

**The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

NOTE: If you are going to apply for this funding opportunity and have **not** obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or **are not** currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), please take immediate action to obtain a DUNS Number, if applicable, and then to register immediately in SAM. It may take four weeks or more after you submit your SAM registration before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize your information. Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from Grants.gov at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

A. Program Description

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- State Homeland Security Program
- Urban Area Security Initiative
- Operation Stonegarden

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Authorizing Authority for Program
Section 2002 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Pub. L. No. 107-296, as amended)
(6 U.S.C. § 603)

Appropriation Authority for Program
Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2019 (Pub. L. No. 116-6)

Program Type
New

Program Overview, Objectives and Priorities

Overview

One of the core missions of DHS/FEMA is to enhance the ability of state, territory, local, and tribal governments to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. DHS/FEMA's comprehensive suite of grant programs are an important part of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness. The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is one tool among a comprehensive set of initiatives authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The [2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) creates a shared vision for the field of emergency management and sets an ambitious, yet achievable, path forward to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country. The HSGP supports the goal of Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters. We invite all our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building a more prepared and resilient Nation.

Objectives

Within this broader construct, the objective of the FY 2019 HSGP is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): The SHSP supports state, local, tribal, and territorial preparedness activities that address high priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI): The UASI Program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG): OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. OPSG provides funding to support joint efforts to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada as well as states and territories with international water borders.

Performance Metrics

Performance metrics for this program are as follows:

SHSP and UASI:

- Percent improvement in Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) capabilities against Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) targets; and
- Percent of states and territories with a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and SPR that meet current DHS/FEMA guidance.

OPSG:

- Percent of funding that provides intelligence-based operational support; and
- Percent of funding that provides force multiplier activities across two or more state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies.

For purposes of the SHSP and UASI program, DHS/FEMA requires states, territories, and high-risk urban areas to complete a THIRA/SPR and to prioritize grant funding to support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in this process. Additional information on the THIRA/SPR process, including other National Preparedness System (NPS) tools and resources, can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>.

Priorities

DHS/FEMA continually assesses changes to the threat landscape to further the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient nation. This analysis provides a perspective on critical preparedness trends for whole community partners to use to inform program priorities, allocate resources, and communicate with stakeholders about issues of shared concern. DHS/FEMA have identified the following as national priority areas:

- Emerging Threats, including Cybersecurity
- Lifelines (more information found in this [fact sheet](#) and [toolkit](#))
 - Safety and Security
 - Food, Water, Sheltering
 - Health and Medical
 - Energy
 - Communications
 - Transportation
 - Hazardous Material

In addition to addressing gaps identified by SPRs, recipients should consider funding projects that address the above priorities of DHS/FEMA.

B. Federal Award Information

Award Amounts, Important Dates, and Extensions

Available Funding for the HSGP NOFO: \$1,095,000,000

HSGP Programs	FY 2019 Allocation
State Homeland Security Program	\$415,000,000
Urban Area Security Initiative	\$590,000,000
Operation Stonegarden	\$90,000,000
Total	\$1,095,000,000

FY 2019 SHSP ALLOCATIONS

State/Territory	FY 2019 Allocation	State/Territory	FY 2019 Allocation
Alabama	\$4,077,500	Montana	\$4,077,500
Alaska	\$4,077,500	Nebraska	\$4,077,500
American Samoa	\$1,000,000	Nevada	\$4,077,500
Arizona	\$4,077,500	New Hampshire	\$4,077,500
Arkansas	\$4,077,500	New Jersey	\$8,000,000
California	\$62,011,000	New Mexico	\$4,077,500
Colorado	\$4,077,500	New York	\$76,930,000
Connecticut	\$4,077,500	North Carolina	\$5,750,000
Delaware	\$4,077,500	North Dakota	\$4,077,500
District of Columbia	\$5,750,000	Northern Mariana	\$1,000,000
Florida	\$10,566,000	Ohio	\$7,000,000
Georgia	\$5,750,000	Oklahoma	\$4,077,500
Guam	\$1,000,000	Oregon	\$4,077,500
Hawaii	\$4,077,500	Pennsylvania	\$9,200,000
Idaho	\$4,077,500	Puerto Rico	\$4,077,500
Illinois	\$15,712,000	Rhode Island	\$4,077,500
Indiana	\$4,077,500	South Carolina	\$4,077,500
Iowa	\$4,077,500	South Dakota	\$4,077,500
Kansas	\$4,077,500	Tennessee	\$4,077,500
Kentucky	\$4,077,500	Texas	\$20,591,000
Louisiana	\$4,077,500	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,000,000
Maine	\$4,077,500	Utah	\$4,077,500
Maryland	\$8,000,000	Vermont	\$4,077,500
Massachusetts	\$7,000,000	Virginia	\$9,200,000
Michigan	\$5,750,000	Washington	\$7,000,000
Minnesota	\$4,077,500	West Virginia	\$4,077,500
Mississippi	\$4,077,500	Wisconsin	\$4,077,500
Missouri	\$4,077,500	Wyoming	\$4,077,500
Total			\$415,000,000

FY 2019 UASI ALLOCATIONS

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area	FY 2019 UASI Allocation
Arizona	Phoenix Area	\$4,000,000
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$5,000,000
	Bay Area	\$27,500,000
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$68,000,000
	Riverside Area	\$3,250,000
	Sacramento Area	\$3,250,000
	San Diego Area	\$16,900,000
Colorado	Denver Area	\$3,250,000
District of Columbia	National Capital Region	\$52,750,000
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$7,000,000
	Orlando Area	\$3,250,000
	Tampa Area	\$3,250,000
Georgia	Atlanta Area	\$6,000,000
Hawaii	Honolulu Area	\$3,250,000
Illinois	Chicago Area	\$68,000,000
Maryland	Baltimore Area	\$4,000,000
Massachusetts	Boston Area	\$16,900,000
Michigan	Detroit Area	\$5,000,000
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area	\$5,000,000
Missouri	St. Louis Area	\$3,250,000
Nevada	Las Vegas Area	\$5,000,000
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$20,050,000
New York	New York City Area	\$178,750,000
Oregon	Portland Area	\$3,250,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area	\$16,900,000
	Pittsburgh Area	\$3,250,000
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$16,900,000
	Houston Area	\$24,600,000
	San Antonio Area	\$3,250,000
Virginia	Hampton Roads Area	\$3,250,000
Washington	Seattle Area	\$6,000,000
Total		\$590,000,000

Period of Performance: 36 months

Extensions to the Period of Performance (PoP) are allowed. For additional information on PoP extensions, refer to the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: September 1, 2019

Projected Period of Performance End Date: August 31, 2022

Funding Instrument: Grant

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit HSGP applications to DHS/FEMA, including those applications submitted on behalf of UASI and OPSG applicants. All 56 states and territories, including any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, are eligible to apply for SHSP funds. Tribal governments may not apply directly for HSGP funding; however, funding may be available to tribes under the SHSP and OPSG through the SAA.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible high-risk urban areas for the FY 2019 UASI program have been determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States. Subawards will be made by the SAAs to the designated high-risk urban areas.

