



Mississippi Office of Homeland Security 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Funding Guidance



Schedule for FY24 Homeland Security Grant Program

Key Announcements and Dates:

Key Announcements	Key Dates
Memo Re: Release of FY24 Grant Application	February 15, 2024
FY24 Grant Application Release	February 28, 2024
Grant Writing Sessions	March 12, 2024 March 14, 2024
Application Deadline	April 1, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.
Application Review Period	April 2024-June 2024 Initial Risk/Financial Assessment Review (April) Peer Review (April) Executive Award Review (May)
Award Announcement	July 1, 2024 (Tentative)
Grant Orientation	August 2024
Grant Awards Released	At Implementation Meetings (Tentative)
Grant Packets Due and to be Returned to MOHS	August 30, 2024 (Tentative)
Grant Performance Period	September 1, 2024-August 31, 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 Grant Program
Assistance Listing Number (Formerly CFDA) 97.067
Federal Grant Period: 9/1/2024-8/31/2027

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security>

Program Objective

The objective of the FY2024 HSGP is to fund state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and prepare the Nation for threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

Program Purpose

The key focus and requirement of the HSGP is to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to security of the United States, including risks along the Nation's borders.

The HSGP supports investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions nationwide to:

- Prevent a threat or an actual act of terrorism.
- Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.
- Mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events.
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the

aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or

- Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility, 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, and do so in a manner that engages the whole community while ensuring the protection of civil rights.

National Priorities

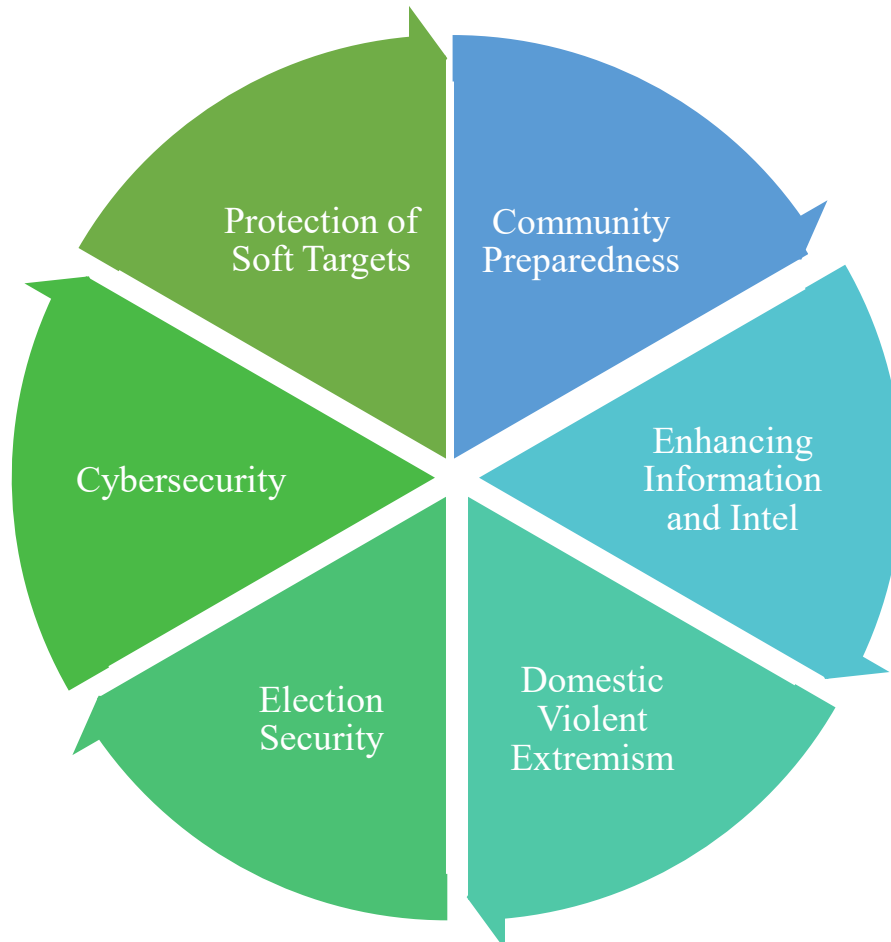
The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security in its capacity of the SAA, works collaboratively with the DHS/FEMA in targeting specific projects within the HSGP award to use Homeland Security grant funds most effectively.

For the FY24 grant cycle, the national priority areas will be prioritized for funding to align with the DHS/FEMA National Priority areas, set by the Department of Homeland Security. All applicants should prepare applications with national priorities in mind.

National Priorities Areas, Core Capabilities, Lifelines and Example Projects

Below please see an example list of each of the national priorities with examples of possible projects for each.

National Priorities Areas, Core Capabilities, Lifelines and Example Project Types



National Priorities Areas, Core Capabilities, Lifelines and Example Project Types

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Enhancing Cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Supply chain integrity and security. • Risk management for protection programs and activities. • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems • Operational communications 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity risk assessments • Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments. • Improving cybersecurity of critical infrastructure to meet minimum levels identified by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework • Cybersecurity training and planning
Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/ Crowded Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational coordination • Public information and warning • Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures • Risk management for protection programs and activities. 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational overtime • Physical security enhancements • Closed-circuit television (CCTV) security cameras Security screening equipment for people and baggage Lighting Access controls Fencing, gates, barriers, etc. • Unmanned aircraft system detection technologies
Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fusion center operations (Fusion Center project will be required under this investment, no longer as a stand-alone investment) • Information sharing with all DHS components; fusion centers; other operational, investigative, and analytic entities; and other federal law enforcement and intelligence entities. • Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition, assessment, analysis, and mitigation. • Identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence.

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management for protection programs and activities • Interdiction and disruption • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Risk management for protection programs and activities 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint intelligence analysis training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS • Open-source analysis of disinformation and misinformation campaigns, targeted violence, and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats. • Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis • Execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists. • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting [SAR] indicators and behaviors) to help prevent radicalization. • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, SAR indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential instances of domestic violent extremism
Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Public Information and Warning • Community Resilience • Risk Management for Protection • Programs and Activities • Mass Care Services • Intelligence and Information Sharing • Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment • Long Term Vulnerability Reduction 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish, train, and maintain Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Teen CERT, with a focus on historically underserved communities, including procurement of appropriate tools, equipment, and training aids. • Local delivery of CERT Train-the-Trainer and CERT Program Manager to build local program training and maintenance capacity. • Provide continuity training, such as FEMA’s Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training, to faith-based organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, nonprofit medical providers, and senior care facilities to bolster their resilience to all hazards. • Partner with local school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other educational programming to guide students on how to create emergency kits and family communications plans. • Partner with key stakeholders to assist with completing the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit or a similar tool to bolster the disaster centric financial resilience of individuals and households. • Execute <i>You are the Help Until the Help Arrives</i> workshops in concert with community-based organizations to bolster individual preparedness. • Target youth preparedness using FEMA programming such as Prepare with Pedro resources and Ready2Help. • Promote community planning, coordination, and integration of children’s needs during emergencies through workshops like FEMA’s Integrating the Needs of Children • Community Mapping: identify community resources and characteristics to identify gaps in resources, identify hazards and vulnerabilities, and inform action to promote resilience. • Provide training and awareness programs with key stakeholders (e.g., through social media, community, and civic

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Enhancing Election Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems 	Safety and Security	<p>organizations) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns to increase individual and community resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical security planning support • Physical/site security measures – e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, etc. • General election security navigator support • Cyber navigator support • Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments. • Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection. • Distributed Denial of Service protection • Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain

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.



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.

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 | |

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

Funding Eligibility

Only eligible applicants may apply for the State Homeland Security Grant Program. Eligible applicants include those defined in the Department of Homeland Security Act of 2002:

- Local Units of government: The term “local government means-
 - A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of government (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a non-profit under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government.
 - An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization; and
 - A Rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.
- State Agencies: Under the SHSP, the State Administrative Agency (SAA) **may retain no more than 20 percent of funding** for expenditures made by the state on behalf of the local unit(s) of government. Funding outside of the 20 percent may occur **only** with the written consent of the local unit(s) of government and the approval of DHS/FEMA.

