Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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Resources and Information for Faith-Based & Community Organizations

DHS Center for Faith–Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Resources

Preparedness	Security	Emergency Food & Shelter

Public Assistance Grants	DHS Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Emergency Managers	Training & Exercises

Preventing Human Trafficking

[DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Resources | FEMA.gov](#)

FEMA

5 Ways to Improve the Safety and Security of Your Place of Worship or Community Spaces

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CISA Resources

Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship Security Guide
A robust **security framework** that can be tailored to houses of worship of all sizes and denominations. cisa.gov/faith-based-organizations-houses-worship

Houses of Worship Self-Assessment Tool
An **easy to use, interactive** tool that assists stakeholders in understanding potential risks and identifying corresponding risk mitigation solutions. cisa.gov/houses-of-worship

CISA Protective Security Advisors
Security experts who provide on-site **vulnerability assessments**, can help with security plans and local resources. cisa.gov/cisa-regions or central@cisa.dhs.gov
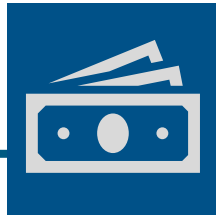
Web pages dedicated to enhancing security

- cisa.gov/securing-public-gatherings
- cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness
- cisa.gov/active-shooter-emergency-action-plan-trailer-and-video
- cisa.gov/power-hello
- cisa.gov/de-escalation-series
- cisa.gov/vehicle-ramming-attack-mitigation
- cisa.gov/school-safety-and-security
- cisa.gov/cisa-tabletop-exercises-packages

Agenda

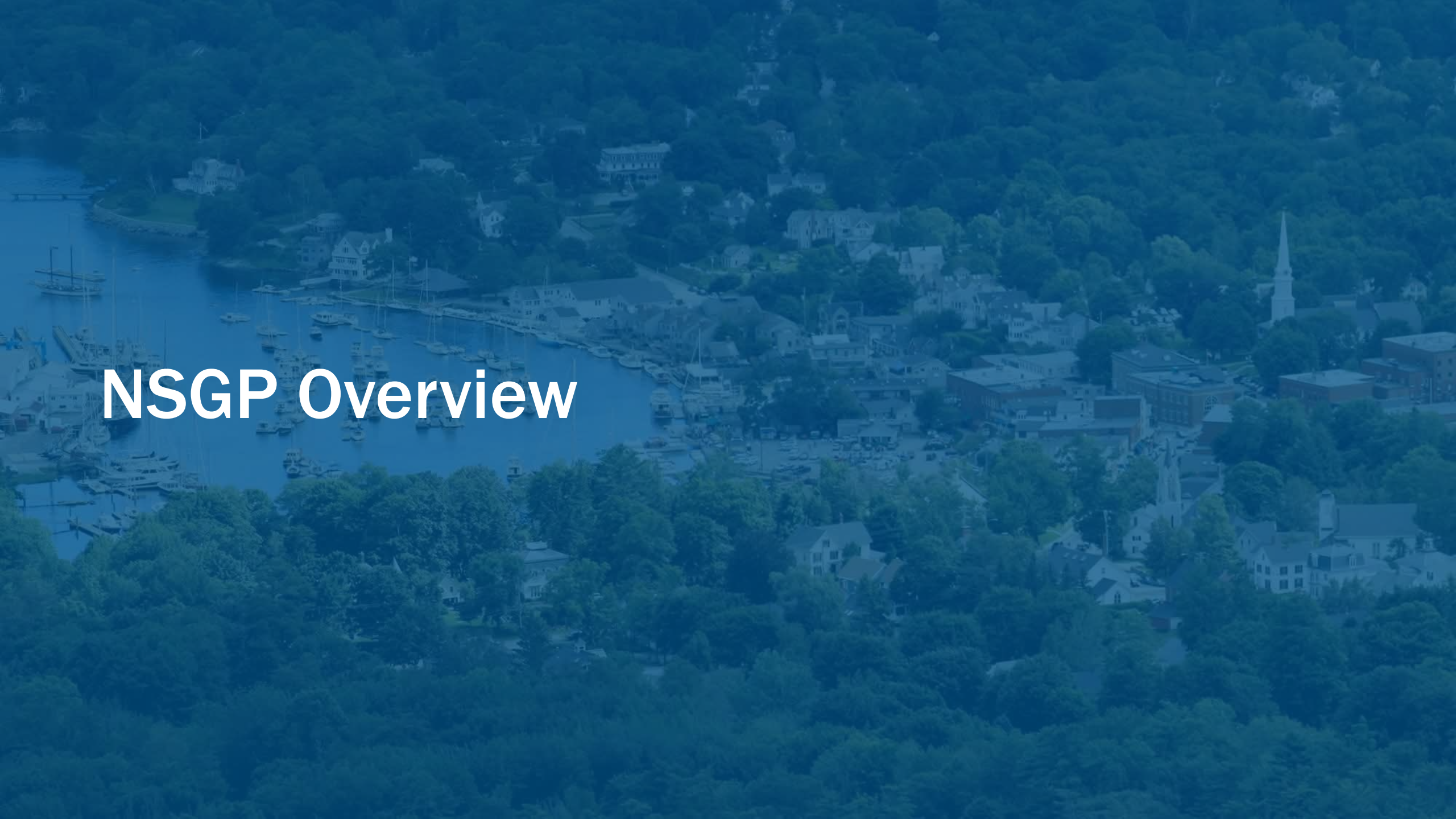Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Overview

Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 NSGP Recap

Preparation for FY 2023 NSGP

Questions & Answers

NSGP Overview

NSGP Overview: Purpose
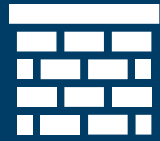
The NSGP focuses on enhancing the ability of nonprofit organizations to prevent and protect against terrorist attacks

This program is part of a comprehensive set of measures to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks

NSGP funds are focused on security-related activities and projects that will prevent or protect against potential terrorist attacks

NSGP Overview: Framework

How is the NSGP Structured?

- The NSGP is a **_competitive_** grant program intended to provide federal funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist attack

- Supports enhancing the protection of soft facilities/crowded places from potential **_terrorist_** attacks

What is the Period of Performance?

- The period of performance is traditionally 36 months from FEMA to the SAA

- SAA sets the period of performance in sub-recipient agreement (SAA to nonprofit organization), so it may be less than 36 months for nonprofits

NSGP Overview: Funding Streams

Location-Based Application

NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA)

- Organizations must be physically located **inside of** a high-risk urban area as designated through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
- The list of UAs is updated annually and will be announced through the NSGP and HSGP NOFOs.

NSGP-State (NSGP-S)

- Organizations must be physically located **outside of** a high-risk urban area as designated through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

Important reminders about location

Apply for the funding stream based on where the specific building is physically located.
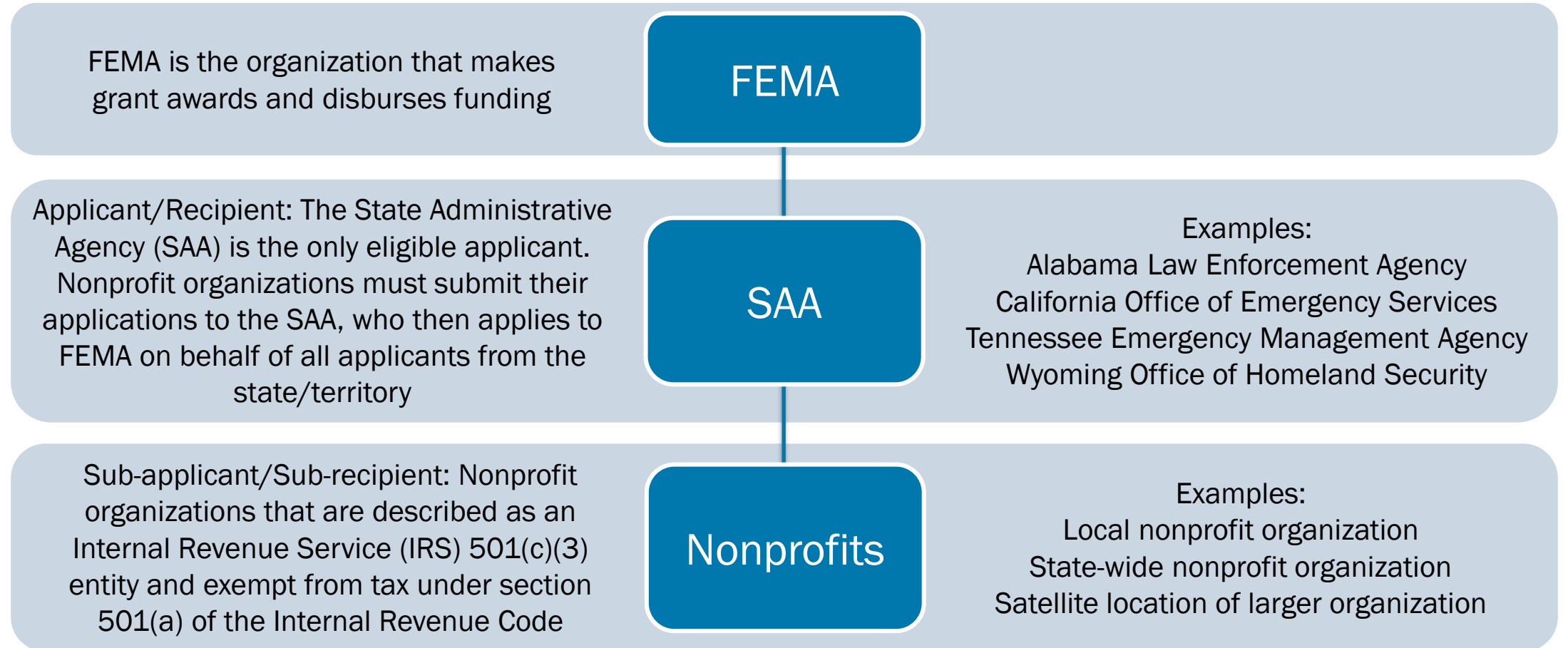
The building in the application must be occupied and fully operational at the time of application.

Please contact your SAA with questions about the funding stream your organization should apply under as the boundaries of designated UAs are NOT necessarily the same as local city and/or MSA limits.

