



FEMA

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 HSGP?

A core mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance the ability of state, local and tribal governments to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The HSGP is a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. The HSGP is comprised of four interconnected grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and Citizen Corps Program (CCP). Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises and management and administration. Per the 9/11 Act and the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329), states are also required to ensure that at least 25 percent of their SHSP award funds and 25 percent of their UASI award funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 HSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2009 HSGP will be about \$1.7 billion.

HSGP Programs	FY 2009 Funding
State Homeland Security Grant	\$861,265,000
Urban Areas Security Initiative	\$798,631,250
Metropolitan Medical Response System	\$39,831,404
Citizen Corps Program	\$14,572,500
Total	\$1,714,300,154

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 HSGP funds?

The Governor of each State and territory is required to designate a State Administrative Agency (SAA) to apply for and administer the funds awarded under HSGP. **The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for HSGP funds.** Specifically, eligible applicants for the four programs are:

- **SHSP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- **UASI.** The 62 highest risk urban areas eligible for funding under the FY 2009 program.
- **MMRS.** As in previous years, 124 cities are eligible for MMRS funding.
- **CCP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 HSGP?

The key milestones associated with HSGP are:

- Nov. 5, 2008: HSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- March 20, 2009: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2009 HSGP funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for HSGP will be based on risk analysis and the anticipated effectiveness of proposed investments by the applicants. FEMA is announcing targeted allocations for the SHSP and UASI programs, with final allocations based on effectiveness announced later in the year.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 HSGP?

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2009 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2009 HSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, March 20, 2009.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- To access application forms and instructions, please refer to <http://www.grants.gov>, the CFDA number for HSGP is **97.067**. If you experience difficulties or have any questions, please call the [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2009 HSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.