

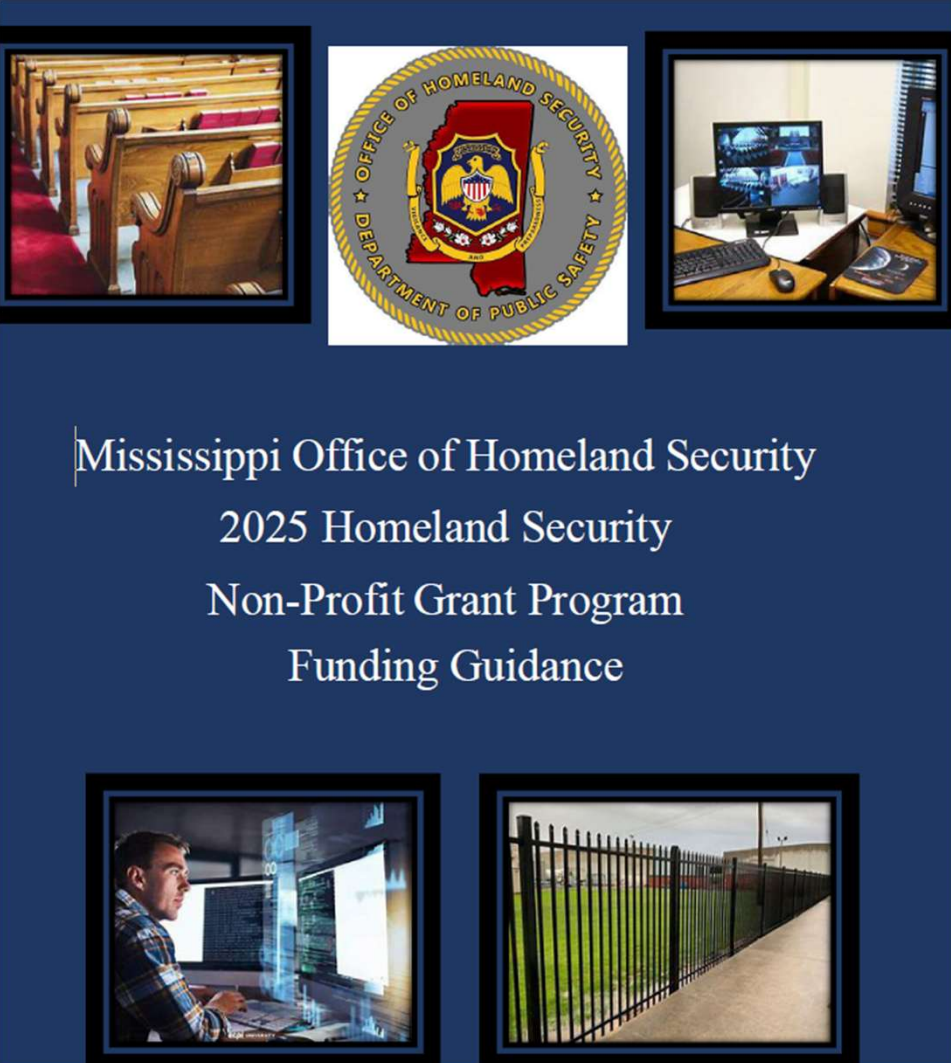


Mississippi Office of  
Homeland Security  
FY25 Homeland Security  
Non-Profit Grant Writing  
Session





# Introductions



Mississippi Office of Homeland Security  
2025 Homeland Security  
Non-Profit Grant Program  
Funding Guidance

In the 2025 Homeland Security  
Non-Profit Grant Program  
Funding Guidance, information  
is provided to fill out the FY25  
Grant Application.

Please read and follow the step-  
by-step instructions for each  
section.

## Key Dates for the FY25 Homeland Security Non-Profit Grant

Key Announcements	Key Dates
<b>FY25 Grant Application Release</b>	<b>September 12, 2025</b>
<b>Grant Writing Sessions</b>	<b>September 23, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. October 1, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. October 8, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>October 17, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Application Review Period</b>	<b>October 18-October 31, 2025</b>
<b>Grant Announcement</b>	<b>Pending FEMA Decisions</b>
<b>Grant Orientation</b>	<b>To be Determined</b>
<b>Grant Awards Released</b>	<b>To be Determined</b>
<b>Grant Packets Due and to be Returned to MOHS</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Grant Performance Period</b>	<b>September 1, 2025-August 30, 2028</b>
<b>Grant Closeout Deadline</b>	<b>August 30, 2028</b>



Annually, the DHS/FEMA issues the Fiscal Year (FY) Homeland Security Non-Profit Security Grant Program, NOFO and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual. Subrecipients must follow the programmatic requirements in the NOFO, FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual, and the applicable provisions in the Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in Title 2, Code Federal Regulations, (C.F.R.), Part 200.

# Program Goal

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- The NSGP will **improve and increase the physical/cyber security** and facility/target hardening of nonprofit organizations' facilities at risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack, ultimately safeguarding the lives and property of the American people.
- All NSGP activities **must be linked to enhancing the security and safety at the physical site of the nonprofit organization.**
- Concurrently, the NSGP will integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts.





# Program Objective

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The objective of the FY2025 NSGP is to provide funding to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist or other extremist attacks.

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# Anticipated Program Activities

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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 2025, one area attracts the most concern:

