



Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) FY 2020: \$90 Million

Ask: As the level and breadth of risk to nonprofit institutions continues to be high, we urge Congress to increase program funding to \$90 million in FY 2020, allocating \$50 million to the Urban Area Security Initiative/Nonprofit Security Program and \$40 million to the State Homeland Security Grant Program/Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

Background: Established in FY 2005 and administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the NSGP program supports the acquisition and installation of physical target hardening measures to protect against explosive device, arson, active shooter, assassination/kidnapping, chemical/biological agents, and cyber-attacks. The measures include the installation of access controls, barriers, blast-proofing, monitoring and surveillance capability, and cyber security enhancements.

Justification: The threat picture provides a compelling public interest in protecting against attacks on the Nonprofit Sector that would disrupt the vital health, human, social, cultural, religious, and other humanitarian services and practices they provide to communities, and which threaten the lives and well-being of millions of Americans who operate, utilize, live, and work in proximity to them. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and National Counterterrorism Center jointly assess that domestic extremists; perpetrators of hate crimes; homegrown violent extremists; and foreign terrorist organizations will continue to pose a lethal threat to faith-based communities in the Homeland, particularly against perceived soft targets such as religious and cultural facilities.

Legislative Status: The program was funded at \$60 million in FY 2019. On June 11, 2019, the House Appropriations Committee approved its draft FY 2020 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that includes \$90 million for the NSGP program. The full House has not yet acted on the bill. No Senate action has occurred at this time.

FEMA's Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) FY 2020: \$160 million

Ask: As too many Americans remain economically vulnerable, we urge Congress to appropriate \$160 million for the EFSP program in FY 2020, returning EFSP funding to prerecession levels.

Background: Established in 1983 and administered by a National Board made up of six of the nation's leading charitable organizations, including JFNA, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the program supports emergency homelessness and hunger prevention programs and services of approximately 10,000 public and nonprofit agencies across the country.

Justification: Unfortunately, even during continued economic recovery there remain significant pockets of people who are vulnerable to experiencing economic crisis, and over the past year, the nation's homelessness rate increased as did the number of

people seeking emergency shelter assistance. Present economic factors at play include industry closings and layoffs, lack of affordable housing, under-employment, and economic vulnerability. To this last point, many households report that just one unexpected emergency expense of just \$400, would prohibit them from being able to pay their rent or mortgage. There are more than 550,000 people in the United States experiencing homelessness on any given night.

Legislative Status: The program has been flat-funded at \$120 million since FY 2011. On June 11, 2019, the House Appropriations Committee approved its draft FY 2020 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that includes \$130 million for EFSP, a \$10 million increase over FY 2019. The full House has not yet acted on the bill. No Senate action has occurred at this time. (Note: Separately, Congress approved \$30 million in EFSP supplemental funding within H.R.3401 (on July 1, 2019), to assist communities significantly impacted by the humanitarian crisis at the southern border.)

The Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program FY 2020: \$5 million

Ask: We urge Congress to continue funding the Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program at \$5 million, to ensure that survivors and other vulnerable aging populations receive trauma informed care.

Background: Since 2015, JFNA's Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care has partnered with the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) to develop innovations in person-centered, trauma informed (PCTI) care for Holocaust survivors. With most of the nation's estimated 80,000 Holocaust survivors now in their 80s and 90s and many facing poor health and economic hardship, there is an imperative to develop and implement PCTI methods for this extremely vulnerable population, and to expand lessons learned to other traumatized older populations, such as veterans, first responders, victims of manmade and natural disasters, and those who were otherwise traumatized as children.

Justification: It is currently estimated that between 70% and 90% of Americans 65 and older have experienced at least one traumatic event in their lifetime. By 2029, 20 percent of the U.S. population will be over the age of 65. As America's 74 million baby boomers face the challenges and transitions of aging, the need to add a focus on trauma to the nation's health and social service delivery systems has never been more urgent.

Legislative Status: The program was funded at \$5 million in FY 2019. On June 18, 2019, the House passed its FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill that includes \$5 million for the Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program. No Senate action has occurred at this time.

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