NSGP Overview: Eligibility

FEMA is the organization that makes grant awards and disburses funding

FEMA

Applicant/Recipient: The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only eligible applicant. Nonprofit organizations must submit their applications to the SAA, who then applies to FEMA on behalf of all applicants from the state/territory

SAA

Examples:
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
California Office of Emergency Services
Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

Sub-applicant/Sub-recipient: Nonprofit organizations that are described as an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 501(c)(3) entity and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code

Nonprofits

Examples:
Local nonprofit organization
State-wide nonprofit organization
Satellite location of larger organization

NSGP Overview: Eligibility

What type of entities/organizations <u>are eligible</u> to apply under NSGP?

*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. The list below is not exhaustive and only provides examples of potential eligible organizations, all of which **must** be nonprofits.*

- Houses of worship
- Educational facilities
- Medical facilities
- Camps
- Museums

- Senior centers/care facilities
- Community and social service organizations
- Shelters/crisis centers
- Event venues
- Science organizations

NSGP Overview: Eligibility

What type of entities/organizations <u>are not</u> eligible to apply under NSGP?

- Utility Companies

- Organizations active in politics/lobbying

- For-profit hospitals

- For-profit colleges/universities

- Volunteer fire departments

- Governmental entities

- For-profit venues, stadiums, amusement parks, clubs, etc.

- For-profit transportation entities

- Municipal/public schools (elementary, middle, or high schools)

- Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Clubs, etc.

- Homeowner associations, labor unions, etc.

