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MEMORANDUM FOR: All State Administrative Agency Heads
All State Administrative Agency Points of Contact
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All State Homeland Security Directors
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SUBJECT: Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) National Security
Supplemental (NSS) Federal Scoring Update

I. Purpose

This Information Bulletin (IB) provides an update to federal scoring practices for the NSGP-NSS Investment Justifications (IJs) currently under review.

II. Applicability

This IB is applicable to the eligible state and territory applicants (State Administrative Agencies) under the NSGP-NSS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Funding Opportunity Number DHS-24-GPD-008-00-98.

III. Guidance

This guidance pertains to a change in the federal scoring practices as listed in the NOFO for NSGP-NSS IJs currently under review. In accordance with Executive Order 14151 of January 20, 2025: “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing”, federal agencies are directed to “...terminate all discriminatory programs, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” (DEIA) mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities in the Federal Government, under whatever name they appear.” In accordance with this directive, the Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) will no longer be used to assess bonus points for IJs. The CEJST has been officially discontinued. All other aspects of the application review process remain consistent with the NOFO.

IV. Questions

Questions regarding this IB may directed to your assigned FEMA NSGP Preparedness Officer (PO) or to FEMA Grants News at (800) 368-6498 or fema-grants-news@fema.gov. FEMA Grants News hours of operation are from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

V. Review Date

This IB will be reviewed, updated or rescinded as needed.