Fiscal Year 2021 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2021 TSGP?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. TSGP provides funds to public transit agencies to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2021 TSGP Program?

The TSGP is authorized by Section 1406 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Pub. L. No. 110-53), codified at 6 U.S.C. § 1135, and the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2021* (Pub. L. No. 116-260).
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3. How much funding is available under the FY 2021 TSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2021 TSGP will be $88 million.

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2020 and FY 2021?

The FY 2021 funding level for the TSGP is the same as FY 2020.

5. Where is the FY 2021 TSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2021 TSGP NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2021 TSGP funds?

Public transit agencies eligible for the FY 2021 TSGP are determined based upon daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas. A complete list of eligible transit agencies is located in the FY2021 TSGP NOFO.

Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2021 TSGP and receive funds. However, any ferry system electing to participate and receive funds under the FY 2021 TSGP will not be eligible to participate in the FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and will not be considered for funding under the FY 2021 PSGP. Likewise, any ferry system that participates in the PSGP will not be eligible for funding under the TSGP.

7. What types of security-related activities are allowable under the TSGP?

Allowable activities and costs will generally fall under one of the following categories:

- Planning
- Operational Activities, including Operational Packages
- Equipment and Capital Projects
- Training and Awareness Campaigns
- Exercises
- Maintenance and Sustainment

Please refer to the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for detailed information on these allowable cost categories.

8. What makes a strong Investment Justification (IJ)?

- Clearly identified risks, vulnerabilities, and consequences;
- Description of findings from a previously conducted vulnerability assessment;
- Details of any incident(s) including description, dates etc.;
- A brief description of any supporting documentation (such as police reports or photographs) that is submitted as part of the application, if applicable;
- Explanation of how the investments proposed will mitigate or address the vulnerabilities identified from a vulnerability assessment;
- Establish a clear linkage with investment(s) and core capabilities (See [National Preparedness Goal);](#)
- Verify all proposed activities are allowable costs per the FY 2021 TSGP NOFO;
- Realistic milestones that consider the [Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP)](#) review process, if applicable; and
- Description of the project manager(s) level of experience.

9. How will the FY 2021 TSGP applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the TSGP is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact the ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2021 TSGP NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at www.grants.gov at least two weeks before the final application deadline. 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 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on May 14, 2021.

10. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2021 TSGP?

- February 25, 2021: Release date for the FY 2021 NOFO.
- May 14, 2021, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2021 TSGP are due to FEMA.

11. How will the FY 2021 TSGP funds be allocated?

TSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2021 TSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following three National Priority Areas in their IJs:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Soft targets and crowded places
3. Emerging threats

12. What is the FY 2021 TSGP Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

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

- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail at ask-gmd@fema.dhs.gov.