NSGP Overview: Allowable Project/Activities Examples

- Contract security guards/personnel

- Planning (safety/security/evacuation)

- Training (active assailant/first aid/awareness)

- Cybersecurity/technology (supports infrastructure protection projects)

- Security cameras/CCTV

- Fences/bollards/barriers

- Security enhanced doors/windows/locks

- Warning and notification systems

- Access control systems/alarms

- Exercises (active shooter/assailant /bomb threat)

- Grant management and administration (M&A) (up to 5% of grant award)

- Security screening equipment

- Blast proof/resistant windows/doors

- Security monitoring services (POP)

NSGP Overview: Unallowable Project/Activities Examples

- Organizational operating costs

- Direct hiring of public safety personnel

- General-use expenditures

- Duplicative grant funded projects/activates

- Development of risk or vulnerability assessments

- License Plate Reader (LPR) systems

- Facial recognition software

- Knox Boxes

- Fire suppression/sprinkler systems/extinguishers

- Guns/weapons or weapons training

- Landscaping /grounds maintenance

- Studies or technology development/prototyping

- Proof-of-concept or test-bed initiatives

- Sexual Predator Screening Database

- Organizational salaries

- Debris removal

- Air purification systems/HVAC

- Self defense training/tasers/pepper spray

FY 2022 NSGP Recap

FY 2022 Funding Changes

How much funding was made available through the NSGP in FY22?

Under the FY22 NSGP, Congress appropriated **$250 million** across the two funding streams for nonprofits, including 5% of award amounts for SAA Management & Administration (M&A).

NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA)

Funded nonprofit organizations physically located within one of the 36 FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas

- **$125 million** for NSGP-UA, an increase of $35M from FY 2021
  - **$6.25 million** designated for SAA M&A
- **$150,000 per site**, for up to three sites, for a maximum of $450,000 per sub-applicant

NSGP-State (NSGP-S)

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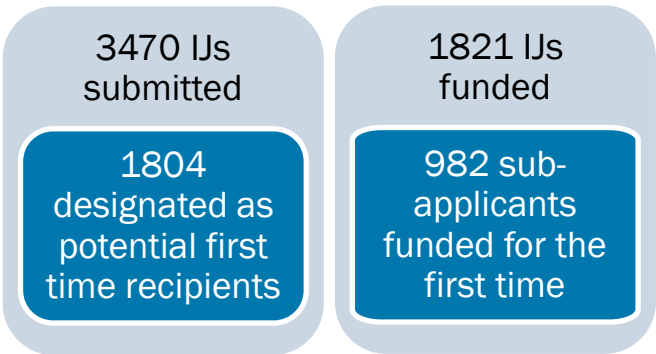
FY 2022 Scoring Changes

What changes were made to federally-applied bonus points for FY22?

In the FY22 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), bonus points for first-time recipients were increased from 5 points to 15 points. Bonus points for organizations located in vulnerable areas were awarded based on vulnerability as determined by the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI).
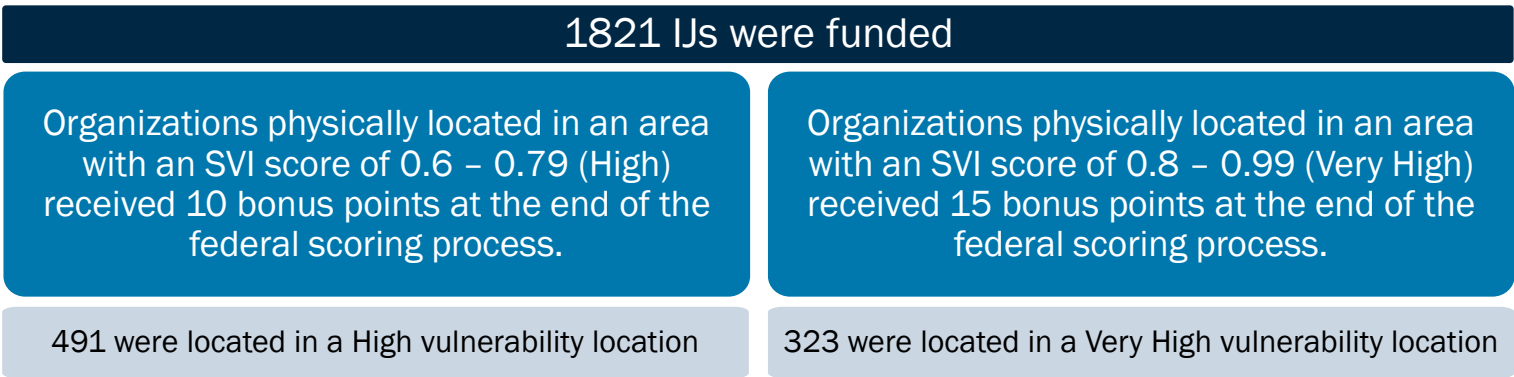
First Time Recipients

