Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Information for State Administrative Agencies (SAA)

1. **What is the purpose of the FY 2020 NSGP?**

   The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute Department of Homeland Security (DHS) DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks.

2. **What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2020 NSGP?**

   NSGP is authorized by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020* (Pub. L. No. 116-93) and Sections 2003 and 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Pub. L. No. 107-296, as amended) (6 U.S.C. §§ 604 and 605).

3. **How much funding is available under the FY 2020 NSGP?**

   The total amount of funds available under the FY 2020 NSGP is $90 million:

   o $50 million for NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA); and
   o $40 million for NSGP-State (NSGP-S).

4. **What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?**

   The FY 2020 NSGP-UA funding amount is the same as FY 2019. The FY 2020 NSGP-S is $30 million more than FY 2019.

5. **Where is the FY 2020 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity located?**

   The FY 2020 NSGP NOFO is located online at http://www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. **Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 NSGP funds?**

   The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2020 NSGP funds on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations that are:

1. Described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code.

2. Able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack; and

3. For NSGP-UA, located within a FY 2020 UASI-designated urban area; or for NSGP-S, located outside of a FY 2020 UASI-designated urban area.

Each nonprofit organization must apply through its SAA. For NSGP-UA, the maximum award is $100,000. For NSGP-S, the SAA may determine an award cap for individual subawards up to a maximum of $100,000 or the total allocation for that state/territory, whichever is lower.

7. How will the FY 2020 NSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the NSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at http://www.grants.gov. Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the Non Disaster (ND) Grants System. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 NSGP?

- February 14, 2020: Release date for the FY 2020 NSGP NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 NSGP are due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2020 NSGP Program funds be allocated?

FY 2020 NSGP-UA applications will be reviewed through a two-phased process that includes a SAA and federal review for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification (IJ) addresses the identified risk. For additional information on how IJs are reviewed and scored at the SAA and federal levels, please refer to the full FY 2020 NSGP NOFO.

10. What is the FY 2020 NSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. 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@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.