

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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NSGP Overview

NSGP Overview: Purpose



The NSGP helps nonprofit organizations to prevent and protect against terrorist and other extremist attacks.



NSGP funds are focused on security-related activities and projects that build capabilities to prevent or protect against potential attacks.



NSGP is a highly competitive grant, meaning that nonprofits are not guaranteed funding. Factors like total amount of funding requested, amount of funding made available, and the competitive review and scoring process inform final outcomes.



NSGP Overview: Eligibility

What type of entities/organizations are eligible to apply under NSGP?

The list below is not exhaustive and only provides examples of potential eligible organizations, all of which **must** be nonprofits.

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|  Houses of worship |  Shelters/crisis centers |
|  Educational facilities |  Event venues |
|  Medical facilities |  Science organizations |
|  Senior centers/care facilities |  Camps |
|  Community/social service |  Museums |

Eligible organizations are registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits or otherwise are organizations as described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the IRC.

What type of entities/organizations are not eligible to apply under NSGP?

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|  Utility companies |  Organizations active in politics/lobbying |
|  Governmental entities |  For-profit venues, stadiums, amusement parks, etc. |
|  For-profit hospitals |  Homeowner associations, labor unions, etc. |
|  For-profit colleges/universities |  For-profit transportation entities |
|  Volunteer fire departments |  Municipal/public schools (elementary, middle, high) |
|  Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Clubs, etc. | |









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NSGP Overview: Allowable vs. Unallowable Expenditures

Allowable Examples

-  Access controls / Cybersecurity
-  Bollards, barriers, and fences
-  Blast-resistant doors, windows, etc.
-  Contract security
-  CCTV/Security Cameras
-  Management & Administration (M&A)

Unallowable Examples

-  License plate reader software
-  Weapons and/or weapons training
-  Facial recognition software
-  General expenses, salaries, OT
-  Knox boxes/key safe
-  Proof-of-concept initiatives/studies



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Preparing for FY 2024 NSGP

Finding Application Information



Step 1: Determine your SAA

Your SAA will be the agency (listed on FEMA’s SAA webpage) for the state or territory where your facility is physically located. Physical location is based on the address of the facility as it will appear on the application. Visit FEMA.gov and search “SAA” to find your state’s POC.

Step 2: Determine your SAA’s application deadline

Contact your SAA or visit their website to determine the specific requirements for your state or territory and the application deadline. You must apply *TO your SAA* by their deadline. Subapplicants do not use the deadline published by DHS in the NOFO.

Step 3: Determine the funding stream

You will apply to either the Urban Area (UA) or State (S) funding stream based on your physical location. The list of Urban Areas is published in the NOFO. Verify with your SAA which one you should apply to.*

FEMA’s Urban Area boundaries are not the same as MSAs, city limits, etc.



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Grant Cycle Timing

Why is funding announced at a certain time?

Budget passed by Congress and signed by the President

60 days from budget to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Application period lasts 30-80 days post-NOFO. SAA submits all eligible applications to FEMA

Secretary announces funding to SAAs after Application Review period (65 days max)



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Application Elements Detailed

Reviewed by SAA ONLY

Materials required and/or requested by the SAA to validate the information in the IJ. The materials are not provided to FEMA reviewers and are not part of the federal scoring process.



Mission Statement: Used to validate information in the IJ and to categorize the facility (ideology-based, education, medical, and other)



Completed Vulnerability Assessment: Identify vulnerabilities in context of the threats and consequences of potential events at a facility/site. Proposed equipment, projects, and activities should directly link to mitigating specific vulnerabilities included in the assessment. Provides the foundation of the IJ content. Contact your SAA for local requirements. Refer to the links provided by CISA on the resource slide for self-assessments or assistance.



Supporting Documentation, if applicable: Materials to help validate/support or describe the threats, risks and vulnerabilities nonprofits may face, summarized within the investment justification, such as police or insurance reports. *Reach out to your SAA to better understand any state level requirements, processes, templates, timelines, etc.*

Reviewed by SAA and FEMA

The IJ is the only document reviewed and scored by FEMA.