**Enhancing the protection  
of soft targets/crowded  
places.**





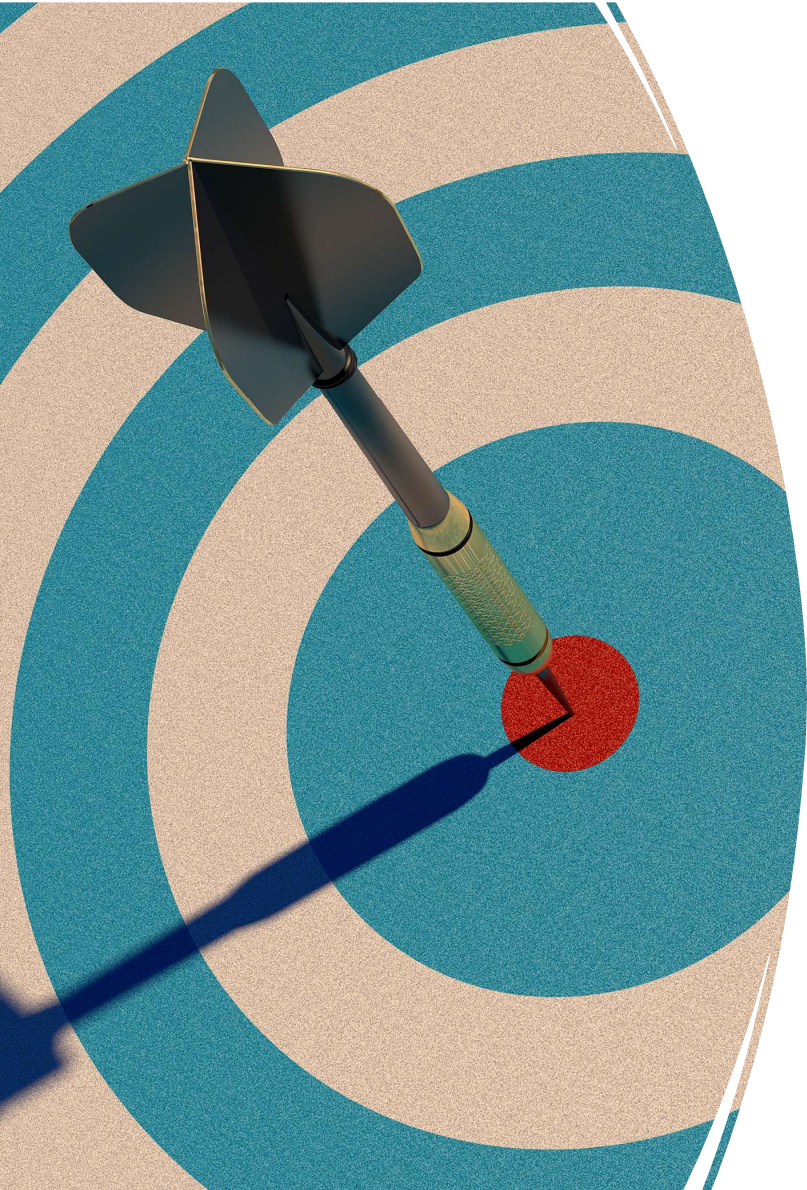
## Anticipated Program Activities

### FY 2025 NSGP Funding Priorities

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

Priority Areas	Core Capabilities Enhanced	Example Project Types
<b>National Priorities</b>		
Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Operational coordination</li> <li>• Public information and warning</li> <li>• Intelligence and Information Sharing</li> <li>• Interdiction and disruption</li> <li>• Screening, search, and detection</li> <li>• Access control and identity verification</li> <li>• Physical protective measures</li> <li>• Risk management for protection programs and activities</li> <li>• Long-term vulnerability reduction</li> <li>• Situational assessment</li> <li>• Infrastructure systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private contracted security guards</li> <li>• Physical security enhancements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Closed circuit television (CCTV) security cameras</li> <li>○ Security screening equipment for people and baggage</li> <li>○ Access controls                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fencing, gates, barriers, etc.</li> <li>▪ Card readers, associated hardware/software</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intelligence and information sharing</li> <li>• Interdiction and disruption</li> <li>• Public information and warning</li> <li>• Operational coordination</li> <li>• Risk management for protection programs and activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing or enhancing multi-agency Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs), including operational coordination centers</li> <li>• Enhancing capabilities and integration with local fusion centers</li> <li>• Procurement of technology or equipment to support surveillance, communications, and data analysis</li> </ul>

- 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.



# National Preparedness Goal

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**“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.”**





# Federal Award Information

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# FY25 Federal Non-Profit Award Funds



FY25 FEDERAL AWARD  
BUDGET-\$210,000,000.00



MISSISSIPPI PLANNED  
AWARD: \$2,400,000.00



HIGHLY COMPETITIVE  
GRANT



# Funding Eligibility

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# Funding Eligibility

Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations that are: 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.

**Able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack.**

# Funding Eligibility

**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:

- <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemptionrequirements-section-501-c-3-organizations>
- <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p557>
- <https://www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits>



# Funding Eligibility-Not Eligible

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 2025 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.

# Funding Eligibility-Not Eligible

Construction-In  
Progress. Must in  
a **COMPLETED**  
Building

Organization  
**MUST** be fully  
operational.

**Can not** be a  
fundraising  
extension of a  
Non-Profit

**Can not** go over  
funding  
thresholds



How do I Apply? Nonprofit organizations must apply for FY2025 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).

- Send Applications to: [mohsgrant@dps.ms.gov](mailto:mohsgrant@dps.ms.gov)





**Let's Build a Grant Application Packet**



The following items must be submitted, or the Application will be considered incomplete and will be submitted.

## What do I need to Apply? Pre-Work

- FEMA Application/Investment Justification (In the format, provided)
- Vulnerability/Risk Assessment
- Unique Entity Identification Number
- Mission Statement of the Project
- Proof of 501(C)(3) (If Not a House of Worship)

FEMA Investment Justification (IJ) (Required)

FEMA releases the annual  
Investment Justification in  
**ADOBE ACROBAT PD**  
**Fillable Document.**



## FEMA Investment Justification (IJ) (Required)

You will need the latest version. You may need to update your current version.

If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, you will not be able to open the application.



FEMA Investment  
Justification (IJ)  
(Required)

Adobe Acrobat is **FREE**, do not buy it,  
unless you were already going to buy it.