Eligible subrecipients under FY 2019 OPSG are local units of government at the county level or equivalent level of government and federally-recognized tribal governments in states bordering Canada or Mexico and states and territories with international water borders. All applicants must have active ongoing USBP operations coordinated through a CBP sector office to be eligible for OPSG funding.

Under FY 2019 OPSG, subrecipients eligible to apply for and receive a subaward directly from the SAAs are divided into three Tiers. Tier 1 entities are local units of government at the county level or equivalent and federally recognized tribal governments that are on a physical border in states bordering Canada, states bordering Mexico, and states and territories with international water borders. Tier 2 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water but are contiguous to a Tier 1 county. Tier 3 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water but are contiguous to a Tier 2 eligible subrecipient. Tier 2 and Tier 3 eligible subrecipients may be eligible to receive funding based on border security risk as determined by the USBP.

Other Eligibility Criteria

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation

Prior to allocation of any federal preparedness awards in FY 2019, recipients must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of NIMS. Detailed information on NIMS requirements are in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Membership

In support of the Goal, recipients must belong to, be in, or act as a temporary member of EMAC, except for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which are not required to belong to EMAC at this time. All assets supported in part or entirely with FY 2019 HSGP funding must be readily deployable and NIMS-typed when possible to support emergency or disaster operations per existing EMAC agreements. In addition, funding may be used for the sustainment of core capabilities that, while they may not be physically deployable, support national response capabilities such as Geographic/Geospatial Information Systems (GIS), interoperable communications systems, capabilities as defined under the mitigation mission area of the Goal, and fusion centers.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)

Per section 2006 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 607), DHS/FEMA is required to ensure that at least 25 percent of grant funding appropriated for grants awarded under HSGP’s authorizing statute are used for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities. DHS/FEMA meets this requirement, in part, by requiring all recipients allocate at least 25 percent of the combined HSGP funds allocated under SHSP and UASI towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, as defined in 6 U.S.C. § 607. The LETPA allocation can be from SHSP, UASI, or both. The 25 percent LETPA allocation is in addition to the 80 percent pass through requirement to local units of government and tribes, referenced below.

FY 2019 LETPA Allocations

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area(s)	UASI Allocation	Total UASI Allocation	SHSP Allocation	Total Allocation by State	LETPA
Alabama				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Alaska				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
American Samoa				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Arizona	Phoenix Area	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,077,500	\$8,077,500	\$2,019,375
Arkansas				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$5,000,000	\$123,900,000	\$62,011,000	\$185,911,000	\$46,477,750
	Bay Area	\$27,500,000				
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$68,000,000				
	Riverside Area	\$3,250,000				
	Sacramento Area	\$3,250,000				
	San Diego Area	\$16,900,000				
Colorado	Denver Area	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$4,077,500	\$7,327,500	\$1,831,875
Connecticut				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Delaware				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
District of Columbia	National Capital Region	\$52,750,000	\$52,750,000	\$5,750,000	\$58,500,000	\$14,625,000
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$7,000,000	\$13,500,000	\$10,566,000	\$24,066,000	\$6,016,500
	Orlando Area	\$3,250,000				
	Tampa Area	\$3,250,000				

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area(s)	UASI Allocation	Total UASI Allocation	SHSP Allocation	Total Allocation by State	LETPA
Georgia	Atlanta Area	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$5,750,000	\$11,750,000	\$2,937,500
Guam				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Hawaii	Honolulu Area	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$4,077,500	\$7,327,500	\$1,831,875
Idaho				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Illinois	Chicago Area	\$68,000,000	\$68,000,000	\$15,712,000	\$83,712,000	\$20,928,000
Indiana				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Iowa				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Kansas				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Kentucky				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Louisiana				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Maine				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Maryland	Baltimore Area	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$3,000,000
Massachusetts	Boston Area	\$16,900,000	\$16,900,000	\$7,000,000	\$23,900,000	\$5,975,000
Michigan	Detroit Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,750,000	\$10,750,000	\$2,687,500
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,077,500	\$9,077,500	\$2,269,375
Mississippi				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Missouri	St. Louis Area	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$4,077,500	\$7,327,500	\$1,831,875
Montana				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Nebraska				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Nevada	Las Vegas Area	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,077,500	\$9,077,500	\$2,269,375
New Hampshire				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$20,050,000	\$20,050,000	\$8,000,000	\$28,050,000	\$7,012,500
New Mexico				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
New York	New York City Area	\$178,750,000	\$178,750,000	\$76,930,000	\$255,680,000	\$63,920,000
North Carolina				\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000	\$1,437,500
North Dakota				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Northern Mariana Islands				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Ohio				\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$1,750,000
Oklahoma				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Oregon	Portland Area	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$4,077,500	\$7,327,500	\$1,831,875
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area	\$16,900,000	\$20,150,000	\$9,200,000	\$29,350,000	\$7,337,500
	Pittsburgh Area	\$3,250,000				
Puerto Rico				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Rhode Island				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
South Carolina				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
South Dakota				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Tennessee				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$16,900,000	\$44,750,000	\$20,591,000	\$65,341,000	\$16,335,250
	Houston Area	\$24,600,000				

State/Territory	Funded Urban Area(s)	UASI Allocation	Total UASI Allocation	SHSP Allocation	Total Allocation by State	LETPA
	San Antonio Area	\$3,250,000				
U.S. Virgin Islands				\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000
Utah				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Vermont				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Virginia	Hampton Roads Area	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$9,200,000	\$12,450,000	\$3,112,500
Washington	Seattle Area	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$3,250,000
West Virginia				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Wisconsin				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Wyoming				\$4,077,500	\$4,077,500	\$1,019,375
Total		\$590,000,000	\$590,000,000	\$415,000,000	\$1,005,000,000	\$251,250,000

The National Prevention Framework describes those activities that should be executed upon the discovery of intelligence or information regarding an imminent threat to the homeland, to thwart an initial or follow-on terrorist attack and provides guidance to ensure the Nation is prepared to prevent, avoid, or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism. Activities outlined in the National Prevention Framework are eligible for use as LETPA-focused funds. Also, where capabilities are shared with the protection mission area, the National Protection Framework activities are also eligible. Other terrorism prevention activities proposed for funding under LETPA must be approved by the FEMA Administrator.

Cost Share or Match

There is no cost share or match requirement for the FY 2019 HSGP.