The Mississippi Office of Homeland maintains all MOU’s indicating written consent of the local unit(s) of government. All MOU’s must be submitted to FEMA, approval and the award will be at the discretion of FEMA’s approval, if funding is allocated.

- Grant application requests are **not** a guarantee for funding. Grants may be funded in whole or partially funded. All funding considerations will be based on need and how the project fulfills the needs of the MOHS priorities and programs.
- The total amount of funding is limited to the amount received by FEMA, national priorities, and the requirements of the grant.
- Prioritize funding requests for items that **meet the needs** of the grant and applicant’s department. Awards will be given to projects with the needs identified in the application.
- All funding requests must be reasonable and allowable.

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>

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.

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Allowable Costs may include:

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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 • Community resilience 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of: Security Risk Management Plans Threat Mitigation Plans Continuity of Operations Plans Response Plans • Efforts to strengthen governance integration between/among regional partners. • Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS. • Cybersecurity training and planning • Revision of existing plans to strengthen community resilience in underserved communities
Training & Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Situational assessment • Community resilience 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active shooter training • Intelligence analyst training • SAR and terrorism indicators/behaviors training • Security training for employees • Public awareness/preparedness campaigns • Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS. • Cybersecurity training and planning • Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information • Targeted outreach and preparedness training for underserved communities in conjunction with community-based organizations
Equipment & Capital Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Infrastructure systems • Operational communications • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of high-risk, high-consequence areas or systems that have been identified through risk assessments. • Physical security enhancements • Security cameras (CCTV) • Security screening equipment for people and baggage • Lighting • Access Controls • Fencing, gates, barriers, etc. • Enhancing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and/or improvised explosive device (IED) prevention, detection, response, and recovery capabilities. • Chemical/Biological/Radiological/ Nuclear/Explosive (CBRNE) detection, prevention, response, and recovery equipment
Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Operational coordination • Operational communications • Community resilience 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response exercises, including exercise planning with community-based organizations

Equipment-Allowable Costs:

All awarded equipment must be listed on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The FEMA AEL may be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>. Equipment not listed on the AEL will not be awarded.

- Radios/Communication Devices:
 - Radio/communication devices **must** be compatible with the MSWIN Interoperable Communication System. Radios that are not compatible with the MSWIN system will not be considered at this time.
 - Due to the large cost range of radio/communication device amounts, the MOHS will allow **up to \$2,500.00 per MSWIN radio.**
 - Mississippi and the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission have established vendor relations for the following vendors that carry and supply compatible radios and radio systems.

EF Johnson	Realm
Harris	Tait
Kenwood	Thales
Motorola	

- Exceptions **may** be requested by an agency for radios with a cost of \$2,500.00 or more, with a detailed justification. Please include the following details in the justification:
 - Cost per radio
 - Quantity requested.
 - Where the radios will be used and/or installed?
 - Why the agency needs additional upgrades/costs from the standard radio.
 - All justifications for radios requested with a cost of \$2,500.00 or more will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by members therein.
 - If any agency requests radios above \$2,500.00 without justification for additional costs, the request will be denied.
- License Plate Readers:

Requests for License Plate Readers will be considered for jurisdictions that apply, but jurisdictions that are in areas of need will be a priority.

 - Mobile LPR's **may** be awarded, but **stationary LPR systems are preferred and recommended.**
 - LPR systems **must** be accessible with the Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC).
 - Awarded LPR systems **must** be available for information and intelligence sharing with the MSAIC.
 - The MOHS does not partner or establish preferences for any vendor or product. MOHS does require that data and information is shareable and accessible to the MOHS/MSAIC.
 - Contractual services used for LPRS are for (1) one year of service, which coincides with the period of performance of the grant. All time periods for the equipment and/or products should be for (1) year of services. Multiple years for services for more than (1) one year **will not be** considered.

Additional FEMA Approval: Some equipment requests may require additional approval from FEMA. MOHS may require additional information and detailed justifications for the request.

- 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.