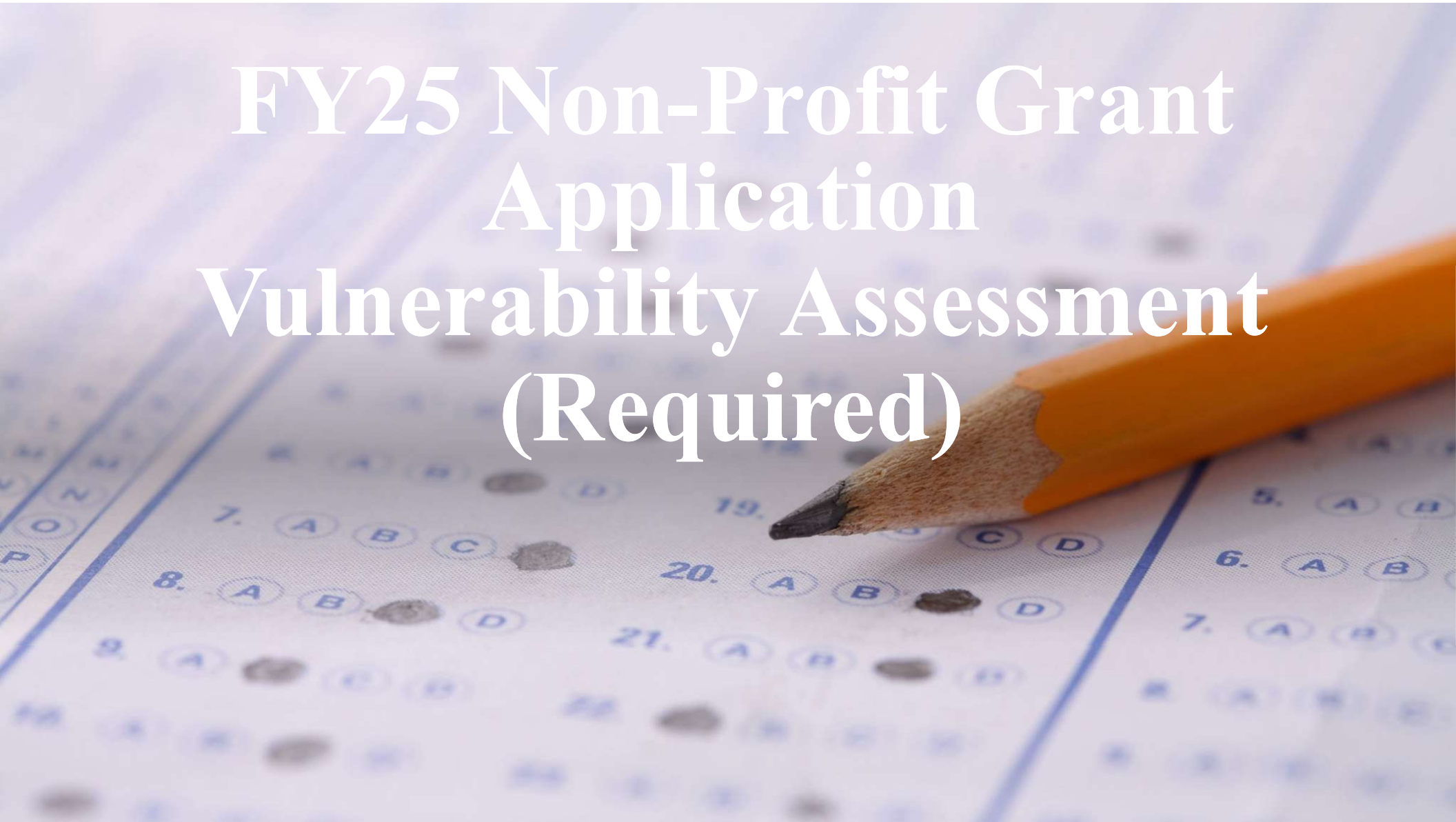
## FEMA Investment Justification (IJ) (Required)

The application **MUST** be in Adobe Acrobat and not revised in **ANY WAY**.

The Application **MUST** be submitted back to MOHS in the same format.



# FY25 Non-Profit Grant Application Vulnerability Assessment (Required)



# Non-Profit Vulnerability Assessment

## **Multiple Resources for a Vulnerability Assessments:**

- Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment

<https://www.cisa.gov/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>

- MOHS Non-Profit Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet
- Local Law Enforcement Report

# Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment

## Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment



### Security and Safety/Emergency Management

This section refers to the need to designate personnel to create and implement plans and procedures to address security and personnel safety issues and emergencies. Factors that contribute to the effectiveness of security, safety, and emergency management efforts at houses of worship include the designation of a security manager or security committee; volunteer ushers and greeters; existence of security and safety/emergency operations plans; commitment to training and exercises on these plans; engaging with external partners such as first responders and working groups; and mass notification capabilities and crisis communications. These teams are usually comprised of volunteers and can be composed of any members of the house of worship. Some may have a security or safety background such as law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical response, or emergency management, but any member with the interest and desire can be trained for the various roles available. Some organizations hire permanent personnel to fill specific security or safety roles. Houses of worship may use different names for their plans. They may incorporate security elements into a plan that outlines the facility's approach to operations before, during, and after an emergency, or they may have two separate plans, one focused on security and another focused on safety/emergency operations. Security generally refers to those elements that secure a facility from theft, attack, bomb threat, and similar physical harm to the congregation or facility. Safety and emergency management refers to protection from natural disasters, fires, trips and falls, accidental injuries, and health emergencies such as choking incidents, heart attacks, bee stings, and a wide range of similar events.

Security and Safety/Emergency Management					
Question	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
1. Does the house of worship have a security manager or security committee to make security management decisions?	The house of worship does not have a security manager or committee.	The house of worship has a security manager or committee, but security management activities are sporadic.	The house of worship has a security manager or committee. Security management activities are regularly scheduled, but not coordinated with other committees, departments, or groups (e.g., special events planning, childcare).	The house of worship has a security manager or committee. Security management activities are regularly scheduled and coordinated with other committees, departments, and groups, but additional personnel are needed to support the facility's security mission.	The house of worship has a security manager or committee. Security management activities are regularly scheduled and coordinated with other committees, departments, and groups, and staffing levels fully support the facility's security mission.

<https://www.cisa.gov/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>

# MOHS Non-Profit Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet



## Non-Profit Security Grant Program Non-Profit Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet

Applications for the Homeland Security Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP) requires the submission of a Vulnerability Assessment, as part of the application package. Assessments should cover such general areas as threats, vulnerabilities, and mitigation options (security systems, perimeter, lighting, and physical protection).

This Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet may be used as the requirement for the NSGP grant application, or the jurisdiction may use other methods of a vulnerability assessment. Each application/location will require a separate Vulnerability Assessment.

**Any vulnerability assessment provided to the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security should be performed by individuals with a security or law enforcement backgrounds.**

### **The Non-Profit Security Grant Program is centered around terrorism or acts of terrorism and not criminal acts.**

**Terrorism** is unlawful use of violence, especially against civilians, in the forms of violence or threats to further political, social, or ideological objectives. Intimidation or instilling fear to individuals.

**Criminal Acts** are acts of vandalism, assaults and/or thefts. Attach any photos, news articles or police reports that may validate the incidents.