D. Application and Submission Information

Key Dates and Times

Date Posted to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov): **April 12, 2019**

Application Submission Deadline: **May 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. ET**

All applications **must** be received by the established deadline. The Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System has a date stamp that indicates when an application is submitted. Applicants will receive an electronic message confirming receipt of the full application. **DHS/FEMA will not review applications that are received after the deadline or consider them for funding.** DHS/FEMA may, however, extend the application deadline on request for an applicant who can demonstrate that good cause exists to justify extending the deadline. Good cause for an extension may include technical problems outside of the applicant's control that prevent submission of the application by the deadline, or other exigent or emergency circumstances.

Applicants experiencing technical issues must notify the FEMA Headquarters (HQ) Program Analyst prior to the application deadline. If applicants do not know their FEMA HQ Program Analyst or if there are programmatic questions or concerns, please contact the

Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) by phone at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.dhs.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: August 2, 2019

Anticipated Award Date: No later than September 30, 2019

Other Key Dates

Event	Suggested Deadline For Completion
Obtain DUNS Number	May 1, 2019
Obtain a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN)	May 1, 2019
Update SAM registration	May 1, 2019
Submit the initial application in Grants.gov	May 22, 2019
Submit the final application in ND Grants	May 29, 2019, No later than 5:00 p.m. ET

Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award

By submitting an application, applicants agree to comply with the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the award, should they receive an award.

Address to Request Application Package

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on requesting and submitting an application.

Content and Form of Application Submission

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on requesting and submitting an application.

Electronic Delivery

DHS/FEMA is participating in the Grants.gov initiative to provide the grant community with a single site to find and apply for grant funding opportunities. DHS/FEMA requires applicants to submit their initial applications online through [Grants.gov](#) and to submit final applications through [ND Grants](#).

How to Register to Apply through [Grants.gov](#)

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on requesting and submitting an application.

How to Submit an Initial Application to DHS/FEMA via [Grants.gov](#)

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on requesting and submitting an application.

Timely Receipt Requirements and Proof of Timely Submission

As application submission is a two-step process, the applicant with the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) role who submitted the application will also receive an acknowledgement of receipt, a tracking number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) from Grants.gov, and an Agency Tracking

Number (EMX-2019-XX-XXXX) with the successful transmission of the initial application. This notification does **not** serve as proof of timely submission, as the application is not complete until it is submitted in ND Grants. All applications must be received in ND Grants by 5:00 p.m. ET on May 29, 2019. Proof of timely submission is automatically recorded by ND Grants. An electronic date/time stamp is generated within the system when the application is successfully received by ND Grants. Additionally, the applicant(s) listed as contacts on the application will receive a system-generated email to confirm receipt.

Submitting the Final Application in Non-Disaster Grants System (ND Grants)

After submitting the initial application in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), eligible applicants will be notified by DHS/FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov). Applicants can register early with ND Grants and are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of this announcement but no later than **seven days before the application deadline**. Early registration will allow applicants to have adequate time to start and complete their application.

In [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov) applicants will be prompted to submit all of the information contained in the following forms. Applicants should review these forms before applying to ensure they have all the information required:

- Standard Form 424A, Budget Information (Non-construction);
- Standard Form 424B, Standard Assurances (Non-construction); and
- Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

In addition, applicants must submit copies of the following in [ND Grants](https://www.ndgrants.gov):

- Investment Justification (the Investment Justification Template may be found in the Related Documents Tab of the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) posting and used as a preparation tool; responses to questions in the Template are entered into the GRT);
- List of Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) and Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) members;
- SAC charter;
- UAWG charter; and
- Indirect Cost Agreement, if requesting indirect costs. If there is no current indirect cost agreement, then the applicant must contact the Federal Cognizant Agency to negotiate a rate and notify the relevant HQ Program Analyst or Grants Management Specialist.

Applicants must submit copies of the following in ND Grants if applying for construction projects. The forms may be accessed in the Forms tab under SF-424 Family on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov):

- Standard Form 424C, Budget Information (Construction); and
- Standard Form 424D, Standard Assurances (Construction).

Applicants needing assistance registering for the ND Grants system should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076.

HSGP Specific Application Instructions

Development of the Investment Justification (SHSP and UASI)

As part of the FY 2019 HSGP application process for SHSP and UASI funds, applicants must develop formal investment justifications (IJs) that address the proposed investments.

Each IJ must *demonstrate* how proposed investments:

- Support terrorism preparedness;
- Support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the community's THIRA/SPR process; and
- Engage and/or impact the whole community, including children, older adults, pregnant women, and individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, and ensure the protection of civil rights in the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities.

Each IJ must *explain* how the proposed investments will support the applicant's efforts to:

- Prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism;
- Prepare for all hazards and threats, while explaining the nexus to terrorism preparedness;
- Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards, relating to acts of terrorism; and/or
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or other catastrophic incidents.

Development of Investments and Projects (SHSP)

- Applicants must propose at least two and may include up to ten investments.
- Within each investment in their IJ, applicants must propose at least one project to describe the activities they plan to implement with SHSP funds. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be submitted.
- Any projects funded with SHSP funds that are not included in the application must subsequently be included in the first Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR). For further information on the BSIR, see the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).
- Of the proposed SHSP-funded investments, one single investment must be in support of a designated fusion center. Recipients must coordinate with the fusion center when developing a fusion center investment prior to submission. See additional information on how to develop fusion center investments below.
- Of the proposed SHSP-funded investments, as introduced in FY 2018, at least one investment must be in support of the state or territory's cybersecurity efforts. Consistent with the terms of this NOFO and the Preparedness Grants Manual, Recipients and subrecipients must ensure SHSP funds for cybersecurity projects achieve target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism. Such projects may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2019 grant awards will be required to complete the 2019 [Nationwide Cybersecurity Review](#) (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The Chief Information

Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient and subrecipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. The 2019 NCSR will be open from October – December 2019. Although this is only a requirement for recipients and subrecipients of FY 2019 SHSP funds, all SLTT agencies with preparedness responsibilities are highly encouraged to participate and complete the 2019 NCSR to evaluate their cybersecurity posture. For detailed information and background on the NCSR, please see Information Bulletin 439.

- The name of the cybersecurity IJ must include the word “Cybersecurity” to easily identify the required cybersecurity investment.
- All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align with their Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP). Recipients must coordinate with their Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and/or Statewide Interoperability Governance Body (SIGB) when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words “emergency communications” to easily identify any emergency communications investments.
- Projects should describe how the proposed investment supports closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process.
- All requested funding must be associated with specific projects. For each project, several pieces of information must be provided to submit the project for consideration in the application, including the name of the project, the project description, the name of the subrecipient, if applicable, the recipient type (e.g., state or local), the project location (zip code of the primary location of the project), the primary core capability the project supports, and whether the project activities are shareable and deployable.

