all applications received but not recommended for funding (including incomplete applications and ineligible applicants) to DHS/FEMA.

7. The MOHS will base its recommendations on the MOHS's subject-matter expertise and discretion with consideration to the following factors:

- Need: The relative need for the nonprofit organization compared to the other applicants; and
- Impact: The feasibility of the proposed project and how effectively the proposed project addresses the identified need.

Federal (FEMA) Review: The IJs submitted by MOHS will be reviewed by DHS/FEMA HQ Program Analysts. Federal staff will verify that the nonprofit organization is located outside of an FY 2024 UASI-designated urban area. Federal reviewers will score each IJ using the NSGP Investment Justification Scoring Worksheet.

Final Score (NSGP-S): To calculate an application's final score, the sum of the applicant's SAA score and the Federal reviewer's score will be multiplied:

- By a factor of three for nonprofit groups that are at a high risk of terrorist attacks due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission.
- By a factor of two for medical and educational institutions; and
- By a factor of one for all other nonprofit organizations.

Applicants will be selected from highest to lowest scored within their respective state/territory until the available state target allocation has been exhausted. In the event of a tie during the funding determination process, priority will be given to nonprofit organizations that have not received prior year funding, then those prioritized highest by the MOHS. Should additional NSGP-S funding remain unobligated after reviewing all state submissions, FEMA will use the final scores, in part, to determine how the remaining balance of funds will be allocated. Submissions will be selected for funding until the remaining balance of funds is exhausted.

DHS/FEMA will use the results to make funding recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security. All final funding determinations will be made by the Secretary of Homeland Security, who retains the discretion to consider other factors and information in addition to DHS/FEMA's funding recommendations.

Notice of Award: All applicants will receive a notice of award or notice of non-approval.

Grant Award: If agency is awarded a grant, the applicant will become a sub-recipient. A grant award packet will be sent to the sub-recipient for the review and the attainment of signatures from all authorized officials. The grant award packet will include an Award Letter and Grant Agreement, along with all required grant documents.

Per FEMA requirements, the MOHS must meet the following four requirements.

1. The SAA must make a firm commitment to passing through the grant funds to the sub-recipients.
2. The SAA's a commitment must be unconditional (i.e., no contingencies for the availability of funds).
3. There must be documentary evidence (i.e., award document, terms, and conditions) of the commitment; and
4. The award terms must be communicated to the sub-recipient.

Once the agency receives the grant award packet, the grant will be **awarded and activated**. Grant activities, procurement of equipment, etc., may begin at the receipt of the award packet.

Although grants awards are activated at the time of receipt of the award package, reimbursements will not be made to an agency until **all** award packets have been submitted and processed by MOHS grants staff. This may include the submission and approvals to FEMA for MOU's, special equipment requests/approvals and Environmental Historic Preservations forms.

Grant Orientation: At the receipt of the award packet, the agency will receive notice of an upcoming Grant Orientation meeting. The Grant Orientation will provide updates of the grant, award packet information, grant forms, information on required reporting and closeout. **Grant Orientation is mandatory.** The assigned Sub-Recipient Grant Administrator (SGA) and the assigned financial officer will be working with the agency on financial matters.

Submission of Grant Award/Reimbursement: Grant award packets will be required to be submitted back to the MOHS email address of: MOHSgrants@dps.ms.gov, by a set deadline date.

Completing the Investment Justification (Grant Application)



Investment Justification (Application)

- Adobe PDF Fillable Format. FEMA Document.
 - Only Allowable Format Acceptable.
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Part 1: Non-Profit Organization Sub-Application Information

| PART I. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SUBAPPLICANT INFORMATION | | | | |
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| Identify the following: | | | | |
| LEGAL NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION | | | | |
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| Please list the physical address of the facility. | STREET | | | |
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| <i>One investment justification per facility.</i> | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTY |
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| Is the building owned, or are you leasing/renting? | | If leasing or renting, do you have the owner's permission to make the proposed security enhancements? | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| At the time of application, is the organization actively occupying and functioning out of the location listed above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |

1. Legal Name of the Organization: Please list the legal name that your organization is titled.
2. Street Address: Please list the physical address for your organization. No P.O. Boxes are allowed.
3. City: List city of the facility location. If you are a parent company, please list where this grant funding will be supporting.
4. State: List your State. If you are a parent company, please list where this grant funding will be supporting.
5. Zip code: List the zip code for the facility. If you are a parent company, please list where this grant funding will be supporting.
6. County: List the county where the facility is located. If you are a parent company, please list where this grant funding will be supporting.
7. Is the building owned, or are to you leasing/renting? Drop down box.
 - a. Own
 - b. Rent/Lease
8. If you are leasing or renting, do you have the owner's permission to make the proposed security enhancements.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
9. At the time of application, is the organization actively occupying and functioning out of the location listed above.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No.

