In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing $180 million for security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.

Overview
The FY 2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute the 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.

Funding
In FY 2021, the total amount of funds under this grant program is $180 million, of which $90 million is for NSGP-Urban Area (UA) and $90 million is for NSGP-State (S).

Eligibility
The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2021 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations that 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-UA, nonprofit organizations must be located within one of the FY 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas, listed in the FY 2021 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). For NSGP-S, nonprofit organizations may be located anywhere within a state or territory, outside of a UASI-designated urban area.

Funding Guidelines
FY 2021 NSGP allowable costs are focused on security-related activities. Funding can be used for contracted security personnel, as well as security-related planning, exercises, training and the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization at the time of application.
Application Process

Applying for an award under the NSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early, as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2021 NSGP NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at 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 May 14, 2021.

NSGP Resources

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

- The FY 2021 NSGP NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.
- The FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual is located online at www.fema.gov/grants.
- 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 grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk, via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.