

# Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program Fact Sheet

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In fiscal year (FY) 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$1.12 billion to enhance the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to potential terrorist acts and other hazards.

## Overview

The FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is one of three grant programs that support the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to potential terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. HSGP is composed of three grant programs:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP);
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI); and
- Operation Stonegarden (OPSG).

## Funding

In FY 2022, the total amount of funds under the HSGP is \$1.12 billion. Below is the funding distribution across the three grant programs:

### HSGP Program FY 2022 Allocation



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| SHSP  | \$415 million |
| UASI  | \$615 million |
| OPSG  | \$90 million  |
| Total | \$1.2 billion |

## Eligibility

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit HSGP applications to FEMA, including those applications submitted on behalf of UASI and OPSG applicants. All 56 states and territories, which includes 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. A list of eligible urban areas will be published in the FY 2022 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which will be released no later than May 13, 2022. Tribal governments may not apply directly for HSGP funding; however, funding may be available to tribes under SHSP and OPSG through the SAA.

Eligible high-risk urban areas for the FY 2022 UASI program are determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the United States. Sub-awards will be made by the SAA to the designated high-risk urban areas identified in the FY 2022 HSGP NOFO. Through the Joint Explanatory Statement and House Report accompanying the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2022*, Congress again expressed its intent that the DHS Secretary fund up to 85% of nationwide risk in the UASI program.

Under the FY 2022 OPSG, subrecipients eligible to apply for and receive a sub-award directly from the SAA 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 border but are contiguous to a Tier 1 county.
- Tier 3 eligible subrecipients are those not located on the physical border or international water border but are contiguous to a Tier 2 eligible subrecipient. The tier structure is only applicable with regard to eligibility. OPSG funding allocations are based on the assessed border security risks as determined by the U.S. Border Patrol.

## **Funding Guidelines**

The FY 2022 allocation process for SHSP, UASI, and OPSG will be as follows:

### **SHSP Allocations**

For FY 2022, FEMA will award SHSP funds based on risk as determined by FEMA's relative risk methodology and statutory minimums pursuant to the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Final allocations will be published in the FY 2022 HSGP funding notice.

### **UASI Allocations**

For FY 2022, FEMA will award UASI funds based on risk as determined by FEMA's relative risk methodology pursuant to the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended. Final allocations will be published in the FY 2022 HSGP funding notice.

### **OPSG Allocations**

For FY 2022, FEMA will award OPSG funds based on risk and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed use of grant funds. The FY 2022 OPSG risk assessment is designed to identify the risk to border security and to assist with the distribution of funds for the grant program. Entities eligible for funding are the state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that are located along the border of the United States. Final award amounts will be based on FEMA's evaluation of



the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects.

## Pass-Through Requirements

SAs are required to pass-through at least 80% of SHSP and UASI funding to local or tribal units of government. For more information on the pass-through requirement, please refer to Section F.2 of the HSGP NOFO and Appendix A of the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

## National Priority Areas (NPAs) for SHSP and UASI and Minimum Spend Requirements

Overall, the required minimum spend on the FY 2022 NPAs for the SHSP and UASI programs remains consistent with the FY 2021 requirement – 30% as a percentage of the total SHSP and UASI allocation. Each SHSP and UASI applicant must dedicate the minimum spend (identified below where applicable) as a percentage of the total SHSP and UASI allocation per NPA. For the NPAs with no minimum spend requirement, DHS strongly encourages recipients to make investments in those areas as they are of critical national concern. **Twelve (12) percent is mandated in minimum spending across the first four NPAs, but there is flexibility on the remaining 18% required to meet the overall 30% minimum spend requirement.**

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 3% minimum spend;
2. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS – 3% minimum spend;
3. Combating domestic violent extremism – 3% minimum spend;
4. **NEW:** Enhancing community preparedness and resilience – 3% minimum spend;
5. Enhancing cybersecurity – no minimum spend requirement; and
6. **NEW:** Enhancing election security – no minimum spend requirement.

For those NPAs that have an associated minimum spend, **all projects related to meeting the minimum spend for those NPAs must be included in the same Investment Justification (IJ)**. Activities that support more than one NPA may be included under only one NPA IJ but still count towards the 30% minimum spend without having to be broken out into separate projects or activities in more than one IJ. Complete details on the FY 2022 HSGP allocation process are included in



the FY 2022 HSGP funding notice.

## **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)**

SAs must allocate at least 30% of their SHSP and UASI awards to LETPAs, up from 25% in the previous year. Please refer to Section C.3.c of the HSGP NOFO and Appendix A of the Preparedness Grants Manual for additional guidance and information on allowable LETPAs. Investments that support LETPAs can also support an NPA (e.g., an investment can be counted as supporting both the Soft Targets/Crowded Places and LETPA minimum allocation requirements, if applicable).

## **Application Process**

Applying for an award under the HSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Section D in the FY 2022 HSGP NOFO will contain more detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the grants.gov portal at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except federal holidays.

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](mailto: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 by the deadline included in the funding notice.**

## **HSGP Resources**

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with HSGP applications:



The FY 2022 HSGP funding notice will be released no later than May 13, 2022 and available online at [www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants) as well as [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The FEMA [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) will be updated for the FY 2022 application cycle and will be released no later than May 13, 2022.

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](mailto: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 grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail at [ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov).

