



# Homeland Security

## FY 2012 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D* (Public Law 112-74), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The program provides funding specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations and seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The program is also designed 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 2012 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG).

***In FY 2012, DHS will award \$10,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.***

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### Funding

In FY 2012, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$10,000,000. Each nonprofit organization must apply through their State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award. The FY 2012 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.

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### Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2012 NSGP are SAAs on behalf of nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) determined to be at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the designated FY 2012 UASI-eligible urban areas will be required to provide their applications to their respective SAA. Applicants will also be required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA.

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### Funding Guidelines

FY 2012 NSGP allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. Thus, funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15).

Additionally, a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be used for management and administration (M&A) purposes associated with the grant award. The period of performance for NSGP is 24 months from the date of award.

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## **Key FY 2012 NSGP Changes**

- In order to ensure standardization across all grant programs and cooperative agreements issued by DHS, NSGP's Guidance was reformatted for consistency and renamed to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
  - Priorities for NSGP support the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive - 8 (PPD-8) and the NPG. FY 2012 NSGP has been aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
  - Reduces the period of performance from 36 months to 24 months
  - Removes the Semi-Annual Assistance Progress Report (SAPR) reporting requirement in lieu of the Standard Form-Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report on progress towards implementing program-specific performance measures
  - Expands the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that has previously been purchased with both federal and other sources of funding as long as direct linkage can be provided to one of the core capabilities within the NPG
  - Removes optional 25 percent (25%) cost match as part of their Investment Justification which was previously allowed under FY 2011 NSGP
  - Highest weighted applicants are now defined as having "the highest risk of terrorism-related activity due to their ideology, beliefs and mission" instead of those having a religious affiliation
  - Removes the establishment of local Citizen Corps Council membership as an eligibility requirement
  - Requires NSGP recipients be located in Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) membership states in support of the NPG
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## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

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. FY 2012 NSGP evaluation criteria include items such as:

- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution(s) that renders the site as possible target of terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts
- Complete, feasible Investment Justifications that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and build or sustain a core capability identified in the NPG
- Not having received prior years' NSGP funding
- Risk profile