Applicants who have not previously been awarded federal NSGP funding received 15 bonus points at the end of the federal scoring process.

3470 IJs submitted	1821 IJs funded
1804 designated as potential first time recipients	982 sub-applicants funded for the first time

SVI Scores

The SVI scale managed by the CDC is a numerical value between 0 and 1 that reflects community resilience based on census response data. NSGP uses this publicly-available data to determine which applicants are in the most vulnerable locations.

1821 IJs were funded

Organizations physically located in an area with an SVI score of 0.6 – 0.79 (High) received 10 bonus points at the end of the federal scoring process.	Organizations physically located in an area with an SVI score of 0.8 – 0.99 (Very High) received 15 bonus points at the end of the federal scoring process.
491 were located in a High vulnerability location	323 were located in a Very High vulnerability location

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FY 2022 Application Key Takeaways

1 Duplicative applications: If you hire a grant writer, review their work. Limit copy and pasting between IJs if applying for multiple locations.

2 Administratively incomplete/insufficient: The FEMA-provided IJ must be submitted. Any incomplete packages will not be reviewed by FEMA.

3 Unallowable/out of scope expenditures: Ensure that all requested expenditures align with the program rules and objectives.

4 Organizations applying on behalf of ineligible entities: Nonprofits may not act as a pass through for a government or for-profit entity.