#### **General Information:**

Non-Profit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Visit Conducted (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Assessment Participants:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>



The background image is a close-up, slightly angled shot of a desk. In the upper left, a portion of a light-colored wooden desk is visible. A white computer keyboard is positioned in the upper right. Below the keyboard, a calendar with a grid layout is open, showing dates from 16 to 31. The calendar is made of a light brown, textured material. In the foreground, a brown cardboard folder or file is open, revealing several colorful sticky notes (pink, purple, and teal) tucked into its pages. The overall lighting is soft and natural, creating a professional and organized atmosphere.

# **FY25 Non-Profit Grant Application Unique Entity Identification (Required)**



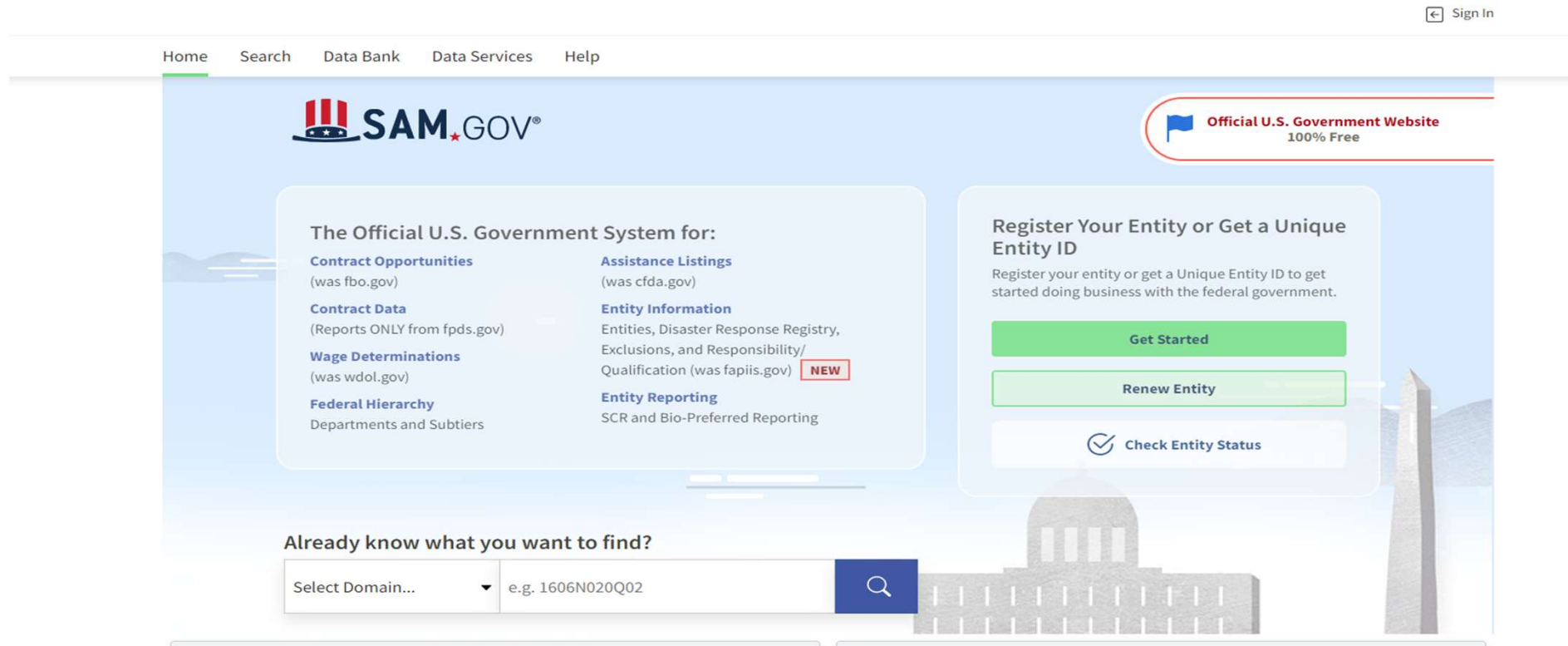
## **Federal Unique Entity Identification Number**

If someone or a website offers to help you set up an UEI Number and charge you, this is a SCAM. UEI Numbers are federal identification numbers and are FREE.

# Federal Unique Entity Identification Number

- Unique Identification Number will be a twelve (12) character numeric and letter-based identification.
- Identification will not expire or required to be renewed, it will just need to be updated, as changes or personnel changes occur in your agency.
- Agencies will have a choice to have information that can be viewed by the public or not.

# Setting up an UEI Number



<https://sam.gov/content/home>



# Setting up an UEI Number

<https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>

The screenshot shows the SAM.gov website's registration guide. At the top is the SAM.gov logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, Search, Data Bank, Data Services, and Help. The main heading is 'Get Started with Registration and the Unique Entity ID', followed by the text 'Submitting a registration and getting a Unique Entity ID are FREE.' Below this is a four-step process bar: 1. About Registration (highlighted), 2. Set up a SAM.gov Account, 3. Prepare Your Data, and 4. Get Started. The first step, 'About Registration', is expanded to show detailed instructions. It explains that a registration is required for prime award applications, while a Unique Entity ID is sufficient for sub-awardee reporting. It also provides a link to an 'Entity Registration Checklist' and a link to a page explaining the difference between getting only a Unique Entity ID versus full registration.

**SAM.GOV®**

Home Search Data Bank Data Services Help

## Get Started with Registration and the Unique Entity ID

Submitting a registration and getting a Unique Entity ID are FREE.

### Before You Get Started

Review these steps to choose which option is right for you. You can register to bid and apply for federal awards or you can request a Unique Entity ID only without having to complete a registration.

- 1** About Registration
- 2 Set up a SAM.gov Account
- 3 Prepare Your Data
- 4 Get Started

**1** About Registration

If you want to apply for federal awards as a prime awardee, you need a **registration**.

A registration allows you to bid on government contracts and apply for federal assistance. As part of registration, we will assign you a Unique Entity ID.

To see comprehensive instructions and checklist for entity registration, download our [Entity Registration Checklist](#).

If you do not want to apply directly for awards, then you do not need a registration. If you only conduct certain types of transactions, such as reporting as a sub-awardee, you may not need to complete a registration. You may only need a **Unique Entity ID**.

[What does it mean to get only a Unique Entity ID and not register?](#)

# Setting up an UEI Number

[Entity Registration Checklist \(iae-prd-videos.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://videos.s3.amazonaws.com/entity-registration-checklist-iae-prd-videos.s3.amazonaws.com)



## Entity Registration Checklist

### Prepare for Entity Registration in SAM.gov



SAM.gov is an official website of the United States government. SAM.gov is FREE to use. There is no charge to get a Unique Entity ID, register your entity, and maintain your entity registration at SAM.gov.