Development of Investments and Projects (UASI)

- Applicants must propose at least two and may include up to ten investments.
- Within each investment in their IJ, Urban Areas must propose at least one project to describe the activities they are planning to implement with UASI funds. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be submitted. Any projects funded with UASI funds that are not included in the application must subsequently be included in the first BSIR. For further information on the BSIR, see the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).
- Of the proposed 10 investments, Urban Areas are required to propose one single investment in support of a designated fusion center within the Urban Area, if applicable. Recipients must coordinate with the fusion center when developing a fusion center investment prior to submission. See additional information on how to develop fusion center investments below.
- Of the proposed UASI-funded investments, at least one investment must be in support of the urban area’s cybersecurity efforts. Cybersecurity investments must support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to

achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism. Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2019 grant awards will be required to complete the 2019 [Nationwide Cybersecurity Review](#) (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The CIO, CISO or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. The 2019 NCSR will be open from October – December 2019. Although this is only a requirement for recipients and subrecipients of FY 2019 UASI funds, all SLTT agencies with preparedness responsibilities are highly encouraged to participate and complete the 2019 NCSR to evaluate their cybersecurity posture. For detailed information and background on the NCSR, please see Information Bulletin 439.

- If UASI funds are used by the state in support of the Urban Area, the SAA must, as part of the list of proposed investments, describe how those funds will directly support the Urban Area.
- All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align to the SCIP. Recipients must coordinate with the SWIC and/or SIGB when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words “emergency communications” to easily identify any emergency communications investments.
- Projects should describe how the proposed investment supports closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process. Applicants that completed the THIRA/SPR in 2018 should refer to that assessment to identify gaps and sustainment needs related to Response, Recovery, and cross-cutting capabilities. They should refer to their 2017 THIRA/SPR for gaps and sustainment needs related to the other core capabilities. Applicants that did not complete the THIRA/SPR in 2018 should refer to their most recent THIRA/SPR.
- All requested funding must be associated with specific projects. For each project, several pieces of information must be provided to submit the project for consideration in the application, including the name of the project, the project description, the name of the subrecipient, if applicable, the recipient type (e.g., state or local), the project location (zip code of the primary location of the project), the primary core capability the project supports, and whether the project activities are shareable and deployable.

Development of Fusion Center Investments (SHSP and UASI)

If applicable, each IJ must include and identify a fusion center investment that will:

- Indicate alignment to a designated Fusion Center.
- Provide both a brief narrative description and funding itemization of the project activities relating to the proposed resources that directly support the designated Fusion Center. This descriptive narrative should align with both the financial itemization and improvement or sustainment of performance measures because of receiving the proposed funding. If the project description and funding itemization do not directly support the fusion center and the relationship to the fusion center is not identified, then the

investment may be conditionally approved until a Fusion Center Addendum is submitted and approved. Note: A sample project description and funding itemization are below.

- Identify the expected improvement or sustainment of performance measures because of receiving the proposed funding for the itemized projects.
- Effectively address performance measures identified in each fusion center’s individual assessment data found in the HSIN-Intel Fusion Center Profile. A list of the 2019 Performance Measures can be found in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Sample Fusion Center Project Description

The following is an example of a sample fusion center project description that could be included in a SHSP or UASI investment:

The X Fusion enhancement project will fund salaries, benefits, and training for X number of Fusion Center intelligence analysts, maintenance and support for the center's enabling systems, travel costs associated with training, and the replacement of X computer monitors within the Fusion Center. The project will directly sustain the Center’s achieved abilities and work to close the gap of any current capabilities through the sustained funding of its current analytical staff and enabling systems. This project directly aligns with performance measures 2019.1-2019.23. We anticipate seeing an improvement of the quality and quantity of reporting as a direct result of the funding of this project.

Sample Fusion Center Funding Itemization

The funding itemization for a fusion center investment should include the amount and percent of each relevant solution area. As an example:

<i>Solution Area and Amount of Proposed Funding</i>	<i>Percent of Proposed Funding</i>
<i>Planning: \$10,000.00</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Organization: \$200,000</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Equipment: \$200,000</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Training: \$10,000</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Exercises: \$0</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Total: \$420,000</i>	<i>100%</i>

Completing IJs in the Grant Reporting Tool (GRT) (SHSP and UASI)

In the Related Documents section of the [Grants.gov](#) posting, applicants can find the IJ template and instructions for collecting the required information for investments and projects. Additionally, applicants should utilize the Project Worksheet located in [Grants.gov](#) posting to assemble the information required for each project, which will facilitate the input of that information into the GRT.

Development of Concept of Operations for OPSG

As part of the FY 2019 OPSG application process, each eligible local unit of government at the county or federally-recognized tribal government level must develop a strategic plan called a Concept of Operations (CONOP)/Application, which is a formal proposal of action to address a

specific situation and forms the basis for Operations Orders, in coordination with state and federal law enforcement agencies, to include, but not limited to CBP/USBP. CONOPs that are developed at the county level should be inclusive of city, county, tribal, and other local law enforcement agencies that are eligible to participate in OPSG operational activities, and the CONOP/Application should describe participating agencies in the Executive Summary. CONOP/Application details should include the names of the agencies, points of contact, and individual funding requests. All CONOPs/Applications must be developed in collaboration with the local USBP sector office, the SAA and the local unit of government. Requests for funding in CONOPs/Applications must be based on risks and the operational enforcement support requirements of its corresponding USBP Sector. Sector offices will forward the CONOPs to USBP Headquarters for vetting and coordination. Applicants will forward corresponding OPSG Applications to the SAA for submission to FEMA. USBP Headquarters will reconcile all submitted CONOPs with the OPSG Applications.

Intergovernmental Review

An intergovernmental review may be required. Applicants must contact their state's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. See <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html>; <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SPOC-Feb.-2018.pdf>.

Funding Restrictions

Federal funds made available through this award may be used for the purpose set forth in this award and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Award funds may not be used for matching funds for any other federal awards, lobbying, or intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal Government or any other government entity. See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on funding restrictions.

Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on EHP Compliance.

Emergency Communications Investments

If an entity uses HSGP funding to support emergency communications investments, the following requirements shall apply to all such grant-funded communications investments in support of the emergency communications priorities and recognized best practices:

- Applicants must describe in the investment how proposed communications investments align to needs identified in their SCIP. Effective project alignment will require advance coordination with the SWIC and consultation with governing bodies such as the SIGB or Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), as they serve as the primary steering group for the statewide interoperability strategy. Additionally, recipients should consult subject matter experts serving on governance bodies such as broadband experts, chief information officers, representatives from utilities, or legal and financial experts when developing proposals.
- The signatory authority for the SAA must certify in writing to DHS/FEMA their compliance with the *SAFECOM Guidance*. The certification letter should be coordinated with the SWIC for each state and must be uploaded to [ND Grants](#) at the

- time of the first Program Performance Report (PPR) submission.
- All states and territories must designate a full-time SWIC who has the authority and resources to actively improve interoperability with emergency management and response agencies across all levels of government, to include establishing statewide plans, policies, and procedures, and coordinating decisions on communications investments funded through federal grants. Note that the designated full-time SWIC may also be the state's or territory's cybersecurity point of contact. SWIC status information will be maintained by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications and will be verified by FEMA GPD through programmatic monitoring activities.
 - By the period of performance end date, all states and territories must update their SCIP, with a focus on communications resilience/continuity, to include assessment and mitigation of all potential risks identified in the SCIP: natural disasters, accidental damage (human failures), intentional damage (sabotage, terrorism), cybersecurity, etc. Following the initial update, the SCIP should be updated on an annual basis. SCIP status information will be maintained by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications and will be verified by FEMA GPD through programmatic monitoring activities.