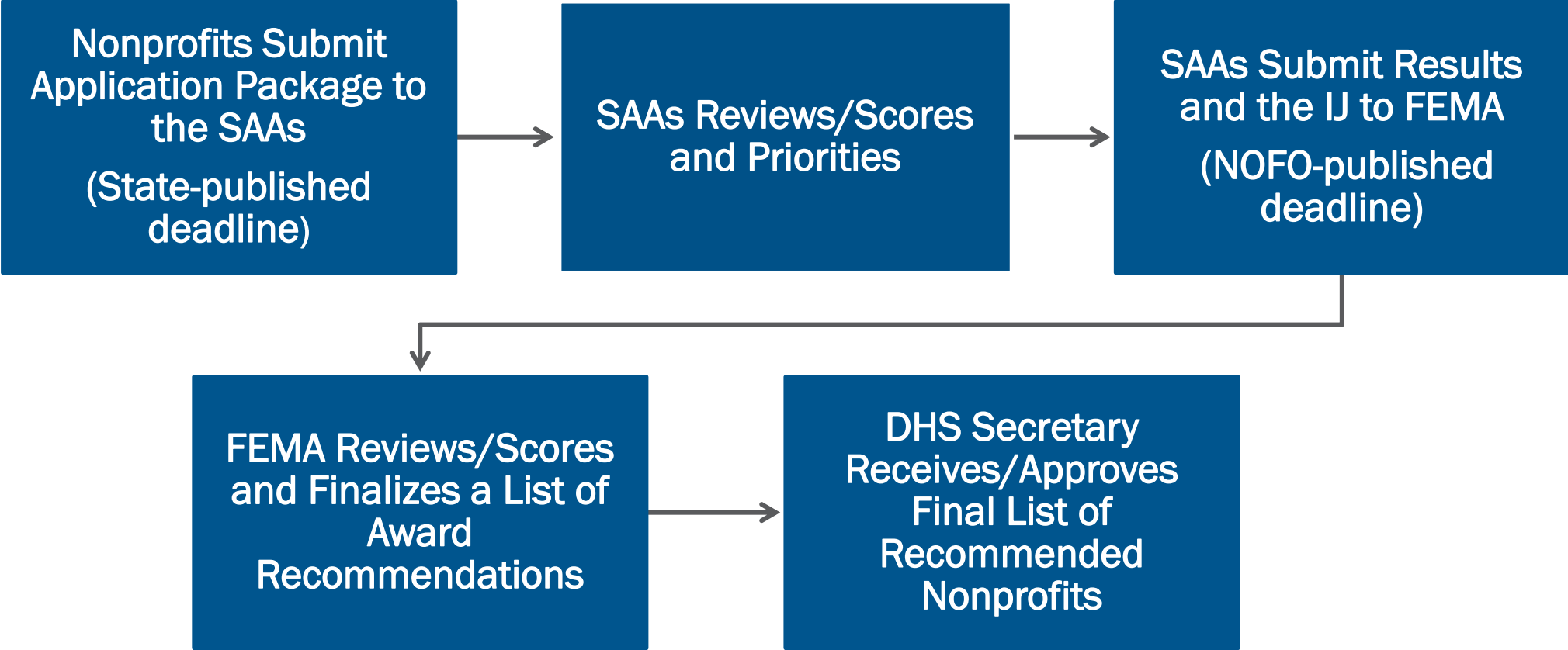


Completed Investment Justification (IJ): Outlines the investment and relevant projects. Includes summaries of information provided in mission statements, VAs, etc. Requires a budget narrative and breakdown, timeline, and project plan. Is the only document reviewed by FEMA (no attachments or supplements will be reviewed).



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NSGP Overview: Application Review and Scoring Process



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Key Takeaways/Lessons Learned

Key Takeaways: FY 2023 Applications

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Duplicative applications: If you hire a grant writer, review their work. The nonprofit MUST sign the IJ.

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Start Early: Nonprofits should consider using currently published materials to begin drafting for the next offering of NSGP.

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Administratively incomplete/insufficient: The FEMA-provided IJ must be submitted. Any incomplete packages will not be reviewed by FEMA.

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Threats/Risks/Vulnerability: Nonprofits must tie threats/risks to existing physical vulnerabilities. Must have a potential terrorism/extremism nexus.

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Unallowable/out of scope expenditures: Ensure that all requested expenditures align with program objectives.

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Direct hiring: Contract security or any hiring outside the nonprofit CANNOT be sole sourced.

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Organizations applying on behalf of ineligible entities: Nonprofits may not act as a pass through for a government or for-profit entity.

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Misaligned or unrealistic narratives, timelines, projects/activities: The IJ content and project goals should be logical, reasonable, and attainable.



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Key Takeaways: (Cont.)

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Exceeding Published Funding Cap: \$150,000 per individual IJ, not to exceed \$450,000 per nonprofit organization.

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Adobe IJ Form: Technical fixes underway to minimize errors and enhance overall IJ form.

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Explore Peer to Peer Support: Leveraging partnerships and engage with successful nonprofits.

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Vulnerability Assessments: Should be refreshed every 5 years, sooner if substantive changes in vulnerability, and/or safety/security posture.

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Bookmark State Administrative Agency (SAA) Website: Nonprofits should have their SAA's website and contact information bookmarked.

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Conflict of Interest: Avoid any actual or perception of conflict between grant writers/consultants and contractors/vendors executing post award activities.



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Resources

Ongoing Resource



- [\(NSGP\) Application Process | FEMA.gov](#)



- [What is the Nonprofit Security Grant Program? - YouTube](#)



- [State Administrative Agency \(SAA\) Contacts | FEMA.gov](#)



- [Physical Security | Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency CISA](#)



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Historical Reference



- [FY 2023 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
- [FY 2023 Preparedness Grants Manual \(PGM\) → NSGP Appendix Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#)



- [NSGP FY23 Quick Start Guide](#)
- [NSGP FY23 FAQs](#)
- [NSGP FY23 Key Changes](#)
- [NSGP FY23 Fact Sheet](#)



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