#### What can you do with this guide?

The questionnaires and checklists here will help you gather the information you need and prepare to answer the questions in your entity registration.



**All Awards** registration allows you to bid on contracts and other procurements, as well as apply for financial assistance. Look for the icon on the left to submit an All Awards registration.

[Jump to All Awards entity registration questionnaires and checklists](#)



**Financial Assistance Awards Only** registration allows you to apply for financial assistance, or grants and loans, only. Look for the icon on the left to submit a Financial Assistance Only registration.

[Jump to Financial Assistance Awards Only entity registration questionnaires and checklists](#)

For <b>All Awards</b> registrations, prepare these sections:	For <b>Financial Assistance Awards Only</b> registrations, prepare these sections:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unique Entity ID</li><li>• Core Data</li><li>• Assertions</li><li>• Reps &amp; Certs</li><li>• Architect and Engineering Responses</li><li>• Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) questionnaire (if applicable)</li><li>• Points of Contact (POCs)</li><li>• SBA supplemental page (If you are a small business)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unique Entity ID</li><li>• Core Data</li><li>• Reps &amp; Certs</li><li>• Points of Contact (POCs)</li></ul>

# Setting up an UEI Number



Organization  
Start Date



Fiscal Year  
Information



Incorporation  
Information



Financial  
Information



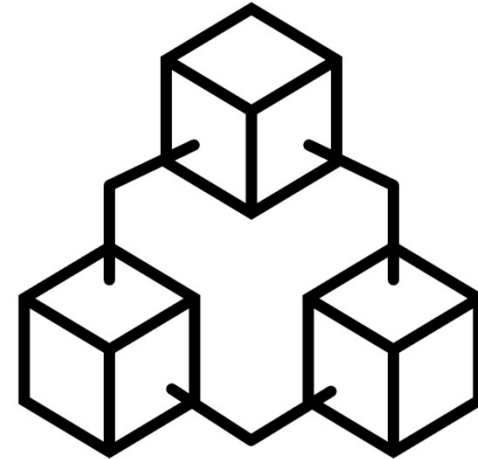
Executive  
Compensation



Federal Contract  
Information



Point of  
Contacts



**The MOHS Grant Department does not have access into the SAM/UEI Federal Database to help entities. This is the agency responsibility to fulfill all the requirements to get a UEI number. Without a UEI Number, the MOHS can not issue federal funds.**

# **Non-Profit Grant Application Mission Statement (Required)**







# Mission Statement

Each Application  
must have a  
Mission Statement  
from your Entity.

Must be on  
Agency  
Letterhead

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A group of four students are sitting at a table in a library, surrounded by bookshelves. They are looking at a laptop and a tablet, smiling and engaged in their work. The text 'Non-Profit Grant Application Proof of 501(C)(3) (Required)' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Non-Profit Grant Application Proof of 501(C)(3) (Required)

**Proof of 501(C)(3)  
Non-Profit Status**

Each Agency that is **not a House of Worship**, is also required to submit their Non-Profit Status Information.

Please Provide 501(C)(3)  
Letter.

## Investment Justification/Application





What Can I Apply  
for?

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**This is not Santa's wish list.**

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What is it that you need to reduce a **terrorist** threat?

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What are the items that will help respond to a **terrorist** on your property?

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What can help with, as far as response, if something happens.

# 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](mailto: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>





## How Much Can I get???

- Funding Maximums (subject to change with the release of the official 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity from FEMA):
- Applicants with one site may apply for up to **\$200,000.00** for that site.
- Applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$200,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$600,000 per sub-applicant.

# What Can I Apply for?

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.

If you go over these allowable amounts, your Application **WILL NOT** be considered for eligibility.





## What Can I Apply for? 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.

**Pages 27-33 in the Funding Guidelines**



Items on the AEL are the **ONLY** items allowed for Equipment.



Review the Allowable AEL List.  
Items listed on the IJ/Application  
are what could be awarded.



**BE VERY CAREFUL** with what is  
requested and applied for.



# FEMA Authorized Equipment List:

Each item on the Non-Profit Allowable list, is provided in the Funding Guidance, with examples. Please remember that equipment is for TERRORISM RELATED projects to reduce and respond against terrorism activity. Equipment is not for personal, or entity use outside the grant.

Power Systems				
Not Applicable for all FEMA Programs. All Items must be approved by the MOHS and listed within the Authorized Equipment List. <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list#browse">https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list#browse</a> .				
AEL Code	Title	Description	Additional Description & Examples	Useful Life
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 or systems.	Additional guidance for NSGP: Limited to redundant power supply to support security systems, cybersecurity, or other physical security infrastructure or systems.	15-25 Years
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).		5-10 Years

# FEMA Authorized Equipment List:

14EX-00- BCAN	Receptacles, Trash, Blast-Resistant	Blast-resistant trash receptacles.	Trash receptacles that can withstand terrorism blasts. Although allowable, the MOHS has not funded this category with past funding.  <b>Must provide justification as to WHY this is essential for your organization and the Need for item.</b>
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There are a few instances with the AEL, that mention... Although allowable, the MOHS has not funded this category with past funding. This is not a “NO”, but you will need to provide a justification, as to why you need the item and how it is essential to your project.

We can't buy items, just because they are allowable, there needs to be a NEED for the item.



# FEMA Authorized Equipment List:

21GN-00-INST	Installation	Installation costs for authorized equipment purchased through FEMA grants.	Installation of all equipment to be installed for Entity.  Please NOTE: Installation costs should be specific only to the items being installed for the federally funded project, not other projects.
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Installation is also part of the FEMA AEL List. Each entity will need to add in installation to their request to cover all equipment. If you do not include, it will not be included in the funding award (if awarded) and the entity will have to cover all costs.

# What Can I Apply for? Security Related Training

**Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of critical infrastructure key resources, including physical and cybersecurity, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, Active Shooter training, and emergency first aid training. Training conducted using NSGP funds must address a specific threat and/or vulnerability, as identified in the nonprofit organization's 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 NSGP funds must be included in the organization's application.**

**Travel Expenses are not allowable under funds.**



SECURITY

## Contracted Security

Although allowable, the MOHS **has not awarded** contracted security for grant awards. If requesting, please provide justification of the need and the critical nature of why the entity is requesting.

Please be aware..... Contracted Security would require contracts provide, time and activity sheets, as well as additional documentation.