All states and territories must test their emergency communications capabilities and procedures (as outlined in their operational communications plans) in conjunction with regularly planned exercises (separate/addition emergency communications exercises are not required) and must submit an After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) to the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program's (HSEEP) electronic message inbox at hseep@fema.gov within 90 days of exercise completion. Exercises should be used to both demonstrate and validate skills learned in training and to identify gaps in capabilities. Resilience and continuity of communications should be tested during training and exercises to the greatest extent possible. Further, exercises should include participants from multiple jurisdictions, disciplines, and levels of government and include emergency management, emergency medical services, law enforcement, interoperability coordinators, public health officials, hospital officials, officials from colleges and universities, and other disciplines and private sector entities, as appropriate. Findings from exercises should be used to update programs to address gaps in emergency communications as well as emerging technologies, policies, and partners. Recipients are encouraged to increase awareness and availability of emergency communications exercise opportunities across all levels of government. States, territories, and other eligible grant recipients are advised that HSGP funding may be used to support communications planning (including the cost of hiring a SWIC, participation in governance bodies and requirements delineated [above](#)), training, exercises, and equipment costs. Costs for transitioning to the FirstNet network may also be eligible. More information regarding FirstNet can be found in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Funds Transfer Restriction

The recipient is prohibited from transferring funds between programs (includes the SHSP, the UASI, and OPSG). Recipients can submit an investment/project where funds come from multiple funding sources (e.g., the SHSP and UASI), however, recipients are not allowed to divert funding from one program to another due to the risk-based funding allocations, which were made at the

discretion of DHS/FEMA.

Pre-Award Costs

Pre-award costs are allowable only with the prior written approval of DHS/FEMA and as included in the award agreement. To request pre-award costs, a written request must be included with the application, signed by the Authorized Representative of the entity. The letter must outline what the pre-award costs are for, including a detailed budget break-out of pre-award costs from the post-award costs, and a justification for approval.

Cost Principles

Costs charged to this award must be consistent with the Cost Principles for Federal Awards located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. For more information on 2 C.F.R. Part 200, please refer to FEMA GPD Information Bulletin 400, [FEMA's Implementation of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#) ("Super Circular" or "Omni Circular").

Direct Costs

Planning

Planning costs are allowed under this program.

Organization

Organization costs are allowed under this program.

Equipment

Equipment costs are allowed under this program.

Training

Training costs are allowed under this program.

Exercises

Exercise costs are allowed under this program.

Personnel

Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant to perform allowable HSGP planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities. Under OPSG, overtime costs are allowable only in so far as they meet the intent of the program. All recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds, including SHSP, UASI, and OPSG allocations, may not use more than 50 percent of their awards to pay for personnel activities unless a waiver is approved by FEMA. For more information on the 50 percent personnel cap, please see FEMA Information Bulletin (IB) 421, Clarification on the *Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act of 2008* (Public Law 110-412) – the PRICE Act.

Operational Overtime

Operational Overtime costs are allowed under this program. Prior to use of funds for operational overtime, recipients must receive approval from DHS/FEMA.

Travel

Domestic travel costs are allowed under this program, as provided for in this NOFO. International travel is not an allowable cost under this program unless approved in advance by DHS/FEMA.

Construction and Renovation

Construction and renovation costs to achieve capability targets related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism are allowed under this program. For construction and renovation costs to be allowed, they must be specifically approved by DHS/FEMA in writing prior to the use of any program funds. Applicants must use the EHP approval process. Limits on the total amount of grant funding that may be used for construction or renovation may apply. Additionally, recipients are required to submit [Standard Form 424C](#).

Maintenance and Sustainment

Maintenance and Sustainment related costs, such as maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable as described in FP 205-402-125-1, Maintenance Contracts and Warranty Coverage Funded by Preparedness Grants Policy (<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32474>).

Management and Administration (M&A) Costs

Management and administration (M&A) activities are those directly relating to the management and administration of HSGP funds, such as financial management and monitoring. A maximum of up to five percent of HSGP funds awarded may be retained by the state, and any funds retained are to be used solely for M&A purposes associated with the HSGP award. Subrecipients may also retain a maximum of up to 5 percent of the funding passed through by the state solely for M&A purposes associated with the HSGP award.

A state's HSGP funds for M&A calculation purposes includes the total of its SHSP, UASI, and OPSG awards. While the SAA may retain up to 5 percent of this total for M&A, the state must still ensure that all subrecipient award amounts meet the mandatory minimum pass-through requirements that are applicable to each HSGP program. To meet this requirement, the percentage of SHSP and UASI funds passed through to local or tribal jurisdictions must be based on the state's total HSGP award prior to withholding any M&A.

In retaining these funds, states may retain a maximum of 2.5 percent of the OPSG allocation, which must be withheld from the pass-through to each subrecipient county or tribe in an equal percentage. The SAA may also retain additional funding from its SHSP award to manage and

administer the OPSG award, but that additional amount is also capped at an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the OPSG award. Examples applying this principle:

SAA 1:

SHSP: \$1,000,000

OPSG: \$2,500,000

UASI: \$2,500,000

M&A Maximum: \$300,000 (5 percent of \$6,000,000)

Maximum M&A for SHSP = \$50,000

Maximum M&A for OPSG = \$125,000. Of that amount, \$62,500 (2.5 percent) may be retained from the OPSG allocation, and the other \$62,500 would come from the SHSP allocation. Any amount used to manage and administer OPSG that is charged to SHSP may be above and beyond the \$50,000 available to manage the SHSP allocation.

SAA 2:

SHSP: \$3,500,000

OPSG: \$1,000,000

M&A Maximum: \$225,000 (5 percent of \$4,500,000)

Maximum M&A for SHSP: \$175,000

Maximum M&A for OPSG = \$50,000. Of that amount, \$25,000 (2.5 percent) may be retained from the OPSG allocation, and the other \$25,000 would come from the SHSP allocation. Any amount used to manage and administer OPSG that is charged to SHSP may be above and beyond the \$175,000 available to manage the SHSP allocation.