5 Valid UEI number: For FY23 applications, valid UEIs MUST be included on submitted IJs or the IJ will be eliminated.

6 Threats/Risks/Vulnerability: Nonprofits must tie the threats and risks to existing physical vulnerabilities. All must tie to terrorism.
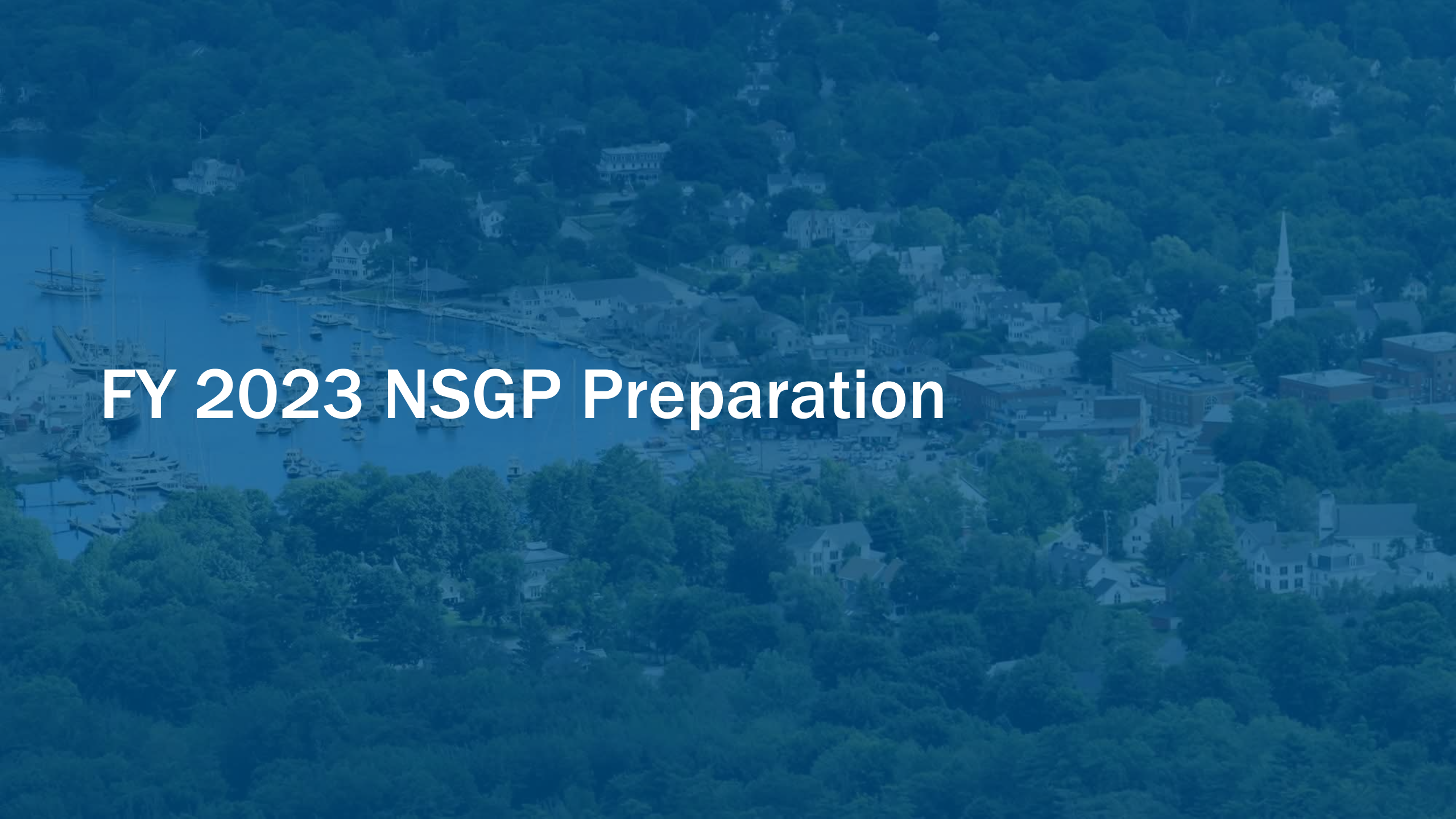
7 Direct hiring of law enforcement/public safety officials: Contract security CANNOT be sole sourced.