**THERE MUST BE A NEED, NOT A WANT.**

## What Can I Apply for? Maintenance/Sustainment

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.



# What Can I Apply for? Management and Administration

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- This is an allowable cost, but .....
- Request **only 5%** of the grant for these costs. (Max. \$10,000 on a \$200,000.00 award.)
- Persons that you are going to use for these services, must be working and administering the grant.



## What Can I Apply for? Management and Administration

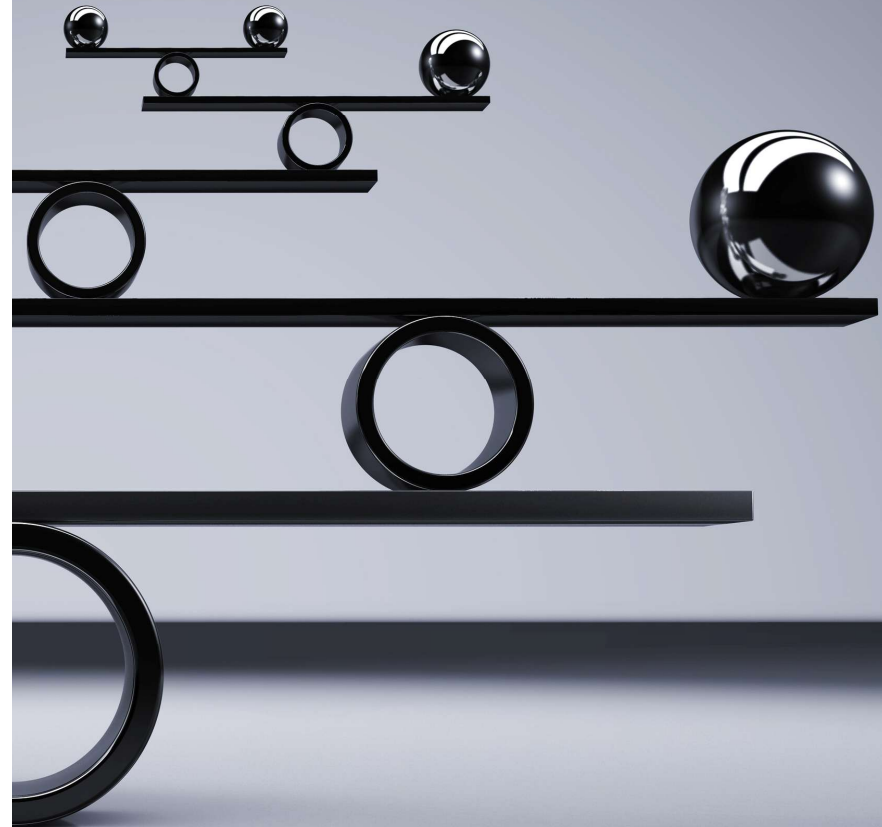
**We can not pay for your Agency Staff that do not work directly on the grant. Ex. CEO, Director, Church Staff or Pastor's salary.**

- You will be required to provide personnel time sheets for the person working.
- You will be required to provide documentation of payroll and payment to the person.



# Unallowable- 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.







## Unallowable- Equipment Not on AEL

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.



# Unallowable-Equipment Not on AEL

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Organization costs, and  
operational overtime costs;

Hiring of public safety  
personnel;

General-use expenditures;

Overtime and backfill;

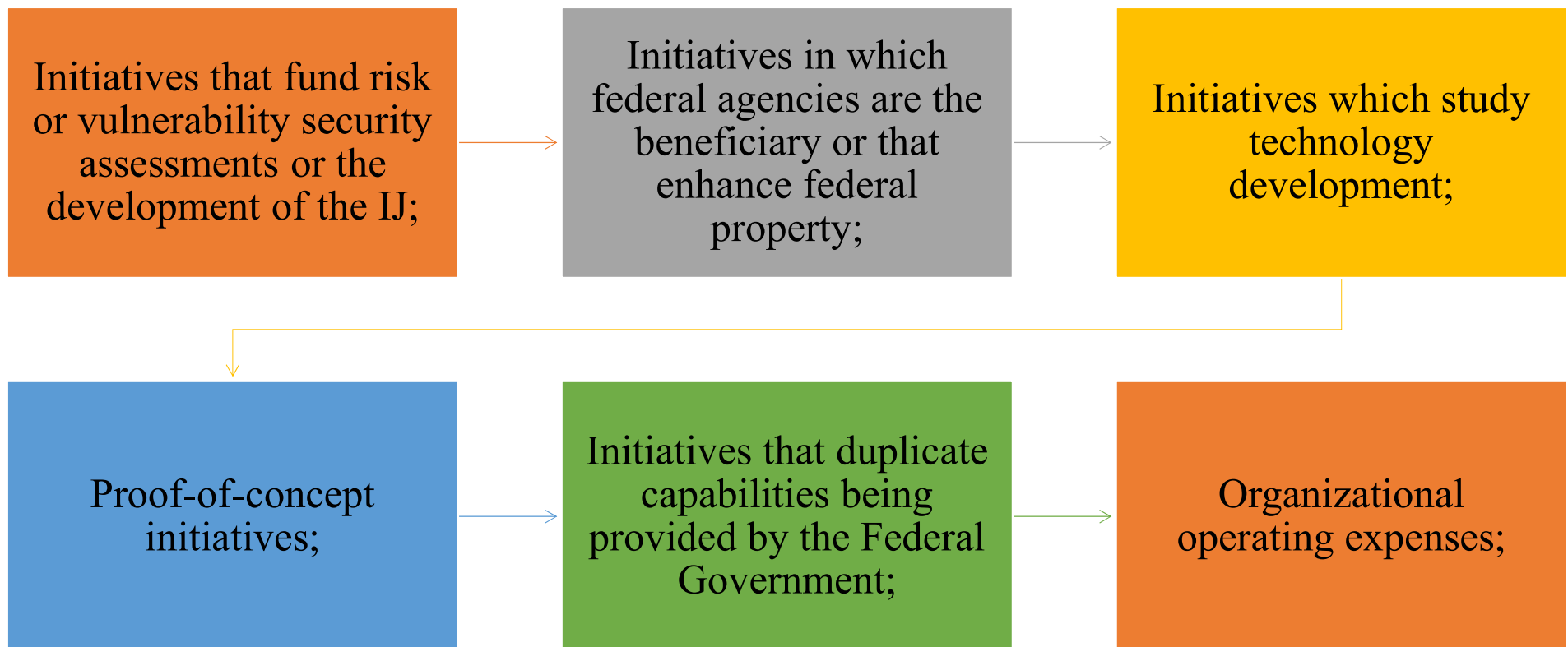
Initiatives that do not address  
the implementation of  
programs/initiatives to build  
prevention and

- protection-focused capabilities  
directed at identified facilities and/or  
the surrounding communities;

The development of  
risk/vulnerability assessment  
models;

# Unallowable-Equipment Not on AEL

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# Unallowable- Equipment Not on AEL

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 Historic 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.