Please note, [Information Bulletin \(IB\) 365: Management and Administration Costs in the Homeland Security](#) and DHS/FEMA Policy 207-087-1, which can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7837>, **do not apply to awards made in FY 2019 under this NOFO.** The IB and Policy remain in effect for all previous awards.

Critical Emergency Supplies

Critical emergency supplies are allowed under this program.

Secure Identification

Secure Identification costs are allowed under this program.

Indirect (Facilities & Administrative [F&A]) Costs

Indirect costs are allowable under this program as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414. Except for recipients who have never received a negotiated indirect cost rate as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f), recipients must have an approved indirect cost rate agreement with their cognizant federal agency to charge indirect costs to this award. A copy of the approved rate (a fully executed, agreement negotiated with the applicant's cognizant federal agency) is required at the time of application and must be provided to DHS/FEMA before indirect costs are charged to the award.

General Purpose Equipment

HSGP allows expenditures on general purpose equipment if it aligns to and supports one or more core capabilities identified in the Goal and has a nexus to terrorism preparedness. General purpose equipment, like all equipment funded under the HSGP, must be sharable through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)¹ and allowable under 6 U.S.C. § 609, and any other applicable provision of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Examples of such general purpose equipment may include:

- Law enforcement vehicles;

¹ Except for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which are not required to belong to EMAC at this time.

- Emergency medical services (EMS) equipment and vehicles;
- Fire service equipment and vehicles, to include hose, pump accessories, and foam concentrate for specialized chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives (CBRNE) response; and
- Office equipment for staff² engaged in homeland security program activity.

Equipment allowability is based on the [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#) but exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis if (1) the equipment identified to be purchased directly maps to a core capability contained within the Goal, and (2) the equipment’s purpose (when operational) falls under the permitted use of funds in accordance with 6 U.S.C. § 609, and any other applicable provision of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

Allowable Cost Matrix

The following matrix provides allowable cost activities that fall under each of the cost categories noted above. Recipients and subrecipients must follow all applicable requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (*Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*).

This list is not exhaustive, therefore, if there are any questions regarding allowable costs, please contact the appropriate HQ GPD Program Analyst. For additional information on allowable costs, see the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Allowable Program Activities	SHSP	UASI	OPSG
Allowable Planning Costs			
Developing hazard/threat-specific annexes	Y	Y	N
Developing and implementing homeland security support programs and adopting ongoing DHS/FEMA national initiatives	Y	Y	N
Developing related terrorism and other catastrophic event prevention activities	Y	Y	N
Developing and enhancing plans and protocols	Y	Y	N
Developing or conducting assessments	Y	Y	N
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contract/consultants to assist with planning activities	Y	Y	N
Materials required to conduct planning activities	Y	Y	N
Travel/per diem related to planning activities	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill costs (in accordance with operational Cost Guidance)	Y	Y	Y
Issuance of WHTI-compliant Tribal identification cards	Y	N	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and limited English proficiency.	Y	Y	N
Coordination with Citizen Corps Councils for public information/education and development of volunteer programs	Y	Y	N
Update governance structures and processes and plans for emergency communications	Y	Y	N
Development, and review and revision of continuity of operations plans	Y	Y	N
Development, and review and revision of the THIRA/SPR continuity of operations plans	Y	Y	N

² This applies to all homeland security personnel and is not limited to management and administration staff, and costs are to be captured outside the cap on management and administration costs.

Allowable Organizational Activities			
Note: Personnel hiring, overtime, and backfill expenses are permitted under this grant only to the extent that such expenses are for the allowable activities within the scope of the grant.			
Program management	Y	Y	N
Development of whole community partnerships	Y	Y	N
Structures and mechanisms for information sharing between the public and private sector	Y	Y	N
Implementing models, programs, and workforce enhancement initiatives	v	v	N
Tools, resources, and activities that facilitate shared situational awareness between the public and private sectors	Y	Y	N
Operational support	Y	Y	N
Utilization of standardized resource management concepts	v	v	N
Responding to an increase in the threat level under the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS), or needs in resulting from a National Special Security Event	Y	Y	N
Reimbursement for select operational expenses associated with increased security measures at critical infrastructure sites incurred (up to 50 percent of the allocation)	Y	Y	Y
Overtime for information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities (up to 50 percent of the allocation)	Y	Y	Y
Hiring of new staff positions/contractors/consultants for participation in information/intelligence analysis and sharing groups or fusion center activities (up to 50 percent of the allocation).	Y	Y	N
Allowable Equipment Categories			
Personal Protective Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Allowable Equipment Categories			
Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation Equipment	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Operational Search and Rescue Equipment	Y	Y	N
Information Technology	Y	Y	Y
Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment	Y	Y	N
Interoperable Communications Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Detection	Y	Y	Y
Decontamination	Y	Y	N
Medical countermeasures	Y	Y	Y
Power (e.g., generators, batteries, power cells)	Y	Y	Y
CBRNE Reference Materials	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles	Y	Y	N
Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Physical Security Enhancement Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Inspection and Screening Systems	Y	Y	Y
Animal Care and Foreign Animal Disease	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Prevention and Response Watercraft	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Prevention and Response Unmanned Aircraft	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Aviation Equipment	Y	Y	N
CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment	Y	Y	N
Intervention Equipment (e.g., tactical entry, crime scene processing)	Y	Y	Y
Critical emergency supplies	Y	Y	N
Vehicle rentals	N	N	Y
Other Authorized Equipment	Y	Y	Y
Allowable Training Costs			
Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending DHS/FEMA-sponsored and approved training classes	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA training	Y	Y	Y

Training workshops and conferences	Y	Y	Y
Activities to achieve training inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and limited English proficiency	Y	Y	N
Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants	Y	Y	Y
Travel	Y	Y	Y
Supplies	Y	Y	N
Instructor certification/re-certification	Y	Y	N
Coordination with Citizen Corps Councils in conducting training exercises	Y	Y	N
Interoperable communications training	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with limited English proficiency	Y	Y	N
Immigration enforcement training	Y	Y	Y
Allowable Exercise Related Costs			
Design, Develop, Conduct, and Evaluate an Exercise	Y	Y	N
Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants	Y	Y	N
Overtime and backfill costs, including expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA exercises	Y	Y	N
Implementation of HSEEP	Y	Y	N
Activities to achieve exercises inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs	Y	Y	N
Travel	Y	Y	N
Supplies	Y	Y	N
Interoperable communications exercises	Y	Y	N
Allowable Exercise Related Costs			
Activities to achieve planning inclusive of people with limited English proficiency	Y	Y	N
Allowable Management & Administrative Costs			
Hiring of full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants to assist with the management of the respective grant program, application requirements, and compliance with reporting and data collection requirements	Y	Y	Y
Development of operating plans for information collection and processing necessary to respond to DHS/FEMA data calls	Y	Y	Y
Overtime and backfill costs	Y	Y	Y
Travel	Y	Y	Y
Meeting related expenses	Y	Y	Y
Authorized office equipment	Y	Y	N
Recurring expenses such as those associated with cell phones and faxes during the PoP of the grant program	Y	Y	N
Leasing or renting of space for newly hired personnel during the PoP of the grant program	Y	Y	N
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Costs			
Maturation and enhancement of designated state and major Urban Area fusion centers	Y	Y	N
Coordination between fusion centers and other analytical and investigative efforts	Y	Y	N
Implementation and maintenance of the Nationwide SAR Initiative	Y	Y	N
Implementation of the "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign	Y	Y	N
Increase physical security, through law enforcement personnel and other protective measures, by implementing preventive and protective measures at critical	Y	Y	N
Building and sustaining preventive radiological and nuclear detection capabilities	Y	Y	N