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/grants/preparedness>

- 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.
- Weapons, Ammunition and Equipment:
 - Per FEMA policy, the purchase of weapons and weapons accessories, including ammunition, is not allowed with HSGP funds.
 - Small, unmanned Aircraft (SUAS) Drones.
 - Body worn cameras.
- Maintenance Contracts:
 - Maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are only allowable in the following circumstances:
 - The use of DHS/FEMA preparedness grant funds for maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable, as described in FEMA Policy FP 205-402-125-1 under all active and future grant awards, unless otherwise noted. Except for maintenance plans or extended warranties purchased incidental to the original purchase of the equipment, the period covered by maintenance or warranty plan must not exceed the POP of the specific grant funds used to purchase the plan or warranty.
- Unauthorized exercise-related costs include:
 - Reimbursement for the maintenance or wear and tear costs of general use vehicles (e.g., construction vehicles), medical supplies, and emergency response apparatus (e.g., fire trucks, ambulances).

- Equipment
 - Equipment/ supplies that are purchased for permanent installation and/or use, beyond the scope of the conclusion of the exercise (e.g., electronic messaging sign)
- In-Direct Costs
- Personnel, Overtime and Backfill costs:
 - Hiring of sworn public safety officers or supplant safety positions and responsibilities.
 - Salaries and personnel costs of planners, equipment managers, exercise coordinators and/or training coordinators.
 - Please note that overtime and backfill for training and exercise are **only allowable** in the following circumstances:
 - Training:
 - Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending DHS/FEMA-sponsored and approved training classes only.
 - Overtime and backfill expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA training only.
 - Exercises:
 - Overtime and backfill costs, including expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA exercises.
- The following are common requests that are unallowable and/or unfunded:
 - Requests for equipment for routine/general use.
 - All SHSP equipment requested must assist recipients and subrecipients in achieving core capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.
 - For more information refer to “Explain how applicants proposed project supports terrorism preparedness” the of this RFP.
 - Tactical law enforcement protective equipment for routine use or riot suppression. Items in this category are allowable only to supplement normal stores, to provide the surge capacity necessary for CBRNE terrorism response.
 - Vehicles
 - While certain vehicles are allowable, applications for vehicles will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis based on need, use, and justification.
 - General purpose vehicles (patrol cars, executive transportation, fire trucks and tactical/assault vehicles, etc.)
 - Reimbursement for the maintenance and/or wear and tear costs of general use vehicles, medical supplies, and emergency response apparatus.
 - MOHS Unallowable Grant Equipment:
 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Aerial Vehicles/Drones: The MOHS will not consider unmanned aerial systems/aerial vehicles and/or drones, as part of eligible equipment for the HSGP application. Unmanned aerial systems/aerial vehicles and/or drones will not be awarded during the FY24 HSGP award.
 - General Use Items: The MOHS will not consider general use items that could be used for activities outside the grant. Example: Laptops, computer equipment, etc.

- PPE: The MOHS will not consider PPE for that is not required for grant activities and are for specialized grant activities. Examples such as: Static-free PPE for Bomb Teams. **General use PPE such as pants, BDU clothing, will not be considered. PPE is for specialized activities and programs.**

When Are Applications Due?

All HGSP applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security offices by **April 1, 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?

- The applicant 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 Denied Parties List.
- The applicant must be NIMS compliant with NIMS Courses (100, 200,700 and 800). Applicants will be requested to show compliance, if awarded.
- Applicants must have a current and active Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number.
- Applicants must read and comply with 2 CFR 200.318 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.
- Applicants 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.
- The 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 items must be submitted at the time of the Application, or the Application will be considered incomplete.

- Complete Application
- Agency Signatures

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.