# Application Information





## **When are Applications Due?**

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October 17, 2025  
by 5:00 p.m.  
(CST)

# What do I need 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.
  - 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 Unique Entity Identification number.

# What do I need to Apply?

- 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.



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## **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](mailto:MOHSgrants@dps.ms.gov), by a deadline date.



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## Investment Justification (Application)

- **Adobe PDF Fillable Format.**  
FEMA Document.
  - Only Allowable Format Acceptable.
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# I. Nonprofit Organization Applicant Information

PART I. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SUBAPPLICANT INFORMATION				
Identify the following:				
LEGAL NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION <input type="text"/>				
Please list the physical address of the facility.	STREET <input type="text"/>			
	CITY <input type="text"/>	STATE <input type="text"/>	ZIP CODE <input type="text"/>	COUNTY <input type="text"/>
Is the building owned, or are you leasing/renting? <input type="text"/>		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				

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.*

What is the primary organization type?



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*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."*

*If "Other," please describe affiliation.*

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-NSS 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-NSS (will automatically populate based on entries in Section IV-B)

## 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:


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*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.*

## Part III. Risk

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.*





## Part III. Risk

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

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

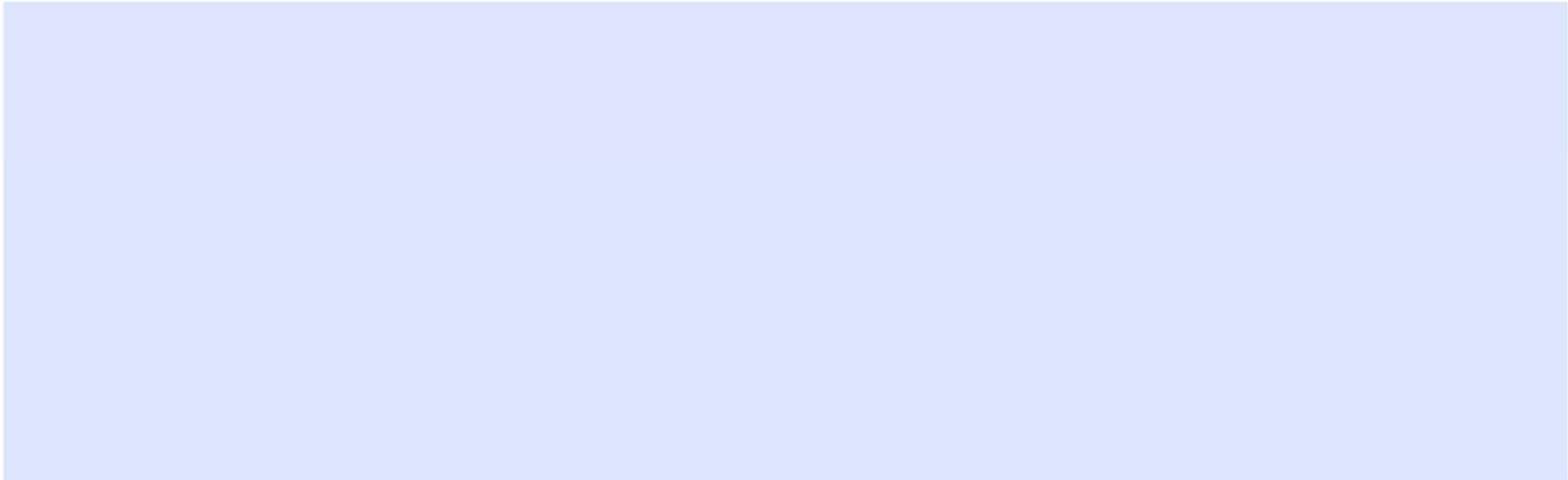
## Part III. Risk

**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 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

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.



## Part IV. Facility Hardening

03OE-03-MEGA: System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile	
04AP-05-CRED: System, Credentialing	
04AP-09-ALRT: Systems, Public Notification and Warning	
04AP-11-SAAS: Applications, Software as a Service	
05AU-00-TOKN: System, Remote Authentication	
05EN-00-ECRP: Software, Encryption	
05HS-00-MALW: Software, Malware/Anti-Virus Protection	
05HS-00-PFWL: System, Personal Firewall	

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

## Part IV. Facility Hardening

<p><b>Section IV-B:</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).</p>		
AEL NUMBER & TITLE – EQUIPMENT, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY	VULNERABILITY TO BE ADDRESSED	ESTIMATED FUNDING REQUESTED (Round to nearest dollar)
Total Funding Requested:		



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Total Funding Requested:		

- 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 IV. Facility Hardening



**INSTALLATION COSTS**  
WILL NEED TO BE  
INCLUDED IN THE COST OF  
THE PROJECT. THERE IS AN  
AEL NUMBER FOR  
INSTALLATION.



**IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST**  
**INSTALLATION IN THE**  
**IJ/APPLICATION, YOU WILL**  
**NOT BE ABLE TO BE**  
**REIMBURSED FOR THE**  
**COSTS.**



**ADD ENOUGH MONEY IN  
PROJECT FOR  
INSTALLATIONS.**

## Part V. Milestones

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## Part VI. Project Management

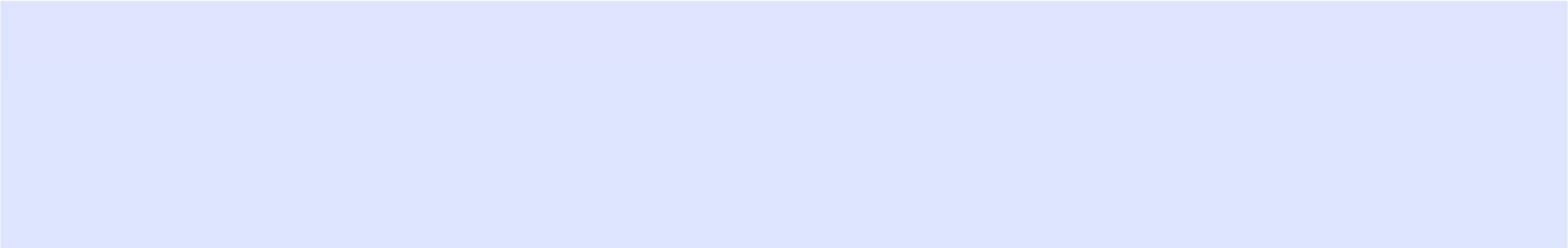
### PART VI. PROJECT MANAGEMENT (2 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40)

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

## Part VI. Project Management

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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.

