

Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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Q: If my organization has two or more locations can each location through their separate application solicit up to \$60,000?

A: Yes, each location may solicit up to \$60,000.00 per location.

Q: Can you apply for this grant a second time if you have already received funding from this grant or other OGR grants in the past?

A: Even though you were previously awarded funding in the past it will not impact your eligibility for CNSGP and CNSPGP. On the application form you would just be prompted to give a description of how the previous funds previously benefitted your organization.

Q: Does this Grant go through Federal Homeland Security at all and need to follow the same restrictions as the latest NSGP grants?

A: These are state funds, not federal funds and are not subject to DHS rules.

Q: Is it still worth applying for organizations who do not have documented threats of incidents or hate crimes?

A: Organizations who have experienced any prior incidents or hate crimes will receive priority. You should fill out the application to the best of your ability and try to strengthen your application in other areas. Such as a thorough description of the need for the equipment, project description and implementation plan sections. This will be a competitive process, but it will not eliminate your application just because your organization has not experienced any incidents or hate crimes.

Q: Is the same nonprofit able to apply for both the CNSGP and CNSPGP opportunity? Or does the organization have to choose one?

A: Yes, the same nonprofit can apply for both grants simultaneously.

Q: When does the grant contract begin and when can I start spending funds?

A: The period of performance begins when the Executive Director signs the contract. No activity can begin before the contract is executed.

Q: When does the performance period begin and end?

A: The CNSGP (anticipated) January 2026 – August 31st, 2026.

Q: If we are buying the equipment through a contracted company and we just have a total equipment cost in the quote, would we need to get it itemized from the contractor?

A: No, you would not need to get an itemized list, we suggest that you come up with your project and implementation plan and describe how the project will be fully funded.

Q: Are you requiring both an electronic as well as a hard copy application submission?

A: No, the online application is the only application that needs to be submitted.