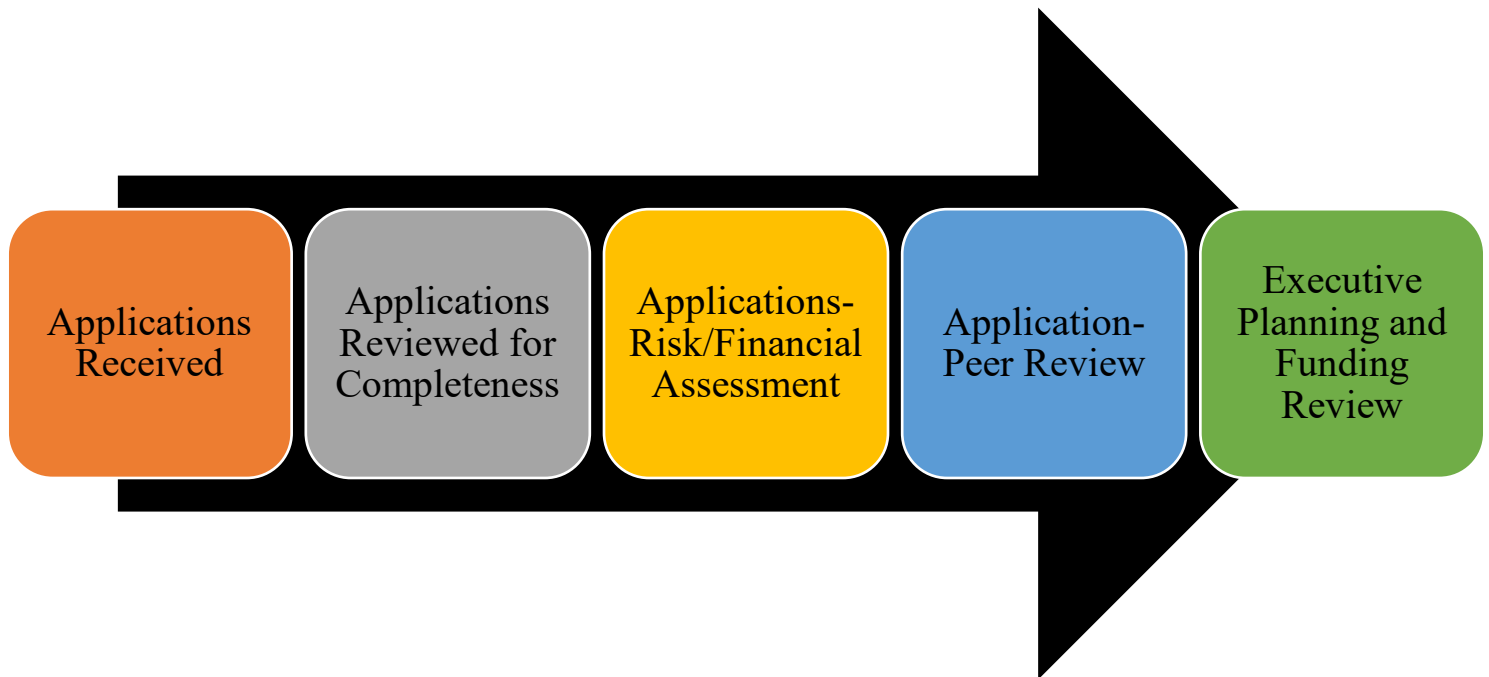
Grant Writing Sessions:

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	
March 12, 2024	March 14, 2024

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:

- **Grants are based around the terrorism nexus, not natural disasters. You must show terrorism related threats and hazards.**
- **Funding is limited and grants are competitive.**
- Please prioritize projects and requests. Awards will be made on the need identified, how the need will assist the State in the MOHS mission and if funds are available.
- Fill out each section of the Grant Application in its entirety. Do not leave blank sections.
- Projects may be funded in whole or partially funded.
- Please apply for what the agency NEEDS, not WANTS. If awarded, the Award will be made from approved items submitted with the Application. MODIFICATIONS will be limited during FY24.

All applicants will receive a Notice of Award or Notice of Non-Approval. All non-approval applications will be kept on file for (1) one year if funds become available. If funding becomes available, MOHS staff will contact the agency to discuss opportunities.

If awarded during the review process, the applicant will then become a sub-grantee and receive notice of an upcoming Grant Orientation meeting. The MOHS will provide updates of the grant, award packet information, grant forms, information on required reporting and closeout. A grant award packet will be sent to the sub-grantee for the review and the attainment of signatures from all authorized signatory officials.

Grant funds cannot be spent or requested until the subgrantee has submitted all required award documentation. Costs/Expenses purchased before the executed agreement will be disallowed. Contracts entered before the period of performance begins will be disallowed.

