



# Homeland Security

## FY 2014 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76); and authorized by Section 2003 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, (Public Law 107-296), as amended (6 U.S.C. § 604); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 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 a 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 2014 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal).

*In FY 2014, DHS will award \$13,000,000 for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.*

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### Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$13,000,000. Each nonprofit organization must apply through its State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award. The FY 2014 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

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2014 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which have been determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be at high risk of terrorist attack. Eligible nonprofits must be located within one of the designated FY 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)-eligible Urban Areas, listed in Appendix A.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

FY 2014 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). A maximum of up to five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be retained by the State and any funds retained are to be used solely for M&A purposes associated with the NSGP. Recipient non-profit organizations may also use up to five percent (5%) of their FY 2014 NSGP funds for M&A purposes associated with the award.

The period of performance for NSGP is 24 months from the date of award.

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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 2014 NSGP evaluation criteria include items such as:

- Verification that the nonprofit organization is located within one of the designated FY 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)-eligible Urban Areas;
- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the United States) 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 terrorist attacks;
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments;
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts;
- Complete, feasible IJs that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and build or sustain a core capability identified in the Goal;
- Not having received prior years' NSGP funding; and
- Risk profile.