

Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (FY18 NSGP)

** Download the FY18 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) [here](#). **

** Download the FY18 NSGP Investment Justification Template [here](#). **

Background

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141) and as authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Pub. L. No. 107-296), as amended; the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are vulnerable to terrorism. The NSGP promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies

What is the performance period of this grant?

September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2021

What is the maximum award?

Awards will be capped at \$100,000.

Who is eligible to apply?

Ohio EMA, a division of the Department of Public Safety, is the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for federal preparedness funding and is the only eligible applicant for the state of Ohio and will submit eligible applications to DHS/FEMA on behalf of local sub-applicants. Eligible sub-applicants include 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. For NSGP-S, nonprofit organizations may be located anywhere within a state or territory.

NOTE: Applicants must have a valid [DUNS](#) number.

How does an eligible applicant submit an application?

Application materials must be submitted in triplicate (original and two copies) via certified mail and postmarked no later than **June 8, 2018**. Incomplete or late applications will be immediately disqualified. Send applications to:

**Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Grants Branch
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd
Columbus, Ohio 43235
ATTN: FY18 NSGP Application**

As part of the FY18 NSGP application each eligible nonprofit sub-applicant must submit the following three documents to the SAA:

1. NSGP Investment Justification (IJ)

Each sub-applicant, must develop a formal IJ that addresses each investment proposed for funding. Security enhancements must be for the locations that the nonprofit occupies at the time of application. The investments or projects described in the IJ must:

- Address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and build or sustain a core capability identified in the Goal;
- Demonstrate the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by DHS/FEMA;
- Be both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed;
- Be able to be fully completed within the three-year period of performance; and
- Be consistent with all applicable requirements outlined in the NOFO.

2. Vulnerability/Risk Assessment

Each sub-applicant must include its vulnerability/risk assessment on which the request in the IJ is based.

3. Mission Statement

Each sub-applicant must include its Mission Statement and any mission implementing policies or practices that may elevate the organization's risk. Recognizing the impact an organization's ideology, beliefs, or mission may have on their risk of potential terrorist threats.

What is the application review criteria?

The following are the primary FY18 NSGP evaluation criteria:

- Identification and substantiation of current or persistent threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, or mission
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts
- Complete and feasible IJ that addresses an identified risk, including the assessed threat, vulnerability, and consequence of the risk, and proposes building or sustaining a core capability identified in the Goal

What is the application review process for NSGP-S?

The SAA (Ohio EMA) will review applications based on the evaluation criteria and recommend to FEMA/DHS which nonprofit organizations should be selected for funding. The SAA will also base its recommendations on the SAA's subject matter expertise and discretion with consideration to the following factors:

- **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. DHS/FEMA Program Analysts will review the IJs recommended by the SAA to ensure that all proposed investments are allowable.

How does FEMA determine which applications will get funded for NSGP-S?

DHS/FEMA will select nonprofits for funding as prioritized by the SAA unless proposed projects are unallowable. If prioritized IJs include unallowable projects, DHS/FEMA will decide to either partially fund the IJ or select the next prioritized IJ.

All final funding determinations will be made by the Secretary of Homeland Security, who retains the discretion to consider other factors and information in addition to DHS/FEMA's funding recommendations.

For questions relating to the submission of applications, please email rblaser@dps.ohio.gov. Ohio EMA will not provide recommendations on how to compose or prepare applications. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant and other open source guidance in preparing applications.