Completing the Grant Application



I. Agency Applicant Information

Applicant Details:

- Date: Date of Application Submission
- Name of Agency: Full name of the Agency.
- Mailing Address: Full mailing address of the Agency
- County of Agency: Name of the county where the Agency resides.
- Agency Contact Name: Name of the person that is responsible for filling out the application.
- Agency Contact Phone Number: Phone number that can best reach the agency contact.
- Agency Contact Email Address: Email Address that can best reach the agency contact.
- UEI Number: Twelve (12) Numeric and Digit code set up in SAMS.gov. Check with the finance clerk for this number.
- Congressional District: Congressional district where the agency resides.

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Cost Category:

- Contractual Services: List the total amount requested for contractual services (Task Forces Only)
- Equipment: List the total amount of equipment requested.
- Commodities/Supplies: List the total amount requested for commodities/supplies.
- Training/Travel: List the total amount requested for travel. (Must be for training only)
- Other: Any expenses that fall outside the other categories, should be included in the “Other” category.
- Total of Grant: Add all sections for the total grant amount requested.

Cost Category		Source of Funds	
Contractual Services		Federal	
Equipment		State	\$0.00
Commodities/Supplies		Local	\$0.00
Training/Travel		Other	\$0.00
Other		Total	\$0.00
Total of Grant			

Source of Funds:

All Requests will be 100% federally funded.

- Federal: List the full amount that will be federally funded.
- Total: List the full amount for the total grant amount requested.

Source of Funds	
Federal	
State	\$0.00
Local	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	

Approved Authorized Signature:

- Approved Authorized Signature. Signature from Mayor/Board of Supervisor/Commission/Board President, etc.

The applicant agrees to operate the program outlined in this application with all provisions as included herein.
Approved Signature of Authorized Official (Mayor/Board of Supervisor President/Commissioner) for Jurisdiction to Apply:

II. Problem Identification

- Surrounding Counties: List all counties that surround the county that the agency is located in.
- Number of Square Miles: List Number of square miles where the agency is located. Ex. City of New York-15 miles or County of Yorktown-180 miles.
- Number of Population: List the number of the population where the agency is located.
- Number of Officers/Staff working in Agency: List the number of officers and/or staff that work in the agency.

II. Problem Identification This section must be completed.	
City of Agency	
County Name	
Number of Square Miles	
Number of Population	
Number of Staff working in Agency	

III. Jurisdiction's Top Threat

Describe applicants' top threat to your jurisdiction.

FEMA describes a "threat" as a natural, technological, or human caused occurrence, individual, entity, or action that has or indicated potential to harm life, information, operations, the environment and/or property. Threats should be related the prevention of terrorist and other catastrophic events. These threats should be unique to applicants' area targets, infrastructure, and population. Please describe in detail the top three threats to applicant area.

**** Please note. Homeland Security Grants are focused on Terrorism. Terrorism related threats should be the applicants' PRIORITY. Natural disasters can be considered and listed as one of applicants three threats, but natural disasters threats, should not be the only threats to applicant agency or area.**

If the top threat in this Application is unrelated to terrorism, the Application may be considered ineligible.

III. Jurisdiction's Top Terrorism Threat
FEMA describes "threat" as a natural, technological or human caused occurrence, individual, entity or action that has or indicated potential to harm life information, operations the environment and/or property.
Briefly describe the jurisdiction's top terrorism threat:

IV. Jurisdiction's Top Hazard

1. Describe applicants' top hazards for the jurisdiction.

FEMA describes a "Hazard" as something that is potentially dangerous or harmful, often the root cause of an unwanted outcome. These hazards should be unique to applicants' area targets, infrastructure, and population. Please describe in detail the top three threats to applicants' area.

*** Please note. Homeland Security Grants are focused on Terrorism. Terrorism related hazards should be the applicants' PRIORITY.** Natural disasters should not be the top hazard for the applicant's agency or area.

