



# Homeland Security

## FY 2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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### Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation's overall level of preparedness. NSGP provides funding to strengthen the security of nonprofit organizations that are deemed at high risk of a potential international terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas.

*In FY 2007, the DHS Nonprofit Security Grant Program will provide approximately **\$24 million** to strengthen the security of nonprofit organizations deemed at high risk of a potential attack from terrorists.*

### Purpose

The FY2007 NSGP provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are deemed at high risk of a potential terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations, the program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils.

### Funding

The UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program will provide \$24,007,500 to high-risk nonprofit organizations. Each nonprofit organization may apply through the State for up to a \$100,000 grant award.

### Eligibility

Nonprofit, 501(c) (3) organizations that are at deemed high risk of a potential terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific FY07 UASI-eligible urban areas are eligible to submit applications through their State Administrative Agency (SAA).

Criteria for determining eligible applicants who are at high risk of terrorist attack include, but are not limited to:

- Identification and substantiation (e.g. police reports or insurance claims) of prior threats or attacks against the nonprofit organization or closely related organizations (within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism

- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted risk assessments including threat, vulnerability or consequence

Not all eligible nonprofit organizations and UASI communities are guaranteed to receive funding under the FY 2007 NSGP. Allocation decisions will be made based on risk and how well applicants address program requirements through their investment justifications.

### **Program Highlights**

Nonprofit organizations must agree to match 25 percent of Federal grant funds in cash or through equivalent, related training. In the case of training projects, awardees must meet the matching requirement through cash. In no event can regular personnel costs such as salary, overtime, or other operational costs unrelated to training be used to satisfy the matching requirement.

NSGP funds must be used for target-hardening activities, which can be accomplished through training or the purchase or installation of security equipment on real property owned or leased by the nonprofit organization. Allowable equipment is limited to physical security enhancements (e.g. alarm systems, bulletproof doors or windows) or inspection and screening systems (e.g. walk-through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices). Additionally, nonprofit organization security personnel may use NSGP funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training-related costs under NSGP are limited to attendance fees for the training, and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Overtime, backfill, and/or travel expenses are not allowable costs. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of CI/KR, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness.

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

### **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

Applicants must submit Investment Justifications for funding requests that address the above criteria, as well as specific information on what activities will be implemented, what outcomes will be achieved, how the investment will be managed, and how the investment and related security enhancement activities are being coordinated with relevant State and local authorities.

Applications will be reviewed in two phases:

- 1) Prior to application submission, applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the SAA, in coordination with the Urban Area Working Group and the local Citizen Corps Council.
- 2) A panel of evaluators from relevant DHS agencies (Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Preparedness Directorate, Infrastructure Protection, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and Intelligence & Analysis) will then review the prioritized applications and make final determinations.

SAsAs must submit applications for the FY 2007 UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program online at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 22, 2007. DHS will evaluate and act on applications within 60 days of the submission deadline.