



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - Getting Started Guide

The [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#) is made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA). The NSGP provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack. The NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES) is the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the program, meaning nonprofit organizations must apply to DHSES, who will then submit a final application package to FEMA on behalf of all nonprofit sub-applicants. The timeline for the NSGP fluctuates each year as it is dependent on the federal appropriations process and the application period is typically very short. It is therefore recommended that nonprofit organizations planning to apply refer to the requirements below to get started now, as there are several steps that can be completed prior to the application period.

- **Get Prequalified** - Eligible organizations must be prequalified in the Statewide Financial System (SFS)* at the time of application. This includes those organizations that may have been previously prequalified, as you must maintain prequalification status in order to apply for funds. Please ensure all financial documentation in your document vault is current and will not be expiring in the near future. For more information, please visit: <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/get-prequalified>.

***Important Note:** As of January 16, 2024, Prequalification transitioned from NYS Grants Management to the Statewide Financial System (SFS). For more information on the transition, please visit: <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/transition-SFS>.

- Only document vaults in “Prequalified” status were converted.
 - If your document vault was not converted, you must initiate and complete the prequalification process in SFS.
- **Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** - Nonprofit organizations must obtain a UEI number. DUNS numbers are no longer valid.
 - For more information, please visit: <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>
 - **Register in E-Grants** - All NSGP applications must be submitted via the DHSES E-Grants System.
 - For more information, or to register for access, please visit: <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/e-grants>.



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- **Obtain/Conduct a Vulnerability Assessment** - A vulnerability assessment must be attached to each application. Vulnerability assessments must:
 - be provided for each site for which funding is requested;
 - contain the site's physical address, which must match the physical address provided in the Investment Justification (IJ);
 - be aligned to all requested projects; and
 - accurately reflect the site's security vulnerabilities at the time your application is submitted.
 - There are several ways to obtain a vulnerability assessment, including but not limited to: requesting from local law enforcement or a security vendor, or conducting a self-assessment. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) self-assessment tool is an option and is available here: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>.

- **Register (or be exempt) with the NYS Attorney General's Office Charities Bureau**
 - For more information, please visit: https://www.charitiesnys.com/charities_new.html.

- **Sign up for important NSGP updates and reminders**
 - Requests to be added to the NYS DHSES nonprofit distribution list should be sent to: Grant.Info@dhses.ny.gov.

Please note, the requirements outlined above may all be completed prior to the NSGP application period but are not all-inclusive. All NSGP application instructions and requirements will be detailed in the DHSES Request for Applications (RFA), which will be published following FEMA's release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Questions? Please contact the NYS DHSES Grants Program Administration at:
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