8 Misaligned or unrealistic narratives, timelines, projects/activities: The IJ content and award goals should be logical, reasonable, and feasible.
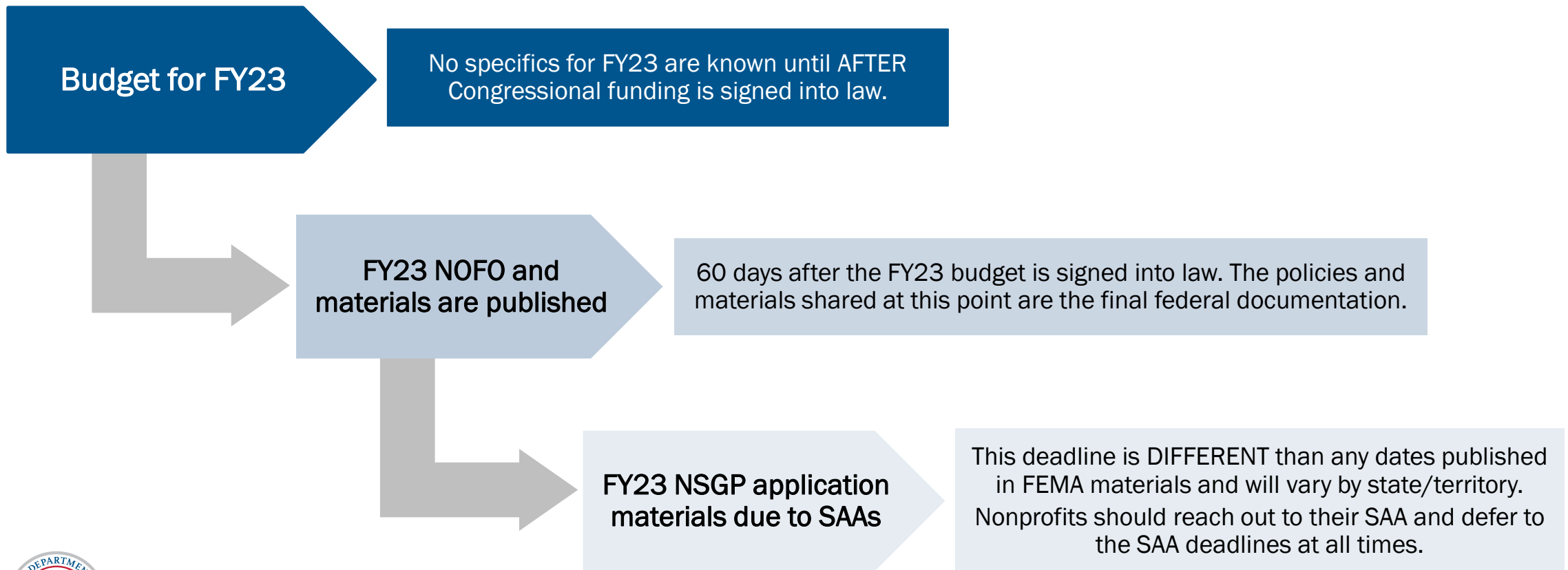
FY 2023 NSGP Preparation

FY 2023 NSGP Timeline

NSGP has not yet been federally funded for FY23.

Budget for FY23

No specifics for FY23 are known until AFTER Congressional funding is signed into law.

FY23 NOFO and materials are published

60 days after the FY23 budget is signed into law. The policies and materials shared at this point are the final federal documentation.

FY23 NSGP application materials due to SAAs

This deadline is DIFFERENT than any dates published in FEMA materials and will vary by state/territory. Nonprofits should reach out to their SAA and defer to the SAA deadlines at all times.

Application Elements

Reviewed by SAA _ONLY_	Reviewed by SAA _and_ FEMA
Materials required and/or requested by the SAA to validate the information in the IJ. The materials are <u>not</u> provided to FEMA reviewers and are <u>not</u> part of the federal scoring process.	The IJ is the only document reviewed and scored by FEMA.

Mission Statement: Used to validate information in the IJ and to categorize the facility (ideology-based, education, medical, and other)

Completed Vulnerability Assessment: Foundation of the IJ content. Addresses vulnerabilities in context of the threats and consequences of potential events at a facility/site. Proposed equipment, projects, and activities should directly link to mitigating specific vulnerabilities.

Supporting Documentation, if applicable: Materials to help validate/support content of vulnerability assessment and investment justification, such as police or insurance reports. _Reach out to your SAA to better understand any state level requirements, processes, templates, timelines, etc._