IV. Jurisdiction's Top Terrorism Hazard
FEMA Describes "Hazard" as something that is potentially dangerous or harmful, often the root cause of an unwanted outcomes.
Briefly describe the jurisdiction's top terrorism hazard:

V. Capability Gaps

1. Provide a description of any capability gap(s) which inhibits the jurisdiction's ability to Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond and/or Recovery. Explain how applicant determined the capability gaps (i.e., a response to a real-life event, an exercise, training event or threat assessment). Please address how utilization of existing state-wide assets (task forces, force protection units, bomb teams, etc.) may/may not mitigate the threats and hazards that have been identified.

The Capability Gap should be an area that the jurisdiction has a limit of, and the funding award could improve the gap to a capability.

V. Capability Gaps
Provide a description of any capability gap(s) which inhibits the jurisdiction's ability to Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond and/or Recovery. Explain how you determined the capability gaps (i.e. a response to a real life event, an exercise, training event or threat assessment). Please address how utilization of existing state-wide assets (task forces, force protection units, bomb teams, etc.) may/may not mitigate the threats and hazards that have been identified.

VI. National Priority, Mission Area, and Core Capabilities

National Priority:

Please mark the National Priority that the Agency will support with the funds received.

1. Cyber Security: Enhancing Cyber Security
2. Information and Intelligence Sharing: Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including MOHS and Department of Homeland Security
3. Domestic Violent Extremism: Addressing violent extremism in applicants' area.
4. Soft Targets/Crowded Places: Enhancing the protection of soft targets in crowded places.
5. Community Preparedness: Enhancing community preparedness in the event of a terrorism incident.
6. Election Security: Enhancing Election Security in the event of terrorism incidents.

VI. National Priority/Mission Area and Core Capabilities

Please mark which National Priority that the Agency will support with funding received.

Cybersecurity

Soft Targets/Crowded Places

Information and Intelligence Sharing

Community Preparedness

Violent Extremism

Election Security

Mission Area:

Sections 1-5: Please mark the Mission Area(s) that the agency will support with funding received.

1. Prevention: Prevent, avoid, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual threat 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 an 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 an incident.

Please mark the Mission Area(s) that the Agency will support with funding received.

1 Prevention

4 Response

2 Protection

5 Recovery

3 Mitigation

Core Capability Gap:

Please mark which Core Capability that the Agency will support with funding. 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

Please mark which Core Capability that the Agency will support with funding.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Resilience	<input type="checkbox"/>	Situational Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Response/Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Threats and Hazard Identification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interdiction and Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cybersecurity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operational Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mass Care Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Control and Identity Verification	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mass Search & Rescue Operations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatality Management Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Scene Security and Protection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intelligence and Information Sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operational Coordination
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-term Vulnerability Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Protective Measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Health and Medical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forensics and Attribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk & Disaster Resilience Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Social Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public/Private Services & Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Information and Warning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Management-Protection Programs/Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Recovery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screening, Search, and Detection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supply Chain Integrity & Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural and Cultural Resources		

VII. Grant Budget:

I. Contractual Services:

Include a detailed assessment of contractual services within the program area in which applicants will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all contractual needs (rental, shipping costs, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. (Task Force, Operation Stonegarden, Training, and Community Preparedness Grants Only). **One (1) Year is allowable. Multiple years for services will not be considered.**

III. Contractual Services			
Include a detailed assessment of contractual services within the program area in which you will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all contractual needs (rental, shipping costs, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance to current state and federal guidelines. (Task Force, Operation Stonegarden, Training and Citizen Corp Grants Only)			
Type of Contractual	Amount of Service/Amount per	Quantity of Service	Total
Total Contractual			
If approved for funding, all pay rates requested for reimbursement will be verified with the agency check stub and/or agency payroll documentation.			

II. Equipment:

All Equipment must be allowable, reasonable and must be essential to the project. All equipment must be on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List. Unallowable equipment: Guns, Ammunition, Body Cameras, and Drones. (See Guidance for more Information) AEL Numbers **must be included** in the application. Funding must be tied to threats, hazards, and capability gaps. Equipment must be essential to the program.

Fill out a section for each type of equipment requested. Add the total of all equipment costs at the end of the equipment section.