Are you the only nonprofit operating in/from this facility/building? Yes No

Note: Only one nonprofit can apply per building/facility/physical structure/address. However, the request and subsequent security enhancements may benefit nonprofits who cohabitate/operate in/from the same location. Multiple requests for federal assistance from the same physical address/building/facility/structure will all be deemed ineligible.

If "No," please explain how the proposed security enhancements benefit both you and the other organization(s).

Based on your mission statement, please summarize your organization's mission, ideology, and/or beliefs.

1. Are you the only nonprofit operation in/from this facility/building?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. If " No", please explain how the proposed security enhancement benefit both you and the other organization(s). Please describe with as much detail, as possible.
3. Based on your mission statement, please summarize your organizations mission, ideology, and or/beliefs. Please describe with as much detail, as possible.

What is the primary organization type?

If "Other," please describe the type of organization.

Please select the function that best describes the organization:

Please select the organization's primary affiliation:

Note: Please select the main religious affiliation that describes your organization. If the organization is a denomination of an affiliation, please select the corresponding affiliation from the drop down menu instead of "Other." If your organization has NO religious affiliation, please select "None/Unaffiliated." There is NO scoring preference given to certain affiliations or lack thereof.

If "Other," please describe affiliation.

1. What is the primary organization type: Drop down menu? Use the best described to your organization.
 - a. Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious
 - b. Education
 - c. Medical
 - d. Other
2. If "Other", please describe the type of organization. Please describe with as much detail, as possible.
3. Please select the function that best describes the organization.
 - a. House of Worship
 - b. Community Center
 - c. Pre-School
 - d. Elementary School
 - e. Middle School
 - f. High School
 - g. Post-Secondary Education
 - h. Other Type of Educational Organization
 - i. Social Services
4. Please selection the organization's primary affiliation:
 - a. Jewish
 - b. Christian
 - c. Hindu
 - d. Islamic
 - e. Sikh
 - f. Buddhist
 - g. Unaffiliated/None
 - h. Other
5. If "Other", please describe affiliation. If "other" is used, please describe with as much detail, as possible.

Eligible organizations are registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits or otherwise are organizations as described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the IRC. More information on tax-exempt organizations can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations>.

Is the organization eligible under the IRC to receive NSGP funds? Yes No

Does the organization have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number? Yes No

If "Yes," please enter the UEI Number for the organization:

Nonprofits do not need to have a valid UEI at the time of application; however, subrecipients must have a valid UEI in order to receive a subaward.

Are you physically located in a current Urban Area Security Initiative designated urban area? Yes No

If "Yes," select the designated urban area from the list:

Total federal funding requested under the NSGP (will automatically populate based on entries in Section IV-B):

1. Is the organization eligible under the IRC to receive NSGP?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Does the organization have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

3. If "Yes", please enter the UEI Number for the organization: Please list the UEI number for your agency, if you have received and UEI.

4. Are you physically located in a current Urban Area Security Initiative designated urban area?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

5. If "Yes", selected the designated urban area from the list:

Please Note: Question 4 will be marked "No".

Part II. Background Information

PART II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (5 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40)

Please describe (if applicable) this location's symbolic value as a highly recognized national or historic institution/landmark that renders the site as a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attack.

Please select (if applicable) the current, ongoing, or recent (last 3 years) event(s) in which your organization has been involved in prevention, protection, response, and/or recovery:



Please describe the organization's role in prevention, protection, response, and/or recovery, specifically highlighting the efforts that demonstrate integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

1. Please describe (if applicable) this location's symbolic value as highly recognized national or historical institution/landmark that renders the site as a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attack. Please list as much information, as possible.
2. Please select (if applicable) the current, ongoing, or recent (last 3 years) events in which your organization has been involved in prevention, protection, response, and/or recovery:
 - a. Terrorist Attack
 - b. Man-Made disaster (non-terrorist)
 - c. Natural disaster
 - d. Other
3. Please describe the organization's role in prevention, protection, response, and/or recovery, specifically highlighting the efforts that demonstrate integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts. Please list as much information, as possible.

