The FY 2021 NSGP provides funding support for physical security enhancements and other security related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those 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.

**Objectives**  
The FY 2021 NSGP objectives are to:

- Build and sustain core capabilities to provide funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.
- Strengthen governance integration relating to preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.
- Encourage a whole community approach to security and emergency management.

**Priorities**  
The Department of Homeland Security continuously evaluates the national risk profile and set priorities that help ensure appropriate allocation of scarce security dollars. FY 2021 NSGP supports the following two priority areas to:

1. Enhance the protection of soft targets/crowded places.
2. Mitigate loss of life and property against threats and hazards through effective training, awareness campaigns, and exercises.

**NSGP Investment Justification (IJ)**  
Each sub-applicant may apply for up to $150,000. The funding may be requested for multiple sites, but the organization must submit the completed forms for each individual site, with only one site per Investment Justification. A fillable “IJ” excel form is available at: [https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/grants/grant-forms](https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/grants/grant-forms) by clicking on “FY 2021 NSGP Application Template” at the bottom of the page. Each sub-applicant must provide the following:

- NSGP Investment Justification (Microsoft Word Template)
- Vulnerability/Risk Assessment on which the request in the “IJ” is based
- Mission Statement

Allowable equipment includes two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL):

- AEL Section 14- Physical Security Enhancement Equipment
- AEL Section 15- Inspection and Screening Systems

In addition, two new items added for this year are handheld radios and public warning systems. The equipment categories are listed on the web based AEL on the FEMA website: [https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list](https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list).

Please e-mail all required documents to [mmanuel@dps.ms.gov](mailto:mmanuel@dps.ms.gov) by the established deadline. Paper applications will NOT be accepted. If you have any questions, contact Marsha Manuel, Grants Director at 601-346-1504. All submissions must be received by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security by April 16, 2021 in order to meet the FEMA deadline.

Additional information may be found on our NSGP FAQs page at [https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/grants/grant-forms](https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/grants/grant-forms) under “2021 NSGP Forms.”