



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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ARRA Transportation Infrastructure Security Programs Overview

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges nationally. Funds received under this Act are intended to support these goals, and unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight and accountability are required of the expenditure of Act dollars. The ARRA transportation infrastructure security programs are designed to further strengthen the nation’s ability to protect critical infrastructure facilities and transit systems.

- ARRA Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
- ARRA Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Together, the ARRA TSGP and ARRA PSGP fund a range of preparedness activities centered around capital projects, equipment acquisition and Operational Packages. Transportation infrastructure security grants support objectives outlined in post-9/11 laws, strategy documents, plans, Executive Orders, Homeland Security Presidential Directives, the National Preparedness Guidelines and associated work products, including the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and its transportation sector-specific plans and Executive Order 13416 (Strengthening Surface Transportation Security).

Transportation Infrastructure Security Programs Funding Distribution – FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2009 ARRA

Program	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009 ARRA
Transit Security Grant Program	\$388,600,000	\$388,600,000	\$150,000,000
Port Security Grant Program	\$388,600,000	\$388,600,000	\$150,000,000
TOTAL	\$777,200,000	\$777,200,000	\$300,000,000

ARRA Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

Total Funding Available in FY 2009 ARRA: \$150,000,000

Purpose: The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP is to focus on the use of visible, unpredictable deterrence through the funding of Operational Packages for canine teams, mobile explosives detection screening teams, and Anti-Terrorism Teams, both due to their effectiveness in reducing risk to transit systems and their potential for job creation. In addition, funding will be provided for capital projects including Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Key Operating Asset Protection and Other Mitigation Activities. In the capital project category, preference will be given to projects demonstrating that they can be started within 90 days of release of grant funds and can be completed within 24 months.

Eligible Applicants:

With the exception of ferry systems, those eligible for funding through the FY 2009 TSGP and Amtrak are eligible for funding through the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP.

Eligibility for Operational Packages (Priority 1) is determined based on the number of authorized sworn positions for transit agency police departments and law enforcement agencies with dedicated transit bureaus. Eligible transit agencies and request thresholds were determined by the following transit police force or law enforcement provider characteristics:

- Transit police forces or law enforcement providers must employ at least 100 authorized positions dedicated to transit security as of Jan. 1, 2009;
- Funding requests are limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the force's current authorized sworn positions and the associated support equipment requests are based on number of officers requested.

Law enforcement agencies with dedicated transit bureaus are eligible through the transit agency they provide security for; the transit agency itself is the grantee, and as such must apply on behalf of the law enforcement agency. Security service providers with unsworn law enforcement officers or guards are not eligible.

To qualify for a Priority 2 Project, Shovel Ready Capital Projects for Asset Hardening, applicants must certify that the project can begin within 90 days of the release of funds. Applicants must also certify that the project will be completed within 24 months of the release of funds date. This is intended to fund construction projects that can quickly create job opportunities. As part of this fast-tracked project, applicants must submit all required Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) documentation, construction schedule and full construction budget at the time of application.

Program Awards: Of the \$150,000,000 available for funding, up to \$100,000,000 will be available for Operational Packages, and at least \$50,000,000 will be available for capital projects.

ARRA Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Total Funding Available in FY 2009 ARRA: \$150,000,000

Purpose: The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce through projects that can be implemented quickly and create jobs.

Eligible Applicants: Seven port areas have been selected as Group I (highest risk), forty-seven port areas have been selected as Group II and thirty-six port areas have been selected as Group III. Each Group I, Group II and Group III port area will compete for funding identified in their corresponding Group. These amounts are based upon the FY 2009 DHS risk analysis model. This will allow applicants to submit Investment Justifications (IJs) for projects without being confined to a set dollar amount, providing DHS the opportunity to conduct field and national reviews of each project and make awards based on the two overarching priorities of the ARRA PSGP, risk-based funding and regional security cooperation, as well as evaluating the extent to which each IJ buys-down risk for their port area.

The Fiduciary Agent process will not be utilized in the ARRA PSGP. Eligible applicants will apply directly to FEMA for funding under this program.

Ports not identified in Group I, II or III are eligible to apply as an “All Other Port Areas” applicant. “All Other Port Areas” will compete for the funding identified in this Group. “All Other Port Areas” included within Group I, II or III’s Area Maritime Security Plans (AMSP) are allowed to receive grant funds from their geographically proximate higher Group if the project has regional impact across the entire port area, but not from both funding groups for the same project.

Under a fifth group, eligible ferry systems may also apply for funding. Not all eligible ferry systems are guaranteed to receive an award.

Program Awards: Awards will be made on a fully competitive basis.

ARRA Assistance to Firefighters: Fire Station Construction Grants Overview

In addition to the FY 2009 ARRA transportation infrastructure security programs Guidance and Application Kits announced on May 29, 2009, FEMA has released the Guidance for the ARRA Assistance to Firefighters: Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) program. The application period for submittal of financial assistance requests will open on or about June 8, 2009 and continue until July 10, 2009.

Fire Station Construction (SCG) Grants

Total Funding Available in FY 2009 ARRA: \$210,000,000

Purpose: The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and achieve other purposes stated in ARRA, and achieve AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

Eligible Applicants: Non-federal fire departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

Program Awards: Awards are limited to a maximum of \$15,000,000 statutorily. Program Guidance limits funds for each project within a grant application to \$5,000,000. Applicants can include more than one project in an application, up to the \$15M limit. No allocations are made within the total appropriation to new construction versus renovation – each will compete for grant awards on the same funding priorities and rating criteria. Application reviews will begin in late August or early September. Estimates of the number of applications received will vary from a few thousand up to 8,000. The number of awards is estimated to range between 60 and 80.