Completed Investment Justification (IJ): Outlines the investment and relevant projects. Includes summaries of information provided in mission statements, VAs, etc. Requires a budget narrative and breakdown, timeline, and project plan. Is the only document reviewed by FEMA (<u>no attachments or supplements will be reviewed</u>).
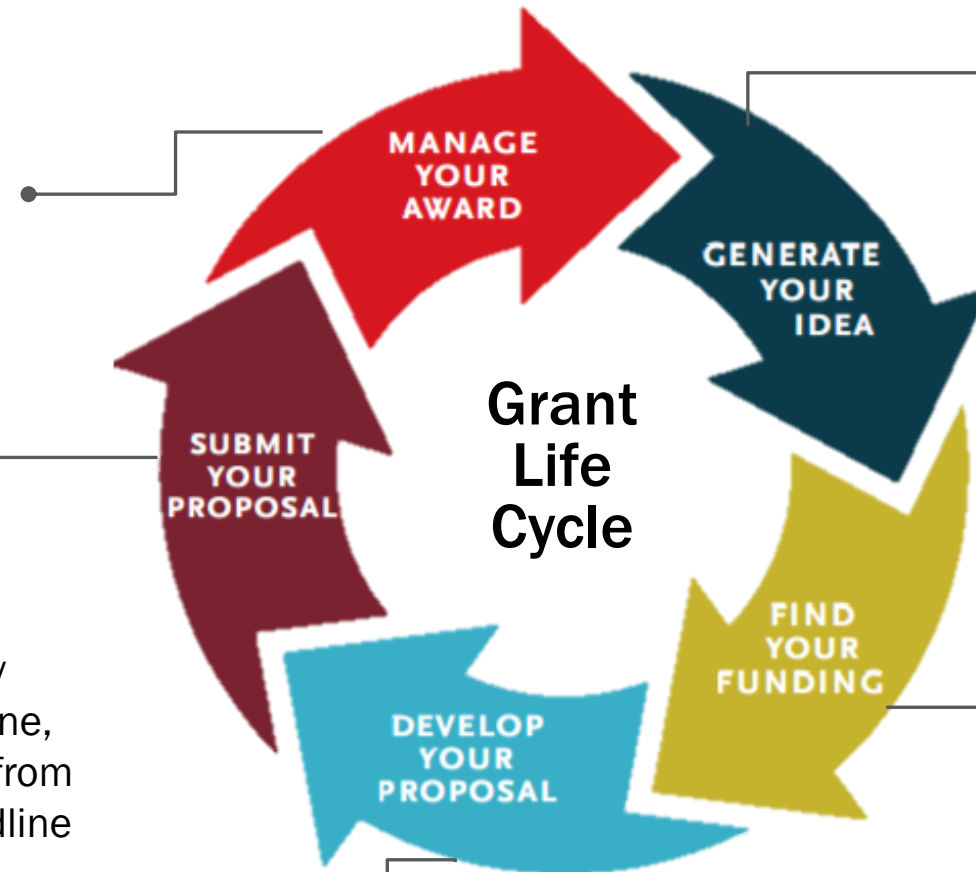
Preparatory Cycle Considerations

- **Post Award** - Manage award/projects based on approved projects and activities to completion based on milestones provided

- Know your SAA POC
  - Each SAA is unique
  - Early preparation is key
  - Submit by SAA's deadline, which will be different from FEMA's published deadline

MANAGE YOUR AWARD

GENERATE YOUR IDEA

Grant Life Cycle

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

FIND YOUR FUNDING

DEVELOP YOUR PROPOSAL

- **Research** – Threats/risks
- **Complete** - Vulnerability Assessment
- **Identify** – material/physical weaknesses
- **Generate** – priority list of possible activities/projects
- **Estimate** – costs and timelines

- **FY 2023 NSGP NOFO** – Release TBD, based on annual Appropriations (+60 days)
- **Application timeline** for FY 2023 application deadline TBD (recipient vs. subrecipient)

Use FY 2022 NSGP materials as guides in development

Resource Links

1 SAA Contact List: http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28689?id=6363

2 FY 2022 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Preparedness Grants | FEMA.gov

3 Grants Management Requirements and Procurement Under Grants: www.fema.gov/grants

4 Preparedness Grants Manual | FEMA.gov
See Appendix C for NSGP-specific information
(Updated annually, FY23 version not yet available)

5 Application Materials/IJ: https://www.grants.gov/
Keyword Search: "FY 2022 NSGP"
(Historical reference only)

6 Grants Management Technical Assistance Online Training: https://training.fema.gov/grantsmanagement

7 Program Questions & Distribution List Sign Up: FEMA-NSGP@fema.dhs.gov

8 Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Information: http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195

9 Reach local Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) at cisa.gov/cisa-regions or email central@cisa.dhs.gov
PSA Security Assessment at First Entry Fact Sheet

10 DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: https://www.fema.gov/faith
and Partners and Resources to Help Protect Your Church

Q&A

Thank You!

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