



# Fiscal Year 2008 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program

Department of Homeland Security

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide \$11,172,250 to private intercity bus operators under the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. IBSGP funds support operators of fixed route intercity and charter bus services. Over half of the funds (55 percent) will be awarded to **Tier I** operators, which are the larger intercity bus systems in the country and own at least 250 operational over-the-road buses. The remaining 45 percent will be awarded to **Tier II** operators, which comprise the remaining eligible bus company operators around the country.

## FY 2008 IBSGP Highlights

Important highlights in the FY 2008 IBSGP are:

- **Eligibility** – In accordance with Public Law 110-53, “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007,” only operators of over-the-road buses are eligible for FY 2008 IBSGP funding. These include 1) private operators of fixed route intercity bus companies serving a defined Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdiction, and/or 2) operators of charter bus services using over-the-road buses that provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more UASI jurisdictions. Note that intracity bus service is covered under the FY 2008 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), not the IBSGP.
- **Cost Share Requirement** – The maximum Federal share of any project supported through IBSGP is 75%. Therefore, grantees are required to provide non-Federal funding (cash or in-kind) of at least 25% of approved project costs for the FY 2008 IBSGP. For example, if the total project cost is \$100,000, the maximum the DHS grant award would be is \$75,000 with the grantee required to provide the remaining 25%, or \$25,000, of the project cost.
- **Security Plan and Vulnerability Assessment** – In order to be eligible for a security grant award, bus operators must have conducted a vulnerability assessment, and developed and/or updated a security plan within the last three years. Applicants that do not have a current security plan and vulnerability assessment can apply for IBSGP funding to meet that requirement, but are not eligible to apply for other project types. Tier I IBSGP recipients using funds for this purpose must certify completion within one year of award. Tier II IBSGP recipients using funds for this purpose are highly encouraged to complete a security plan and vulnerability assessment within one year of award.
- **Corporate Security Review and Audit** – By accepting a FY 2008 IBSGP award, the grantee must allow DHS to perform a corporate security review and audit upon request. Grantees are required to provide information concerning critical assets, threat assessments, vulnerability assessments, security plan management, personnel security, training, exercises, cyber security, and physical security countermeasures.

## FY 2008 IBSGP Funding Priorities

As in previous years, DHS will focus FY 2008 IBSGP funding on operators serving the Nation’s highest-risk metropolitan areas. In addition, DHS seeks to ensure that each IBSGP project reflects robust regional coordination and an integrated security strategy.

The following projects – listed in priority order – are eligible for funding in FY 2008:

- Developing a vulnerability assessment and security plan
- Covering operating and capital costs associated with over-the-road bus security awareness, preparedness, and response training (must be DHS-approved courses)
- Conducting live or simulated exercises (must be DHS-approved exercises)
- Conducting public awareness campaigns (must be DHS-approved campaigns)
- Covering operational costs to hire, train, and employ police and security officers, including canine units
- Modifying over-the-road buses
- Installing cameras and video surveillance equipment on over-the-road buses and at terminals, garages, and bus facilities
- Constructing and modifying terminals, garages, and facilities
- Establishing and improving emergency communications systems
- Implementing and operating passenger screening programs for weapons and explosives
- Protecting or isolating drivers of over-the-road buses
- Conducting chemical, biological, radiological, or explosive detection initiatives
- Acquiring, upgrading, installing, or operating equipment, software, or services for the collection, storage, or exchange of passenger and driver information
- Covering overtime reimbursement for security personnel during periods of high threat levels

Note that in FY 2008, DHS will continue to de-emphasize the procurement of closed-circuit television cameras (CCTV) for vehicles as a deterrent to terrorism. However, video systems with the capability of streaming live video to first responders are encouraged.

## Important Application Dates

- **February 1, 2008** – DHS releases the grant guidance.
- **March 17, 2008** – Grant applications are due through the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) portal 45 days after the guidance is issued.
- **May 16, 2008** – DHS announces grant awards within 60 days of the application submission deadline.

## For More Information

Below are sources of information to learn about the IBSGP and other surface transportation grant programs:

- **IBSGP Conference Calls** – TSA will provide an overview of the IBSGP and answer questions in a conference call with potential applicants on February 4, 2008 at 3:00 PM. Please join us at 1-877-988-9660 (Participant Code 6827433). Additional conference calls will be held every week on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM EST starting February 12 with the same call-in number and participant code.
- **TSA Grants Website** – [www.tsa.gov/grants](http://www.tsa.gov/grants)
- **Federal Government Grants Website** – [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- **DHS Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID)** – Call 1-800-368-6498 or e-mail [ASKCsid@dhs.gov](mailto:ASKCsid@dhs.gov).