



Fiscal Year 2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions



What is the NSGP?

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.

Who is eligible to apply for this grant?

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.

- Organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues are considered automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) and do not have to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption from the IRS.
- For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3), the State Administrative Agency (SAA) may or may not require the applicant to validate their exemption status, as long as the method chosen to validate this information is applied consistently.

Who is NOT eligible to apply for this grant?

- 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.

This is not an exhaustive list. If there are additional questions regarding eligibility, contact MOHS.

What are the priorities for the NSGP?

The Department of Homeland Security continuously evaluates the national risk profile and set priorities that help ensure appropriate allocation of scarce security dollars. FY 2020 NSGP supports the following two priority areas to:

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

What is the deadline to apply for the NSGP?

The deadline to apply for the NSGP is Friday, April 16th. Remember, only digital applications will be accepted.

How much funding is available through the NSGP?

The national funding for the NSGP varies every year. Last year, \$1,050,215.00 was made available to Mississippi nonprofit grant applicants.

What is the maximum amount of funding that can be applied for through the NSGP?

Each applicant may apply for up to \$150,000.00. 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.

What is the Performance Period for the NSGP?

The period of performance under FY 2021 NSGP is 36 months. This means a projected state date of September 1, 2021 and a projected end date of August 31, 2024.

What equipment purchase is allowable under NSGP?

Allowable equipment is allowable under two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL):

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

These categories include: Access Control Equipment, Surveillance Equipment (Cameras), Impact Resistant Doors and Gates, Intrusion Detection Sensors and Alarms, Exterior Lighting, Physical Perimeter Security (fencing, walls, jersey barriers), Screening and Inspection Equipment, and finally Backup computer hardware. The equipment categories are listed on the web based AEL on the FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>.

This year, two additional items have been made allowable: Handheld Radios (AEL 06CP-01-PORT-Radio, Portable) and Public Warning Systems (030E-03-MEGA-System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile).

Is the NSGP competitive?

Yes, the NSGP is allocated competitively. To best prepare for a successful application, pay close attention to all questions. The more thorough and specific the answers, the better!

What documentation must be provided to the MS Office of Homeland Security for grant application?

Each sub-applicant must provide an NSGP Investment Justification found at:

<https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/grants/grant-forms> by clicking on “**NSGP Investment Justification Application Template**” at the bottom of the page, a Vulnerability/Risk Assessment on which the request in the “IJ” is based and finally a Mission Statement.

Where do I send my application?

Please e-mail all required documents to mmanuel@dps.ms.gov by the established deadline. Paper submissions 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 16th, 2021** in order to meet the FEMA deadline.