E. Application Review Information

Allocations

Risk Methodology

The risk methodology determines the relative risk of terrorism faced by a given area considering the potential risk of terrorism to people, critical infrastructure, and economic security. The analysis includes threats from violent domestic extremists, international terrorist groups, and individuals inspired by terrorists abroad. See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for additional information on risk methodology.

NOTE: The THIRA/SPR process is separate from the risk methodology, and its results do not affect grant allocations.

SHSP Allocations

FY 2019 SHSP funds will be allocated based on two factors: minimum amounts as legislatively mandated, and DHS/FEMA's risk methodology. THIRA/SPR results do not impact grant allocation or award.

Each state and territory will receive a minimum allocation under the SHSP using thresholds established in the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive 0.35 percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2003 and Section 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Each of the four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum allocation of 0.08 percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2003 and 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

UASI Allocations

FY 2019 UASI funds will be allocated based on DHS/FEMA's risk methodology. THIRA/SPR results do not impact grant allocation or award.

Eligible candidates for the FY 2019 UASI program have been determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States, in accordance with the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Detailed information on MSAs is publicly available from the United States Census Bureau at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro.html>.

OPSG Allocations

The FY 2019 OPSG Risk Assessment is designed to identify the risk to border security and to assist with the distribution of funds for the grant program. Funding under OPSG is distributed based on the risk to the security of the border. Entities eligible for funding are the state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies that are located along the border of the United States. The THIRA/SPR process is not required for OPSG.

For the purposes of OPSG, the risk is defined as the potential for an adverse outcome assessed as a function of threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences associated with an incident, event, or occurrence.

Based upon ongoing intelligence analysis and extensive security reviews, DHS/CBP continues to focus the bulk of OPSG funds based upon risk analyses. The risk model used to allocate OPSG funds considers the potential risk that certain threats pose to border security and estimate the relative risk faced by a given area. In evaluating risk, DHS/CBP considers intelligence, situational awareness, criminal trends, and statistical data specific to each of the border sectors, and the potential impacts that these threats pose to the security of the border area. For vulnerability and consequence, DHS/CBP considers the expected impact and consequences of successful border events occurring in specific areas.

Threat and vulnerability are evaluated based on specific operational data from DHS/CBP. Threat components present in each of the sectors are used to determine the overall threat score. These components are terrorism, criminal aliens, drug trafficking organizations, and alien smuggling organizations.

Application Evaluation Criteria

FEMA will evaluate the FY 2019 HSGP applications for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and anticipated effectiveness of the proposed investments. FEMA's review will include verification that each IJ or project:

- Aligns with at least one core capability identified in the Goal;
- Demonstrates how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process; and
- Supports a NIMS-typed resource and whether those assets are deployable/shareable to support emergency or disaster operations per existing EMAC agreements.

In addition to the above, FEMA will evaluate whether proposed projects are: 1) both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed; and 2) able to be fully completed within the three-year PoP. FEMA will use the information provided in the application and after the submission of the first BSIR to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of a grant project. To that end, IJs should include:

- An explanation of how the proposed project will achieve objectives as identified in the SPR, including expected long-term impact where applicable, and which core capability gap(s) it helps to close and how;
- A summary of the status of planning and design efforts accomplished to date (e.g., included in a capital improvement plan); and
- A project schedule with clear milestones.

Recipients are expected to conform, as applicable, with accepted engineering practices, established codes, standards, modeling techniques, and best practices, and participate in the development of case studies demonstrating the effective use of grant funds, as requested.

Review and Selection Process (SHSP and UASI)

To ensure the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects, all applications will undergo a federal review. The federal review will be conducted by FEMA HQ Program Analysts. FEMA HQ Program Analysts will use a checklist to verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the NOFO. Recipients must be able to demonstrate how

investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process. IJs will be reviewed at both the investment and project level. A program hold may be placed on any investment which is found to be noncompliant.

Fusion center investments will be jointly reviewed by FEMA and the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) for compliance with HSGP NOFO requirements to prioritize the alignment of requests with results from the annual Fusion Center Assessment Program. If a fusion center investment does not meet the requirements, a Fusion Center Addendum must be completed and submitted for review and approval prior to expending funds allocated to fusion center activities. Emergency communications investments will be jointly reviewed by FEMA and the DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) to verify compliance with SAFECOM guidance. FEMA and OEC will coordinate directly with the recipient on any compliance concerns and will provide technical assistance as necessary to help ensure full compliance.

Review and Selection Process (OPSG)

Applications will be reviewed by the SAA and USBP Sector Headquarters for completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines and evaluated for anticipated feasibility, need, and impact of the Operations Orders. For more information on Operations Orders and other requirements of OPSG, see the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

DHS/FEMA will verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the NOFO and required submission of Operations Orders and Inventory of Operations Orders by the established due dates. DHS/FEMA and USBP will use the results of both the risk analysis and the federal review by DHS/FEMA to make recommendations for funding to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

FY 2019 OPSG funds will be allocated competitively based on risk-based prioritization using the OPSG Risk Assessment described above. Final funding allocations are determined by the Secretary, who may consider information and input from various law enforcement offices or subject-matter experts within the Department. Factors considered include, but are not limited to threat, vulnerability, miles of the border, and other border-specific law enforcement intelligence, as well as the feasibility of FY 2019 Operations Orders to designated localities within border states and territories.

Financial Integrity Criteria

Prior to making a Federal award, DHS/FEMA is required by 31 U.S.C. § 3321 note, 41 U.S.C. § 2313, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.205 to review information available through any OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information. Application evaluation criteria may include the following risk-based considerations of the applicant:

1. Financial stability;
2. Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards;
3. History of performance in managing Federal awards;
4. Reports and findings from audits; and
5. Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.