Part III. Risk

Department of Homeland Security defines risk as the product of three principal variables: Threat, Vulnerability, and Consequences. In the space below, describe specific findings from previously conducted risk assessments, including A) Threats, B) Vulnerabilities, and (C) Potential Consequences of an attack.

A) **Threat:** In considering threat, the applicant should discuss the identification and substantiation of specific threats or attacks against the nonprofit organization or closely related organization by a terrorist organization, network or cell.

The applicant should also discuss findings from a risk assessment, police findings, and/or insurance claims specific to the location being applied for including dates and specific threats.

A) Threat: In considering a threat, please describe the identification and substantiation of specific threats or attacks against the nonprofit organization or a closely related organization, network, or cell.
Description can include findings from a threat or risk assessment, police report(s), and/or insurance claims specific to the location being applied for including dates of specific threats.



Vulnerabilities: In considering vulnerabilities, the applicant should discuss the organizations susceptibility to destruction, incapacitation, or exploitation by a terrorist or other extremist attack.

B) Vulnerabilities: Please describe the organization's susceptibility to destruction, incapacitation, or exploitation by a terrorist or other extremist attack.



Potential Consequences: In considering potential consequences, the applicant should discuss potential negative effects on the organization’s assets, system, and/or network if damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist or other extremist attack.

C) Potential Consequences: Please describe the potential negative effects on the organization's assets, systems, and/or function if damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist or other extremist attack.

Part IV. Facility Hardening

Section IV-A: In this section, describe each proposed activity or investment (as selected in Section IV-B), identify the vulnerability that it addresses, and detail the cost associated with the activity or investment. For each activity/investment, include the quantity, estimated hourly rate, or estimated price per unit, and proposed usage.

Note: This section should include narrative information about all costs listed in Section IV-B. The objective is for the information contained in this section to allow reviewers to validate the need of all costs in Section IV-B.

Allowable costs include facility hardening activities, such as planning and exercise related costs, contracted security personnel, and security-related training courses and programs limited to the protection of critical infrastructure key resources. Funding can also be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and surrounding property) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or in protection against the risk of terrorist or other extremist attack.

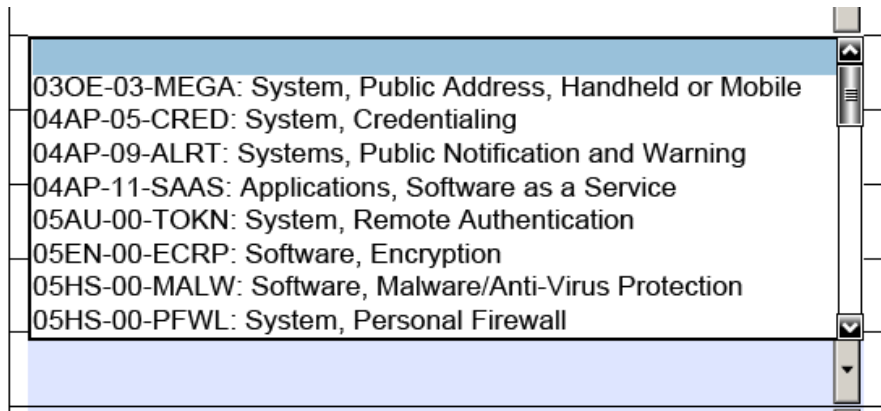
Pay close attention to this section. Refer back to Page 7-10 for the AEL numbers, title and descriptions of allowable items. The IJ/Application should be what your agency is requesting. This section **WILL** be what is awarded, there **WILL BE NO CHANGES TO THIS SECTION, IF AWARDED.**

Please do not GUESS at cost for items. Due to the increases in supplies and materials, please speak with potential vendors that can help your agency with estimating costs.

Section IV-B: In this section, list all proposed facility hardening equipment, projects, or activities as allowable per the Authorized Equipment List (AEL), NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and Preparedness Grants Manual (PGM). Select the AEL number and title, list the vulnerability the equipment/project/activity addresses, and enter the estimated funding requested (round up to the nearest dollar).

| AEL NUMBER & TITLE – EQUIPMENT, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY | VULNERABILITY TO BE ADDRESSED | ESTIMATED FUNDING REQUESTED (Round to nearest dollar) |
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| Total Funding Requested: | | |

- Each section has a drop down selection menu. Based on the items you are requesting, select the item from the menu.



