



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks.

In Fiscal Year 2020, DHS is providing \$1.12 billion to enhance the ability of states, local governments, tribes, and territories to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist acts and other hazards.

HSGP is composed of three grant programs:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP);
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI); and
- Operation Stonegarden (OPSG).

Funding

In FY 2020, the total amount of funds under the HSGP is \$1,120,000,000. Below is the funding distribution across the three grant programs:

HSGP Programs	FY 2020 Allocation
State Homeland Security Program	\$415,000,000
Urban Area Security Initiative	\$615,000,000
Operation Stonegarden	\$90,000,000
Total	\$1,120,000,000

Eligibility

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit HSGP applications to DHS/FEMA, including those applications submitted on behalf of UASI and OPSG applicants. All 56 states and territories, which includes any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, are eligible to apply for SHSP funds. A list of eligible urban areas and OPSG states can be found in the FY 2020 HSGP NOFO. Tribal

governments may not apply directly for HSGP funding; however, funding may be available to tribes under the SHSP and OPSG through the SAA.

Eligible high-risk urban areas for the FY 2020 UASI program have been determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the United States. Subawards will be made by the SAA to the designated urban areas identified in the FY 2020 HSGP NOFO. In the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2020 DHS appropriations act, Congress expressed its intent that the Secretary fund up to 85 percent of nationwide risk in the UASI program. In accordance with that intent, the Secretary designated 32 urban areas eligible for funding under the UASI program. This is an increase from the 31 urban areas eligible in FY 2019.

Under the FY 2020 OPSG Program, subrecipients eligible to apply for and receive a sub-award directly from the SAA are divided into three tiers. Tier 1 entities are local units of government at the county level or equivalent and Federally recognized tribal governments that are on a physical border in states bordering Canada, states bordering Mexico, and states and territories with international water borders. Tier 2 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water border but are contiguous to a Tier 1 county. Tier 3 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water border but are contiguous to a Tier 2 eligible subrecipient. The tier structure is only applicable with regard to eligibility. OPSG funding allocations are based on the assessed border security risks as determined by the USBP.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2020 allocation process for SHSP, UASI and OPSG will be as follows:

SHSP Allocations

For FY 2020, DHS/FEMA will award SHSP funds based on risk and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed use of grant funds. Targeted allocation ranges are provided for each State based on DHS/FEMA's relative risk methodology pursuant to the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. States are strongly encouraged to apply for funding at least 15% over the high end of their target allocation range as ineffective applications will not be funded. Final award amounts will be based on DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects.

UASI Allocations

For FY 2020, DHS/FEMA will award funding based on risk and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed use of grant funds. Targeted allocation ranges are provided for each high-risk urban area based on DHS/FEMA's relative risk methodology pursuant to the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for funding at least 15% over the high end of their target allocation range as ineffective applications will not be funded. Final award amounts will be based on DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects.

OPSG Allocations

For FY 2020, DHS/FEMA will award OPSG funds based on risk and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed use of grant funds. The FY 2020 OPSG risk assessment is designed to identify the risk to border security and to assist with the distribution of funds for

the grant program. Entities eligible for funding are the state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that are located along the border of the United States. Final award amounts will be based on DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects.

National Priority Investments for SHSP and UASI

Further, SHSP and UASI applicants will be required to submit an Investment Justification (IJ) for each of the following four national priorities and their associated minimum spend requirements:

1. Enhancing cybersecurity (including election security);
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (including election security);
3. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS; and
4. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction [WMDs], unmanned aerial systems [UASs], etc.).

For complete details on the FY 2020 HSGP allocation process, see the FY 2020 HSGP NOFO.

Application Process

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 needing 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 needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

HSGP Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with HSGP:

- The FY 2020 HSGP NOFO and [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) are located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.