

Fiscal Year 2021 Intercity Bus Security (IBSGP) Grant Program

In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$2 million to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect intercity bus companies and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Overview

The FY 2021 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. The IBSGP provides funds to intercity bus companies to protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2021, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program is \$2 million. FY 2021 IBSGP funds are awarded to support the creation of a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus companies and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants under the FY 2021 IBSGP are private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus that have completed a vulnerability assessment and developed a security plan that the DHS Secretary has approved as described in Section 1531 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*.

Eligibility for funding is limited to applicants that meet one or both of the following criteria:

- Operate fixed-route intercity bus transportation providing services to one or more historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas.
- Operate a charter bus service using over-the-road buses and provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more historically eligible UASI-designated urban areas.



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Funding Guidelines

IBSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2021 IBSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Applicants will receive a 20-percent increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following three National Priority Areas in their Investment Justifications:

1. Cybersecurity;
2. Soft targets and crowded places; and
3. Emerging threats (e.g., domestic violent extremists, transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], weapons of mass destruction [WMDs], etc.).

Application Process

Applying for an award under the IBSGP 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 IBSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for detailed information and instructions

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days before the May 14, 2021 application deadline 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 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except federal holidays.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on May 14, 2021.

IBSGP Resources

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with IBSGP, including:

- The FY 2021 IBSGP 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, applicants may 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 to ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.