Supplemental Financial Integrity Review

Prior to making a Federal award where the anticipated Federal share of a Federal award will be greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, currently \$250,000 (*see* Section 805 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Pub. L. No. 115-91, OMB Memorandum M-18-18 at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/M-18-18.pdf>; *see also* [FEMA GPD Information Bulletin No. 434, Increases and Changes to the Micro-Purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds](#)):

- DHS/FEMA is required to review and consider any information about the applicant in the designated integrity and performance system accessible through the System for Award Management (SAM), which is currently the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System](#) (FAPIIS) and is also accessible through the [SAM](#) website.
- An applicant, at its option, may review information in FAPIIS and comment on any information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered.
- DHS/FEMA will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.205.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Notice of Award

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on Notice of Award.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on Administrative and National Policy requirements.

SHSP and UASI Pass-Through Requirements

Awards made to the SAA for HSGP carry additional pass-through requirements. Pass-through is defined as an obligation on the part of the SAA to make funds available to local units of government, combinations of local units, tribal governments, or other specific groups or organizations. Four requirements must be met to pass-through grant funds:

- The SAA must make a firm written commitment to passing through grant funds to subrecipients;
- The SAA's commitment must be unconditional (i.e., no contingencies for the availability of SAA funds);
- There must be documentary evidence (i.e., award document, terms, and conditions) of the commitment; and
- The award terms must be communicated to the subrecipient.

Timing and Amount

The SAA must pass-through at least 80 percent of the funds awarded under the SHSP and UASI to local or tribal units of government within 45 calendar days of receipt of the funds. "Receipt of the funds" occurs either when the SAA accepts the award or 15 calendar days after the SAA receives notice of the award, whichever is earlier.

SAAAs are sent notification of HSGP awards via the GPD's ND Grants system. If an SAA accepts its award within 15 calendar days of receiving notice of the award in the ND Grants system, the 45-calendar days pass-through period will start on the date the SAA accepted the award. Should an SAA not accept the HSGP award within 15 calendar days of receiving notice of the award in the ND Grants system, the 45-calendar days pass-through period will begin 15 calendar days after the award notification is sent to the SAA via the ND Grants system.

It is important to note that the PoP start date does not directly affect the start of the 45-calendar days pass-through period. For example, an SAA may receive notice of the HSGP award on August 20, 2019, while the PoP dates for that award are September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2022. In this example, the 45-day pass-through period will begin on the date the SAA accepts the HSGP award or September 4, 2019 (15 calendar days after the SAA was notified of the award), whichever date occurs first. The PoP start date of September 1, 2019, would not affect the timing of meeting the 45-calendar day pass-through requirement.

Other SHSP and UASI Pass-Through Requirements

The signatory authority of the SAA must certify in writing to DHS/FEMA that pass-through requirements have been met. A letter of intent (or equivalent) to distribute funds is not considered sufficient. The pass-through requirement does not apply to SHSP awards made to the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is required to comply with the pass-through requirement, and its SAA must also obligate at least 80 percent of the funds to local units of government within 45 calendar days of receipt of the funds.

Under SHSP, the SAA may retain more than 20 percent of funding for expenditures made by the state on behalf of the local unit(s) of government. This may occur only with the written consent of the local unit of government, specifying the amount of funds to be retained and the intended use of funds. States shall review their written consent agreements yearly and ensure that they are still valid. If a written consent agreement is already in place from previous fiscal years, DHS/FEMA will continue to recognize it for FY 2019, unless the written consent review

indicates the local government is no longer in agreement. If modifications to the existing agreement are necessary, the SAA should contact their assigned FEMA HQ Program Analyst.

Additional OPSG Requirements

The recipient is prohibited from obligating or expending funds provided through this award until each unique and specific county-level or equivalent Operational Order/Fragmentary Operations Order budget has been reviewed and approved through an official electronic mail notice issued by DHS/FEMA removing this special programmatic condition.

Reporting

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on reporting requirements.

Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) Process

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on the THIRA and SPR process.

Supplemental Information Reporting Systems

In addition to ND Grants, the following information systems are used for the submission of required reports:

Grant Reporting Tool (GRT)

Information on the GRT can be found in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Unified Reporting Tool (URT)

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on the URT.

Closeout Reporting Requirements

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on closeout reporting requirements.

Disclosing Information per 2 C.F.R. § 180.335

See the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for information on disclosing information.

G. DHS/FEMA Awarding Agency Contact Information

Contact and Resource Information

Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID)

CSID is a non-emergency comprehensive management and information resource developed by DHS/FEMA for grant stakeholders. CSID provides general information on all DHS/FEMA grant programs and maintains a comprehensive database containing key personnel contact information at the federal, state, and local levels. When necessary, recipients will be directed to a Federal point of contact who can answer specific programmatic questions or concerns. CSID can be reached by phone at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at askcsid@fema.gov, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

GPD Grant Operations Division

GPD's Grant Operations Division Business Office provides support regarding financial matters and budgetary, technical assistance. Additional guidance and information can be obtained by contacting the FEMA Call Center at 866-927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.gov.

FEMA Regional Offices

FEMA Regional Offices may also provide fiscal support, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance such as conducting cash analysis, financial monitoring, and audit resolution for the grant programs included in this solicitation. GPD will provide programmatic support and technical assistance. FEMA Regional Office contact information is available [here](#).

GPD Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP)

The DHS/FEMA GPD EHP Team provides guidance and information about the EHP review process to recipients and subrecipients. All inquiries and communications about GPD projects

or the EHP review process, including the submittal of EHP review materials, should be sent to gpdehpinfo@fema.dhs.gov. EHP Technical Assistance, including the EHP Screening Form, can be found online at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195>.

Systems Information

Grants.gov

For technical assistance with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), call the customer support hotline 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (except Federal holidays) at (800) 518-4726 or e-mail at support@grants.gov.

Non-Disaster (ND) Grants

For technical assistance with the ND Grants system, please contact the ND Grants Helpdesk at ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Payment and Reporting System (PARS)

DHS/FEMA uses the [Payment and Reporting System \(PARS\)](#) for financial reporting, invoicing and tracking payments. DHS/FEMA uses the Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) method of payment to recipients. To enroll in the DD/EFT, recipients must complete a Standard Form 119A, Direct Deposit Form.

H. Additional Information

GPD has developed the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) to guide applicants and recipients of grant funding on how to manage their grants and other resources. Recipients seeking guidance on policies and procedures for managing preparedness grants should reference the Manual for further information. Examples of information contained in the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) include:

- Conflicts of Interest in the Administration of Federal Awards and Subawards;
- Extensions;
- Monitoring;
- Procurement Integrity; and
- Other Post-Award Requirements.

In response to recent disasters, FEMA has introduced a new lifelines construct, in order to enable the continuous operation of government functions and critical business essential to human health, safety, or economic security during and after a disaster. To learn more about lifelines, please refer to the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#), or visit <http://www.fema.gov/national-planning-frameworks>.