



**Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
FY26 HSGP Notice of Funding Announcement
February 13, 2026**

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to provide guidance for submitting grant applications for the upcoming FY26 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). All applications must demonstrate clear alignment with the national priority funding investments outlined below.

Program Eligibility and Participation:

To be eligible for FY26 priority grant funding, applicants must address at least one of the national priority areas available to sub-grantees, which include:

- Enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places
- Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and fusion centers
- Enhancing and integrating cybersecurity resiliency
- Enhancing election security
- Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Support

*At the time of this release, the FY26 National Priority Areas (NPAs) have not been confirmed.

Applicants must also demonstrate how their proposed projects align with the terrorism preparedness framework, including efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. All application materials must be completed in full to be considered for review.

Projects that address one or more of the national priority areas will receive primary consideration during the evaluation process. Project requests outside the federal priority areas may still be reviewed; however, they will be considered secondary to those that directly support the identified national priorities.

Application Release:

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) will release the FY26 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application on **Monday, March 2, 2026**. The application and accompanying funding guidance document will be available on the MOHS website at: <https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>

The FY26 HSGP application will be accessible only through an electronic link provided on the website beginning **March 2, 2026**. All submissions must be completed and submitted through that link.

Grant Writing Workshops:

MOHS will host two (2) virtual grant writing workshops to answer questions regarding the grant and provide updates on funding, national priority areas, and other information related to the FY26 grant year. Sessions will be held on:

- March 11, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- March 25, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Registration is currently open at: <https://mohsgrants.jotform.com/260295928887073>

Instructions and Deadlines:

All applications and required documentation must be submitted electronically through the designated website link no later than **Friday, April 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** For Applications to be considered complete:

- All fields within the application must be fully filled out
- All required information must be submitted
- The application must include an electronic signature

MOHS requests that all jurisdictions prioritize funding requests that address capability targets and gaps identified through a formal needs assessment. Due to limited funding, projects that focus on high-priority capability gaps and align with both national and state priorities are most likely to receive funding. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use grant funds to maintain or sustain existing capabilities before proposing new initiatives.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Late submissions may only be reviewed if additional or reallocated funding becomes available. Submission of an application does not guarantee an award.

FEMA Federal Grant Information:

Additional federal grant guidance and program information can be found at:

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

FY26 National Priority Funding:

DHS/FEMA has identified five (5) national priority areas that must be addressed by allocating a designated percentage of funding to each, totaling thirty (30) percent of all federal HSGP funds. In addition to meeting these federal requirements, MOHS will continue to invest in state-identified priority areas to strengthen overall preparedness and capability development.

National priorities are subject to change upon release of the FEMA FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

1. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places: Soft targets and crowded places—such as parks, shopping centers, transportation hubs, and event venues—remain attractive targets for terrorists due to their accessibility and large gatherings. These locations often lack robust security measures, increasing their vulnerability.

Mitigation efforts require strong collaboration between public and private sector partners to enhance security at facilities such as transportation centers, restaurants, polling places, and similar venues. Personnel who may respond to incidents at these sites should receive training in key operational systems, such as the Incident Command System (ICS), to ensure effective and coordinated incident management.

2. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers: This priority aligns with Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, which calls for the establishment of Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) nationwide. These multi-agency teams—comprised of federal and local law enforcement partners—are responsible for disrupting and dismantling transnational criminal organizations, targeting cross-border human smuggling and trafficking networks (particularly those involving children), and supporting lawful immigration enforcement.

3. Enhancing and Integrating Cybersecurity Resiliency: In today’s interconnected environment, increased connectivity brings heightened risk, including opportunities for adversaries and terrorists to exploit cyber vulnerabilities and disrupt critical systems. While not mandatory, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for ongoing or high-priority cybersecurity projects. DHS/FEMA will evaluate these investments based on anticipated impact and effectiveness.

Cybersecurity projects should enhance the security and resilience of critical infrastructure and strengthen core capabilities that support the prevention of, preparation for, protection against, and response to acts of terrorism.

4. Enhancing Election Security: The United States’ election infrastructure is vital to national stability. Any incapacitation or destruction of this infrastructure would have severe consequences. Securing election systems, ensuring their continued operation amid threats or harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and protecting against foreign interference are national security priorities.

Because threats to election systems evolve constantly, defending them requires ongoing vigilance, innovation, and adaptation.

5. Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Support: State and local law enforcement agencies play a critical role in safeguarding national security and public safety. Pursuant to Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, it is the policy of the United States to enforce immigration laws against all inadmissible and removable individuals—particularly those who pose a threat to public safety or national security. This includes the efficient and lawful execution of immigration enforcement activities, supported by appropriate incentives and enhanced detention capabilities.

Questions:

For questions related to the grant application, guidelines, or technical assistance, please contact: mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov