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Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2015 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)?

The FY 2015 NSGP provides funding support for hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific FY 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated Urban Areas. The NSGP also serves to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

The FY 2015 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. The FY 2015 NSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2015 NSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2015 NSGP will be $13,000,000.

Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a $75,000 grant award. The FY 2015 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2015 NSGP funds?

The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2015 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations which have been determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code. Eligible nonprofits must be located within one of the FY 2015 UASI-designated Urban Areas, listed in Appendix A of the FY 2015 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Nonprofit organizations must apply to their SAA; non-profit organizations **may not** apply directly to FEMA for FY 2015 NSGP funds.

4. **What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2015 NSGP?**

   The key milestones associated with FY 2015 NSGP Program are:

   - April 2, 2015: Release date for FY 2015 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
   - May 19, 2015: Applications for FY 2015 NSGP are due to DHS-FEMA

5. **How will the FY 2015 NSGP Program funds be allocated?**

   FY 2015 NSGP applications will be reviewed through a two-phased State and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) (project description and justification) addresses the identified risk. For additional information on how IJs are reviewed and scored at the State and Federal level, please refer to the full FY 2015 NSGP NOFO.

6. **What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2014 and FY 2015?**

   The FY 2015 funding level for the NSGP is the same as the FY 2014 level.

7. **What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2015 NSGP?**

   The FY 2015 NSGP is authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Public Law 107-296, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 604).

8. **Where is the FY 2015 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity located?**

   The FY 2015 NSGP NOFO is located online at: *http://www.fema.gov/grants* as well as on *www.grants.gov*.

9. **How will the FY 2015 NSGP applications be submitted?**

   Applying for an award under the NSGP is a multi-step process:

   Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at *http://www.grants.gov.* Applicants in need of grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726**.**

   Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the Non Disaster (ND) Grants System. Applicants in need of technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076.

If applicants have questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015.

10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

11. What is the FY 2015 NSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is thirty-six (36) months.