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FY 2009 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) State - UAWG Prioritization of Investment Justifications

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# FY 2009 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (NSGP)

SAA/UAWG Prioritization of the Investment Justification (IJ) Instructions				
State				
Urban Area				
<b>Review Date</b>				

#### **IJ Overview**

As part of the FY 2009 NSGP application process, 501(c)(3) organizations within eligible Urban Areas are instructed to develop a formal IJ that addresses each initiative proposed for funding. The IJ must demonstrate how proposed projects address gaps and deficiencies in current programs and capabilities in a manner consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by FEMA. Nonprofit organizations must ensure that the IJ is consistent with all applicable requirements outlined in the FY 2009 NSGP Guidance and Application Kit.

# Completing the State/UAWG Prioritization of IJs

Information for the following columns should be obtained from <u>Section I - Applicant Information</u> of the FY 2009 NSGP IJ.

State Grantee Match Percentage\*

Total FY 2009 Project Cost

Urban Area Previous NSGP Funding Amount and

Nonprofit Organization Funding Year
Organization Type 501(c)(3) Number
FY 2009 Federal Funding Request Duns Number

FY 2009 Grantee Match\* Contractual Agent with DHS

\* Note: The FY 2009 Grantee Match and Grantee Match Percentage columns will automatically populate based on key data points that have been inserted in other fields.

Information regarding AEL Category(s) should be obtained from <u>Section IV - Target Hardening</u> of the FY 2009 NSGP IJ.

AEL Categories Requested AEL Categories Allowable

# **Formatting Requirements for IJs**

FEMA has developed guidelines that establish the required IJ content and helps ensure that submissions are organized in a consistent manner while addressing key data requirements. During the preliminary review process, SAAs are encouraged to leverage this FEMA-provided tool to assess FY 2009 NSGP IJs against the prescribed guidelines as outlined in the *FY 2009 NSGP Guidance and Application Kit.* All IJs submitted by nonprofit organizations must:

- 1) Be created and submitted in Microsoft Word (\*.doc) or (\*.text); and
- 2) Not exceed five (5) single-spaced pages, in 12 point Times New Roman font, with a

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minimum of 1"inch margins.

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Additionally, applicants are required to adhere to the following section headings and character limitations within the IJ:

I.	Applicant Information	(800 Character Max)
II.	Background	(1,800 Character Max)
III.	Investment Heading	(500 Character Max)
IV.	Baseline	(700 Character Max)
V.	Risk	(2,200 Character Max)
VI.	Target Hardening	(2,200 Character Max)
VII.	Milestones	(1,000 Character Max)
VII.	Project Management	(2,000 Character Max)
IX.	Grantee Match Plan	(1,000 Character Max)
X.	Impact	(1,500 Character Max)

The formatting requirements, maximum page limit, and character restrictions, to include spaces, provided above <u>must</u> be used in determining the response for the *Exceeds Page Limit* and *Adheres to Formatting Requirements* columns.

### Scoring and Prioritization Criteria for the IJs

The following information provides review criteria for the SAA/UAWG phase of the FY 2009 NSGP IJ review process. The "Overall Score" provides the SAA/UAWG panel the opportunity to objectively review the overall application including the focus areas of Background and Risk. When scoring the IJs, the following criteria must be considered:

- 1) Does the response clearly address the five identified topics?
- 2) Does the response indicate an understanding of the nonprofit organization's risk, including threat and vulnerability, as well as potential consequences of an attack?
- 3) Can the SAA/UAWG review panel verify the responses?

## **Overall Score**

#### SCORE = 0

- Incomplete or unclear Investment Justification (IJ)
- Review panel <u>cannot verify</u> or substantiate information in Background and Risk section in IJ

#### SCORE = 1

- Partially complete IJ
- Review panel <u>cannot verify</u> or substantiate information in Background and Risk section in IJ

#### SCORE = 2

- Complete or clear IJ
- Review panel <u>can verify</u> or substantiate <u>some</u> information in Background and Risk section in IJ

# SCORE = 3

- · Complete or clear IJ
- Review panel <u>can verify</u> or substantiate <u>all</u> information in Background and Risk section in IJ

#### Prioritization

As part of the FY 2009 NSGP application package, the template for the Prioritization of Investment Justifications will allow the SAA to easily provide a prioritized list of applicants, ranked in consideration of two factors:

- Need -- The relative need for the nonprofit organization compared to the other applicants
- Impact -- The potential impact of the nonprofit investment on achieving maximum prevention and/or protection results at minimal cost

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### Applicants Excluded from SAA/UAWG Review or Not Forwarded for National Review

Nonprofit organizations that did not receive SAA/UAWG review and/or were excluded from the applicant pool that were forwarded for National Review need to be listed in this worksheet. The *Prioritization of IJs* worksheet is intended to capture applicants who have or have not satisfied the eligibility requirements outlined under the FY 2009 NSGP. If the SAA/UAWG removes an applicant from consideration for funding, please use the *Applications Not Forwarded* worksheet to provide reason(s) for such exclusion.

# Submitting SAA/UAWG Scores and the Prioritization of IJs

The FY 2009 NSGP files should be organized according to score and then combined into Adobe PDF files according to score category for a maximum submission of four Adobe files (see example below, if applicable) and one Excel file (the Prioritization of Investment Justifications). The following file naming convention <u>must</u> be used when submitting required documents as part of the FY 2009 NSGP: "FY 2009 NSGP <State Abbreviation>\_<Score Category>" and "FY 2009 NSGP <State Abbreviation>\_Prioritization of Investment Justifications>."

#### For example:

- State Name Score 0
- State Name Score 1
- State Name Score 2
- State Name Score 3

The attached application tracker must be submitted to FEMA with the applicable Investment Justifications **no later than 11:59 PM EDT, March 20, 2009**. The NSGP Guidance and Application Kit is also located at <a href="http://www.fema.gov/grants">http://www.fema.gov/grants</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at <a href="mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov">askcsid@dhs.gov</a> or (800) 368-6498.

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# Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Submitted Application On Time (Yes/No) Recommended for National Review (Yes/No) AEL Categories Allowable\*\* (Yes/No) Exceeds Page Limit (Yes/No) Previous NSGP Funding Amount (i.e., \$75,000) Previous NSGP Funding Year (i.e., FY 2007) 501(c)(3) Number (Yes/No) DUNS Number (Yes/No) AEL Categories Requested (List All AEL Categories) Contractual Agent with DHS (Yes/No) SAA Prioritization (In Rank Order) FY 2009 Federal Funding Request FY 2009 Grantee Match Urban Area Nonprofit Organization

<sup>&</sup>quot;If the Other category is selected, please identify the organization type.

\*\*Note, only AEL Categories 14, 15, and Training are allowed under FY 2009 NSGP.

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State	Urban Area	Nonprofit Organization	Reason for Exclusion from National Review			
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