FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Key Changes

Release Date: 4? 16, 2024

Download a PDF copy of this webpage

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) consists of three individual grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). This document outlines key changes for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 HSGP.

Cost Information Moved from the Preparedness Grants Manual

The majority of information on funding restrictions and allowable costs has moved from the Preparedness Grants Manual (PGM) to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Please refer to Section D of the HSGP FY 2024 NOFO for detailed information on these cost categories.

FEMA Grants Outcomes System

Applicants must apply to the HSGP on the new FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) platform. The previous Non-Disaster Grants (ND Grants) platform will become a legacy system for grant programs from FY 2023 and earlier. For more information about FEMA GO, please review Section D of the HSGP NOFO and FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) | FEMA.gov for additional guidance and tools.

SHSP and UASI National Priority Areas

There are six National Priority Areas (NPA) for FY 2024, consistent with the six NPAs in FY 2023. The primary change for FY 2024 is that only the Enhancing Election Security NPA maintains a 3% minimum spend. SHSP and UASI applicants must include Investment Justification (IJ) for the NPA with a minimum

spend requirement. All projects related to meeting the minimum spend for that NPA must be included in the same IJ.

The six NPAs, along with the relevant minimum spend requirement, are:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – **NEW** no minimum spend;
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis – **NEW** no minimum spend;
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – **NEW** no minimum spend;
4. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum spend;
5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – **NEW** no minimum spend; and
6. Enhancing election security – 3% minimum spend.

Applicants must spend a minimum of 30% of their SHSP and UASI awards across the six NPAs but have flexibility on how that funding is allocated. Only the Enhancing Election Security NPA has a minimum spend requirement of 3%. The remaining 27% can be allocated across any of the NPAs. Additionally, with this flexibility, activities that support more than one NPA may be included under only one NPA IJ but still count toward the 30% minimum spend without having to be broken out into separate projects or activities in more than one IJ.

National Cybersecurity Review Requirements

Recipients of FY 2024 HSGP grant awards who do not accept the funding allocated to them through the FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) will be required to complete the 2024 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. Completion of the NCSR is optional for all other recipients of FY 2024 HSGP funding. The Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. The 2024 NCSR is estimated to be open from October 2024 through February 2025.

FEMA

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Minimum Allocation

The minimum percent that SHSP and UASI recipients must allocate toward Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) remains at 35% in FY 2024. Please refer to Section C.4.c of the FY 2024 HSGP NOFO for additional guidance and information on allowable LETPAs. Investments that support LETPAs can also support an NPA (e.g., an investment can be counted as supporting both the Soft Targets/Crowded Places and LETPA minimum allocation requirements, if applicable). The 35% LETPA allocation can be from SHSP, UASI, or both, and may be met by funding projects in any combination of the six NPAs identified above and any other investments.