## Part VII. Impact

### 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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# Non-Profit Sub-Applciant Contact Information

NONPROFIT SUBAPPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
This application was written by: <div></div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	
FULL NAME	POSITION/TITLE
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EMAIL	WORK PHONE
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## BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Have you included:

### Investment Justification:

- Adobe PDF-Fillable
- All sections filled out. No blank spaces.
- Double checked AEL/Equipment list. Make sure what you want matches the AEL, Description, etc.
- Addition of Installation Code from AEL. Estimated costs for installation. If you do not list installation and costs, this will not be covered.
- Cost estimate that will cover the equipment and project.
- Contact Information Provided



# BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION: Have you included:

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Mission Statement on Agency Letterhead.



Vulnerability Assessment.

Filled out completely.  
Vulnerabilities Listed



Unique Entity Identification  
Number

Please provide the number, if you have received.  
No Funding will be awarded until the UEI process  
is complete.

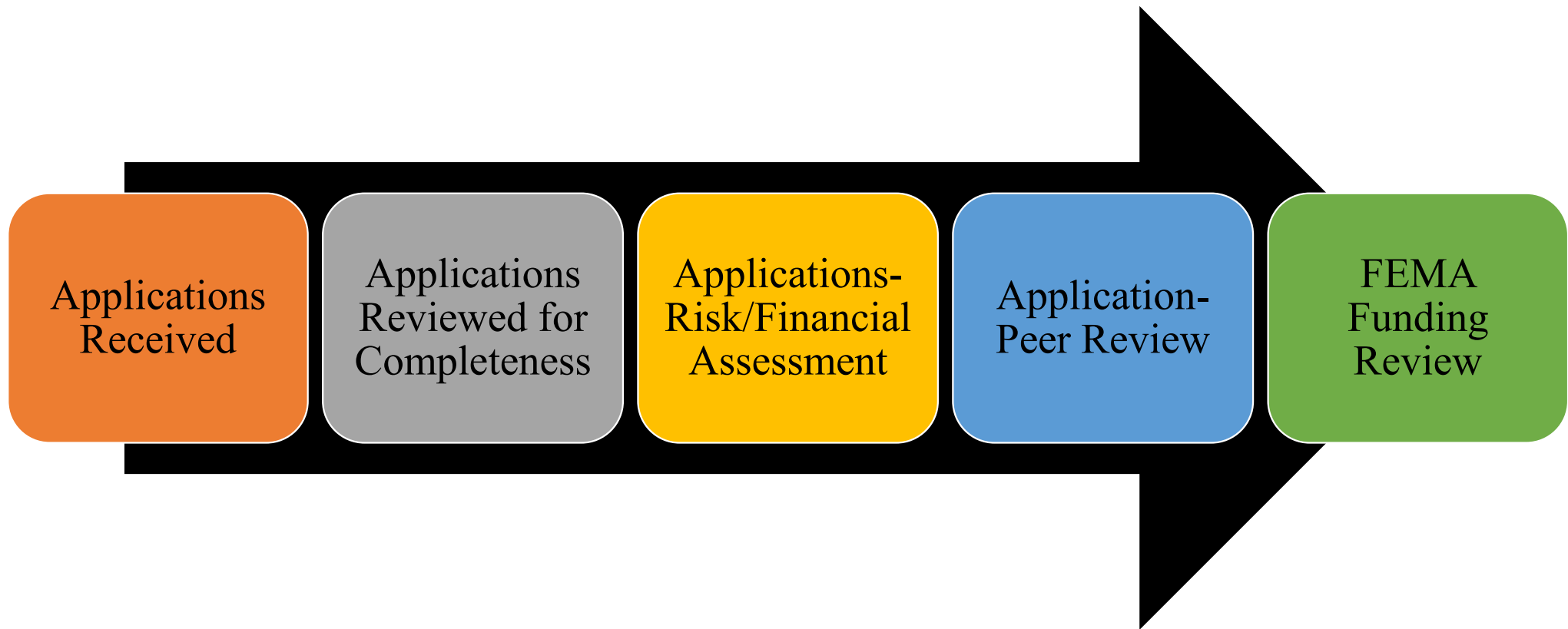


Proof of 501(3)(c) Status.

If House of Worship, this is not required.



# What Happens After the Application is Submitted?





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- 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).

# What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

**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.

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  - Conduct an eligibility review.
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.

## What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

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:
  - a. Submit the results of the state review along with complete applications from eligible applicants to DHS/FEMA.
  - b. Submit nonprofit organization application details for all applications received but not recommended for funding (including incomplete applications and ineligible applicants) to DHS/FEMA.

## What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

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.



# What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

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**Federal (FEMA) Review:** The IJs submitted by MOHS will be reviewed by DHS/FEMA HQ Program Analysts. Federal reviewers will score each IJ using the NSGP Investment Justification Scoring Worksheet.



## What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

**Final Score (NSGP):** 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.

## What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

For the NSGP grant funding, FEMA will add 10 additional points to the scores of subapplicants that are located within a disadvantaged community.

FEMA will place each applicants addresses into the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate Economic Screening Tool for the designation.

# What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

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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







## **What Happens After the Application is Submitted?**

Should additional NSGP 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.





## What Happens After the Application is Submitted?

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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/Grant Orientation



**Notice of Award:** All applicants will receive a notice of award or notice of non-approval. We will let you know.



**Grant Orientation: Winter 2026**



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.**



**Once completed and double checked.**

Email the [mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov](mailto:mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov)

Attach the Investment Justification

Attach all other documents, as (1) attachment.

(If possible)



**MOHS will not know about the award on or around Late 2025. We will let you know if you are awarded or have not been awarded.**





**LET'S WRAP  
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—  
FY25 Grant Application  
Due to MOHS

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October 17, 2025  
by 5:00 p.m.

Send to:  
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# Questions

