

Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program

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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 do we 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: If my organization has two or more locations can each location through their separate application solicit up to \$40,000?

A: Yes, each location may solicit up to \$40,000.00 per location.

Q: When does the performance period begin and end?

A: The CNSPGP (anticipated) January 2026 – August 30th, 2026.

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: Can we pay a current security guard's hourly pay or increase their hours using the grant?

A: Yes, you would be able to pay your current security guard with the funds from CNSPGP but only within the grant performance period. However, we cannot have any current or active law enforcement personnel be a security guard so make sure that they are not working for the police department in any capacity.

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.

Q: Will the grant cover the costs of off-duty law enforcement officers? Meaning the facility contacts their local police department and hires a uniformed officer who is not on duty at that time and is dedicated to working at a specific event at that facility.

A: Unfortunately, expenses associated with hiring off-duty police officers for security would not be eligible to be covered by this grant. We cannot have any current or active law enforcement personnel be a security guard in any capacity be covered under the CNSPGP.