- On the same line, the explain the vulnerability that that agency is addressing. Type in what this equipment will address, this may be something you have listed in your Vulnerability Assessment.

- Estimate the cost of the item. Do not guess. Please put in a reasonable amount of costs that it will take to complete the project for that item.
- Total Funding Requested: Total up all costs for equipment that the agency is planning to address.

Part V. Milestones

Provide description and associated key activities that lead to the milestone event over the NSGP period of performance. Start dates should reflect the start of the associated key activities and end dates should reflect when the milestone event will occur. Milestones should reflect considerations to the Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation reviews when applicable.

| PART V. MILESTONE (5 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40) | | |
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| Provide descriptions and associated key activities that lead to the milestone event over the NSGP period of performance. | | |
| Start dates should reflect the start of the associated key activities and end dates should reflect when the milestone event will occur. Milestones should reflect considerations to Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation reviews when applicable. (10 milestones maximum) | | |
| KEY ACTIVITIES & CORRESPONDING MILESTONES | START DATE | COMPLETION DATE |
| Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation review. | | |
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Place the key activities that are planned for this project and how and when the agency will complete. If awarded, this will be a starting point for project activity.

Please note.... The Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation review, has already been added. This is a requirement of each grant program. This will need to be during the 1st Quarter of the grant award.

Part VI. Project Management

PART VI. PROJECT MANAGEMENT (2 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40)

Who will manage the project? *Include the name, phone number, email address, and experience of the project manager(s).*

Provide details on who is the main contact for this grant and will be the contact person for grant related questions and information.

Please provide details on your program management plan to get this project complete. Assess the challenges to implementation and how you will coordinate with the state and partners.

Please assess your project management plan/approach. Assessment could include challenges to the effective implementation of this project and the coordination of the project with State and local homeland security partners.

Part VII. Impact

PART VII. IMPACT (4 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40)

Please describe the measurable outputs and outcomes that will indicate that this Investment is successful at the end of the period of performance.

FUNDING HISTORY

If the nonprofit organization has received NSGP funding in the past, provide the funding amount, funding year, and the investment type.

Has the organization received federal NSGP funding in the past? Yes No

NOTE: Please only include federal NSGP funding. If the organization has received state-funded NSGP awards, or any other federal awards, please do NOT include those here.

Please select the MOST RECENT fiscal year in which the nonprofit received federal NSGP funding:

If "Yes," please list the year(s), amount(s), and Project(s)/Investment(s). (Example: FY20 / \$150K / CCD Camera System and Lighting.)

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Provide responses if your organization has received funding under the Non-Profit Grant Program in the past. If so, please list the amount, as well as the information on what was requested and awarded.

Non-Profit Sub-Applicant Contact Information.

NONPROFIT SUBAPPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

This application was written by:

By clicking this box, I certify that I am an employee or affiliated volunteer on behalf of the nonprofit organization or have been hired by the nonprofit organization to apply on their behalf for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

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| FULL NAME <input type="text"/> | POSITION/TITLE <input type="text"/> |
| EMAIL <input type="text"/> | WORK PHONE <input type="text"/> |

**BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:
Have you included:**

1. Investment Justification:
 - a. Adobe PDF-Fillable
 - b. All sections filled out. No blank spaces.
 - c. Double checked AEL/Equipment list.
 - d. TRIPLE CHECK-The AEL, Description, Costs, etc. If awarded what is listed in this Application may be what is awarded. No changes.
 - e. Addition of Installation Code from AEL. Estimated costs for installation. If you do not list installation and costs, this will not be covered.
 - f. Cost estimate that will cover the equipment and project.
 - g. Contact Information Provided

2. Mission Statement on Agency Letterhead.

3. Vulnerability Assessment.
 - a. Filled out completely.
 - b. Vulnerabilities Listed

4. Unique Entity Identification Number
 - a. Please provide the number, if you have received.
 - b. No Funding will be awarded until the UEI process is complete.

5. Proof of 501(3)(c) Status.
 - a. If House of Worship, this is not required.

6. Once completed and double checked.
 - a. Email the mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov
 - b. Attach the Investment Justification
 - c. Attach all other documents, as (1) attachment. (If possible)

7. **MOHS will not know about the award on or around on or Before August 23, 2024. We will let you know if you have been awarded or have not been awarded.**