

**2021 VERMONT NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (NSGP)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
AMENDMENT (Updated 3/1/2021)**



Overview of KEY CHANGES

Annually, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issues the Fiscal Year (FY) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

Subrecipients must follow the programmatic requirements in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#), and the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 200.

On February 25, 2021, FEMA released the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity, resulting in some changes to items previously outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Except as specified in this amendment, all other terms and conditions remain unchanged for Request for Proposal. The effective date of this amendment is March 1, 2021. All applicants should consider these changes as they put together their applications.

Application Deadline

Application deadline is extended from March 5, 2021 to March 12, 2021.

All applications and supporting documentation must be RECEIVED by the Homeland Security Unit office by Friday, March 12th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. EST. Proposals received after this date and time may NOT be eligible for consideration.

To facilitate processing, completed grant applications and supporting documentation must be sent via email to DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov. Your application and supporting documentation must be received no later than the due date and time listed above. If it arrives at 3:01 p.m. EST, it will be considered late.

Application Maximum

FEMA has increased the total maximum award amount for sub-recipients under the Nonprofit Program. The original amount was \$100,00.00 and it has now been increased to \$150,000.00 with applicants able to apply for up to three sites totaling \$450,000.00

Eligibility:

The following entities are not eligible to apply under NSGP:

- Utility companies
- For profit transportation companies, such as a company offering bus service
- For profit hospitals
- Organizations active in politics, lobbying, and advocacy work
 - Volunteer fire departments
 - Community service organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Clubs)
 - Homeowner Associations
- Labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations
 - Labor unions, county fairs, and flower societies are examples of these types of these groups

This is not an exhaustive list. If there are any questions about eligibility, please contact DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov.

Allowable Costs (Equipment):

In addition to equipment in category 14 and 15 of the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL), The following two items have been added to the allowable equipment list:

06CP-01-PORT	Radio, Portable	Individual/portable radio transceivers.
03OE-03-MEGA	System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile	Systems for mass audio notification, including vehicle-mounted high-powered speaker systems, or battery powered megaphone / public address systems with corded microphone.

A complete list of Allowable Equipment can be found on the Homeland Security Unit Website (updated effective 3/1/21)

Unallowable Costs:

The list has been updated the following:

This list is not exhaustive, therefore, if there are any questions regarding allowable costs, please contact the DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov. For additional information on allowable costs, see the Preparedness Grants Manual.

- Maintenance costs
- Shipping costs
- Overtime, backfill, and/or travel expenses
- Weapons or weapons related training
- Organization costs, and operational overtime costs
- Hiring of public safety personnel
- General-use expenditures
- Initiatives that do not address the implementation of programs/initiatives to build prevention and protection-focused capabilities directed at identified facilities and/or the surrounding communities
- The development of risk/vulnerability assessment models
- Initiatives that fund risk or vulnerability security assessments or the development of the IJ
- Initiatives in which Federal agencies are the beneficiary or that enhance Federal property

- Initiatives which study technology development
- Proof-of-concept initiatives
- Initiatives that duplicate capabilities being provided by the Federal Government
- Organizational operating expenses
- Reimbursement of pre-award security expenses
- License Plate Reader Systems (LPRs)
- Knox Boxes
- Landscaping
- Sexual Predator Screening Database

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- Vulnerability Assessment:
 - Please note that it is very important that the project applied for clearly addresses the vulnerabilities identified in vulnerability/ risk assessments. For instance, if you are requesting door locks, the vulnerability assessment should explain what weaknesses exist in access control throughout the building.
- When applying, please be as specific as possible. All proposed projects and activities should be thoroughly detailed, costs justified, and link to the Vulnerability Assessment.

Example 1: Fencing: 240 feet of 8-foot chain length fence to address vulnerability breaching along the west side of the facility.

$$420 \text{ feet} \times \$208.33 \text{ per foot} = \$50,000$$

Example 2: \$5,000 for 8 exterior cameras, 3 located on lighting poles in the parking lot, 1 adjacent to the main entrance to the facility, and 1 on each corner of the building (4 corners) to address inability to monitor the exterior of our facility and identify suspicious activity.

$$8 \text{ cameras} \times \$625 = \$5,000$$

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov.

Additional resources (including Overview Presentations and Application Walk-Throughs) for completing applications may be found on the [Homeland Security Unit website](#).

FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Department of Homeland Security
 FY2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Program
 Assistance Listings Number (formerly CFDA Number): 97.008
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<https://www.fema.gov/nonprofit-security-grant-program>