

## FFY23 NSGP Application Assistance Webinar



TOPIC	QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>Eligibility</b>	We applied last year and were successful, can we apply again this year?	Yes, you are encouraged to apply again.
	Do K-12 schools qualify for this grant?	No, public schools are not eligible for this grant.
	If we have not had a terrorist attack or threat but could be a target in the future, should we still apply?	Yes, you can still apply for this grant.
	Are houses of worship prioritized or are all organizations equal for this grant?	All applicants with completed applications will be given the same equal opportunity to receive funding, although first time applicants are a priority.
	Does a history of incidents have to be present to qualify an applicant?	No, they are not required but can help strengthen your application.

<b>Allowable Costs</b>	<p>Are security camera systems with facial recognition and license plate reader ability software allowable?</p> <p>Are construction and renovation relative to new interior doors allowable?</p> <p>Are indirect costs allowable above the max award or as a component of the award?</p> <p>Can organizations claim both M&amp;A and indirect costs?</p> <p>Are any construction projects inside the building allowable that would enhance safety?</p> <p>Are window blinds or curtains a permitted equipment category?</p> <p>What kind of equipment can be purchased under the equipment category IT Contingency Operations?</p> <p>Can the grant be used for a new firewall for cyber security?</p>	<p>No, these are not an allowable cost.</p> <p>Yes, these are allowable but require prior approval from FEMA. Also, the construction and renovation would have to address a known gap in your vulnerability assessment. Costs can't exceed 15% of your award.</p> <p>Indirect costs would be included as part of your total budget of the award amount. It is not above the max award amount.</p> <p>Yes, but you must provide in your application your organizations indirect cost agreement.</p> <p>Yes, this is allowable.</p> <p>No, they are not an allowable cost.</p> <p>Please refer to FEMA's Authorized Equipment List (AEL) <a href="https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list-item/14ci-00-coop">https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list-item/14ci-00-coop</a></p> <p>Yes, this is an allowable cost. Please refer to our "NOFO- Notice of Funding Opportunity" for further assistance.</p>

	<p>Is it OK to occupy property but lease it (not own)?</p> <p>Can this be used to upgrade our phone system?</p> <p>Would replacing windows needed to escape the during an emergency be an allowable cost?</p> <p>Is medical equipment such as defibrillators allowable?</p> <p>Can upgrading lights in a parking lot be considered allowable?</p> <p>Will wiring needed for Access Panels and Camera's to a computer room be an allowable cost?</p> <p>Is equipment from China an unallowable cost currently through grand funding?</p>	<p>Yes, leasing a space is allowable.</p> <p>No, you cannot upgrade an entire phone system with these grant funds. However, public information/warning systems are allowable.</p> <p>Yes, windows are an allowable cost as well as upgrading windows.</p> <p>Basic First- Aid Kits are an allowable cost. defibrillators are not allowable.</p> <p>Yes, lighting is an allowable cost.</p> <p>Yes, any activity related to the installation is allowable.</p> <p>No, due to hardware and software issues they could result in a security threat. Please refer to our “NOFO- Notice of Funding Opportunity” for further assistance.</p>
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	Would hiring a security officer through an independent security company be eligible?	Yes, this is an allowable cost.
<b>Application</b>	Where and when will the application be made available?	The application and supporting documents are available at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/nonprofit-security-grant-program">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/nonprofit-security-grant-program</a>
	Do you recommend that we use a grant writer?	Federal and State agencies cannot advise applicants to use certain services. This must be a decision made within your organization.
	How do I get an UEI number?	Please create an UEI Number through SAM.gov, also you can contact their Help Desk at +1 (866) 606-8220, for further assistance.
	Does the UEI number expire?	No, it does not expire.
	Do you share the scoring rubric with the applicants?	You can find the scoring information in the FEMA NOFO- Notice of Funding Opportunity. <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security">https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security</a>
	When is the deadline to submit the grant application?	The deadline to submit is on Friday April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, at 4:00 PM EST to <a href="mailto:brian.p.nichols@mass.gov">brian.p.nichols@mass.gov</a>

	<p>Where can we find specification around what must be included in a vulnerability assessment?</p> <p>Will the application be rejected if the budget worksheet cannot be created for technical reasons?</p>	<p>The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security (CISA) has information on the development of vulnerability assessments  <a href="https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security">https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security</a></p> <p>Please contact your Program Coordinator, Brian Nichols at <a href="mailto:brian.p.nichols@mass.gov">brian.p.nichols@mass.gov</a>. if you are having any technical issues with the application documents</p>
<b>Budget</b>	<p>Of the total number of applications approximately how many are funded?</p> <p>When is the grant scheduled to be awarded?</p> <p>What paperwork is required for Nonprofit Management and Administration costs (and where to</p>	<p>This depends on the number of applications received and the budgeted amount of grant funds that can be allocated.</p> <p>September/October 2023.</p> <p>Yes, 5% of your requested grant award is the percentage, please add this to your budget in your</p>

	find it), and to confirm that up to 5% can be used in this line item?	Investment Justification and Budget Worksheet if you are requesting that amount.
<b>Federal Grant</b>	Can applicants who have applied for a state award also apply for a federal award?	Yes, you can apply.