****Note**** If additional spaces are needed for equipment, please add an additional page to the application.

II. Equipment			
Please list the cost for each piece of equipment requested.			
All Equipment must be allowable, reasonable and must be essential to the project. All equipment must be on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL). Unallowable equipment: Guns, Ammunition, Uniforms, Patrol Vehicles, Body Cameras, and Drones. Agency should not request funding for the whole agency, but for a particular project. Equipment MUST be for Terrorism Based Programs and Activities. (See Guidance for More Information)			
AEL Number:		Discipline	
Cost of Equipment		Quantity	
Total Equipment Cost			
Item Description			

III. Commodities/Supplies:

Include a detailed assessment of commodity/supply expenses within the program area in which applicants are applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all additional grant expenses (gloves, traffic safety cones, flashlights, reflective safety vests, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. Items are not identified as equipment.

III. Commodities/Supplies			
Include a detailed assessment of other grant expenses within the program area in which you are applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all additional grant expenses (, gloves, traffic safety cones, flashlights, reflective safety vests, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance to current state and federal guidelines. Items are not identified as equipment.			
Type of Commodity	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total
Total Commodity			

IV. Travel/Training: (This is not Personnel Costs)

Include a detailed assessment of travel/training needs within the program area in which applicant will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all travel needs (airfare, hotel, hotel taxes, per diem, mileage, parking, baggage, and gratuity). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. (Task Force, Operation Stonegarden, Training, and Community Preparedness Grants Only)

IV. Travel/Training			
Include a detailed assessment of travel needs within the program area in which you will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all travel needs (airfare, hotel, hotel taxes, per diem, mileage, parking, baggage, and gratuity). All expenses must be in accordance to current state and federal guidelines. (Task Force, Operation Stonegarden, Training and Community Preparedness Grants Only)			
Type of Travel	Number of People	Cost	Total
Total Travel Expense			

V. Other Expenses:

Include a detailed assessment of additional needs within the program area in which applicants will be applying. Additional items listed in this category must have a detailed justification for requests. All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines.

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Include a detailed assessment of additional needs within the program area in which you will be applying. Additional items listed in this category must have a detailed justification for requests.			
Type of Expense	Description	Cost	Total
Total Other Expenses.			

Total Amount of the Grant:

Please include a total of all budget sections for a total of the funding being requested.

Total Amount of Grant Application Requested	
Total Amount of Grant Application Requested	

VIII. Prior Experience:

Please fill out the below section to the best of applicant’s knowledge. Please mark applicants answer by a Yes or No Response. Complete all sections.

VIII. Prior Experience		
Please answer YES or NO to the Following Questions.	YES	NO
Has your agency received federal and/or state grants similar to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security grant?		
Does your agency have at least three (3) years of receive federal grant funds? Does not have to be MOHS related.		
Has your agency received MOHS Grant funds within the past three (3) years?		
Does your agency use a property management system?		
Has your agency ever received any corrective actions from a Single Audit Report regarding your agency's financial system?		
Has the jurisdiction administration remained unchanged during the 2021 grant year? For example, Chief, Sheriff, SGA, Program Staff.		

IX. NIMS Compliance Form

Please read the following statement, if agency agrees to NIMS Compliance, please have the Authorized Signatory Official Sign.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents. NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems, and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. As recipients and subrecipients of federal preparedness (non-disaster) grant awards, jurisdictions and organizations must achieve, or be actively working to achieve, all the NIMS Implementation Objectives. The objectives can be found on the NIMS webpage at: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

Under Executive Order #932, Mississippi established NIMS as the standard for incident management within the State. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance provides that accepting grant funding is conditioned upon NIMS compliance. This jurisdiction attests that we continue to strive toward NIMS compliance, as provided under federal and State NIMS guidance.

This jurisdiction understands receiving and/or using U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant funds remains conditional upon NIMS compliance. Non-compliance of NIMS can result in funds being withheld or reallocated from our jurisdiction because of ineffective NIMS support and participation.

X. Submission Compliance

Please read the following statements, if applicants agency agrees with the submission compliance, please have the person completing the Application fill out the following:

Applicant Authorization:	
I certify that I am an employee of the aforementioned agency and/or jurisdiction or have been hired by the agency/jurisdiction to apply on their behalf of this grant.	
Applicant Name	
Applicant Title	
Date	
Applicant Signature	