NSGP 2024 FAQs

- ***Can an organization apply directly to FEMA for an NSGP grant?*** Nonprofit organizations must apply directly to their SAA, not FEMA.

- ***Can an organization apply for the FY2024 NSGP if it was awarded in FY2023?*** All eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply each year for the NSGP grant application, regardless of application status from a prior year.

- ***Can a community, including a few organizations, apply in one application?*** No. One organization per application. One address per application.

- ***If a building is being renovated at the time of application, is the organization eligible to apply for security investments to the building?*** The nonprofit organization must occupy the building at the time of application and occupy the building at the time of implementation.

- ***Can an organization apply for contracted security personnel under the NSGP grant?*** In FY2023, the request for contracted security personnel was an eligible allowance under the NSGP. However, the nonprofit organization must be able to sustain this capability after the expiration of the period of performance. Nonprofits are not able to apply for more than 50% of their requested award to pay for security personnel unless a waiver is approved by the SAA/FEMA prior to submission of their application. The request for security personnel must be mentioned in the security assessment and should support the security vulnerabilities identified in the application. Subrecipients may not use NSGP funding to hire full or part-time employees who will be placed on a nonprofit's

payroll. NSGP funds may not be used to support security personnel costs that the organization already had in its budget prior to the grant award, as this would be considered supplanting.

- ***Is computer software an allowable category?*** Computer software is permissible if it supports the target hardening equipment that the organization is requesting in its application. .

- ***Who is eligible for bonus points on their application?*** In FY2023, nonprofit organizations that never received NSGP funding were eligible for up to 15 bonus points. To advance considerations of equity in awarding NSGP grant funding, FEMA may add additional points to the scores of organizations that are located in historically underserved or disadvantaged communities. FEMA will apply the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index tool to each applicant and will add ten (10) points to applications from organizations in communities with a "High" SVI ranking (.60 - .79) and fifteen (15) points to applications from organizations in communities with a "Very High" SVI ranking (.80 – 1.0). To access the CDC's SVI tool, click [here](#).

- ***How long is a Threat, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment valid?*** A Threat, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment (TVRA) is generally valid for up to 36 months. The TVRA must identify and support all the vulnerabilities that will be requested in the application.

- ***Can an organization submit multiple applications for multiple buildings?*** Yes. One address. One building. One application. Maximum of 6 locations — 3 for NSGP-Urban Area and 3 for NSGP-S.

- ***Is security training an allowable expense?*** Yes. A nonprofit organization can request training, such as active threat training, on the NSGP Investment Justification, but must provide the following information on the application — who will be doing the training, what type of training will be implemented, how often the training will be held, and where the training will be held.