



# Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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# FY 2019 NSGP Overview

- **Purpose:** The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for **target hardening and other physical security enhancements** and to eligible nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist attack.
- **Eligibility:** The **SAA (Louisiana GOHSEP)** is the **only entity eligible to apply** to FEMA for FY 2019 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations.
  - Eligible nonprofits will apply through the SAA.



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# FY 2019 NSGP Overview

- An eligible nonprofit organization under the FY 2019 NSGP is:
  1. An organization described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and
  2. Limited to religious organizations that acts as a 501 (C)(3).
    - Synagogues, Churches, Mosques, Religions Schools, etc.
    - Must have verifiable threat information and have a completed vulnerability assessment provided by the SAA or equivalent vulnerability assessment.
  3. Determined to be at high risk of a terrorist attack by the Secretary of Homeland Security (decisions are informed by the State Administrative Agency (SAA) scores/recommendations and the Federal review results).



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# FY 2019 NSGP Eligibility and Program Award

- **Program Award:** The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2019 NSGP is \$60 million. Of the \$60 million appropriated to the FY 2019 NSGP:
  - Congress appropriated \$10 million from the State Homeland Security Program for nonprofit organizations that could be located anywhere in a state/territory, not just Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas; and
  - \$50 million in NSGP funding exclusively for nonprofit organizations located within high-risk urban area.
  - A nonprofit cannot choose which category to apply, they are limited to the category as described above.
    - Example: If a nonprofit is within a FY 2019 funded UASI, they are not eligible for funding from the \$10 million category.
  - States will know their funding allocation once the NOFO is published.



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# What this means for the SAA

- SAAs will have an approximate 30 - 45 day total grant application period from announcement to application submission.
  - **Expected NOFO announcement by April 16, 2019.**
- States that have not had UASI-designated urban areas will now be eligible to receive NSGP funding.
- States that have had UASI-designated urban areas may now accept applications from nonprofits that are outside of their UASI-designated urban area jurisdictions.
- SAAs will determine all nonprofit grant deadlines verification of applications.



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# Overview of NSGP Allowable Costs

- **Target Hardening** - NSGP funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of terrorist attack.
  - Allowable equipment is limited to two categories within the **Authorized Equipment List (AEL)**:
    - [https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list?combine=&field\\_ael\\_category\\_tid%5B%5D=9529&=GO](https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list?combine=&field_ael_category_tid%5B%5D=9529&=GO)
    - **Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (AEL Category 14)**
    - **Inspection and Screening Systems (AEL Category 15)**
- Security Related Training
- Security Related Planning Costs
- Security Related Exercise Costs
- **Construction/Renovation** - For construction costs to be allowed, they must be specifically approved by FEMA in writing prior to the use of any NSGP program funds for construction or renovation. **This project will require Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP) review.**



# Overview of NSGP Allowable Costs

- **Examples of Allowable Cost:**
  - **Planning** – Activities related to the development of plans such as:
    - Security Risk Management Plans
    - Continuity of Operations Plans
    - Response Plans
  - **Equipment** – Authorized Equipment List Sections 14 and 15 only; examples include:
    - Access control equipment
    - Surveillance equipment
    - Physical protective measures such as concrete barriers
    - See the Authorized Equipment List: <https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>
  - **Training**
    - Active Shooter Training
    - Security Training for employees, or members/congregation
  - **Exercises**
    - Response exercises



# How to prepare in advance of the NOFO Release

- Review the FY 2018 NSGP NOFO. FEMA encourages SAAs and nonprofits to review the FY 2018 NSGP NOFO for an understanding of the prior year application process, required forms, and the scoring criteria.
- Notify nonprofits of the availability of funding. SAAs together with state partners, are encouraged to actively inform nonprofit organizations of the availability of FY 2019 NSGP funding
- Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; and register and/or maintain current status in the System for Award Management (SAM). It may take up to four weeks or more after submitting the SAM registration, **before the registration is active** in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize the information.
  - Nonprofits should apply now for a DUNS number and register with SAMS. **DO NOT DELAY!** If a nonprofit cannot provide the SAA a verifiable DUNS number, their **APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.**



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# FY 2019 NSGP Application Documents for Subrecipient

## 1) FY 2019 NSGP Investment Justification

- A **strong** Investment Justification (IJ) includes:
  - Clearly identified risks and vulnerabilities;
  - Description of findings from a previously conducted vulnerability assessment;
  - Details of any incident(s) including description, dates etc.;
  - Brief description of supporting documentation such as police reports or photographs, if applicable;
  - Explanation of how proposed investments will mitigate or address vulnerabilities identified from the vulnerability assessment;
  - Establish a clear linkage with the investment(s) and core capabilities (See National Preparedness Goal);
  - Proposed activities that are allowable costs;
  - Realistic milestones that consider Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation review process, if applicable; and
  - Brief description of the project manager(s) level of experience.



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## 2) FY 2019 NSGP Vulnerability Assessment

- Must have verifiable threat information, and
- Completed vulnerability assessment provided by the SAA or equivalent vulnerability assessment.
  - Assessors can be the following:
    - DHS Protective Security Advisor (PSA)
    - Local or State Law Enforcement
    - Contractor
- Contact the SAA for DHS PSA information.

## 3) FY 2019 NSGP Mission Statement

- Each nonprofit must include its Mission Statement and any mission implementing policies or practices that may elevate the organization's risk. The central purpose of the organization described in the Mission Statement will be used to validate the organization type identified in the IJ as one of the following: 1) Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious; 2) Educational; 3) Medical; or 4) Other.



# FY 2019 NSGP Review, Score & Prioritize Process

- The SAA (Louisiana GOHSEP) has set the **maximum subrecipient award amount at \$100,000 per application.**
- The SAA ***will Score complete applications*** using the *FY 2019 NSGP Investment Justification Scoring Worksheet.*
- The SAA ***will Prioritize all scored applications*** based on:
  - 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.
- The SAA ***will Complete the FY 2019 Prioritization of Investment Justifications*** form provided by FEMA.
- When completing the Prioritization of IJs, the SAA will ensure that:
  - Proposed investments are ***allowable.***



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# Resources

- FY 2018 NSGP NOFO and Fact Sheet  
<https://www.fema.gov/nonprofit-security-grant-program>
- Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from Grants.gov at:  
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>
- SAA Point of Contact  
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