



# **OFFICE OF GRANTS AND RESEARCH**

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# **State Fiscal Year 2024 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS**

**WEBINAR**

**September 26, 2023**

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# Background

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**PURPOSE:** This grant opportunity is designed for nonprofit organizations to address critical infrastructure equipment and technology needs as it relates to building security and the safety of attendees and staff.

- The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make available **\$1,125,000** in funding for **nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations** to competitively solicit one-time grant funding to assist nonprofit organizations such as faith-based institutions, medical and health care facilities, and other human service entities, and the like with enhancing building safety and security for its members and staff.
- Priority will be given to applicants demonstrating the greatest need (experienced threats and or incidents of terrorism or hate crimes known or believed to be related to their nonprofit organization's purpose, mission, or services), propose cost-effective solutions to addressing high-priority security gaps or weaknesses, and have NOT received a previous CNSGP or other related federal nonprofit award from OGR. Previous awardees are eligible and encouraged to apply, however preference will be given first to those who have yet to secure previous funding for this initiative.

# Eligibility

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- Per legislative language, funding shall be expended for a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at a high risk of terrorist attacks or hate crimes.
- Applicants may solicit up to **\$75,000** in funding under this competitive grant.
- Only one (1) application per nonprofit can be submitted for consideration of funding. Submitting more than one application will disqualify an applicant from the competitive process.

# Timeline

AGF POSTED	September 13, 2023
<b>Application Due Date</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. October 13, 2023</b>
Award Notification	November 2023
Performance Period	December 2023 – June 30, 2024



# Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

## Equipment is limited to the following categories:

- Physical Security Enhancement Equipment;
- Inspection and Screening System

Types of purchases eligible for funding include but are not limited to:

- Exterior Door and Door Locks (with single secure entry points);
- Surveillance Video Cameras;
- Site Alarms;
- Internal Public Address System;
- Tourniquets, or other emergency first aid equipment;
- Fencing;
- Lighting;
- Access Control Systems

## These grant funds may not be used for any of the following:

- Employee salary or benefits;
- Training;
- Grant writers;
- Standard firearms or ammunition;
- Major construction, office furniture, or other like purchases;
- Vehicles



# Application Process

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## Attachment A-Section I: Applicant Information

- Funding Amount Requested
- Grant Contact
- Fiscal Contact
- Project Summary
- Prior STATE or FEDERAL Nonprofit Security Funding





# Application Process (Cont.)

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## **Section II: Narrative**

- Needs Assessment
- Project Description
- Implementation Plan, Timeline and Person(s) Responsible



# Application Process (Cont.)

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## **Section III: Budget Narrative Summary**

- **Describe Purchases**

- *Never assume the reviewer is familiar with the costs itemized on the Excel document*

- **7-Month Budget**

- **Allowable Cost Categories**

- Equipment and Systems - Allowable costs are focused on security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically to prevent or protect against the risk of a terrorist attack or hate crime.



# Application Submission

## Electronic Documents

Attachment A: Completed and Signed Online Application

Attachment B: Budget Excel Worksheet Form (in Excel format, not PDF)

Final page of application after uploads is for signature by organization representative

***Please Note: Submission of the online form alone will not be accepted as an application submission. All applicants are required to also submit a signed hard copy of the complete application. The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the online application form on or before Friday, October 13, 2023 at 4:00pm. Emailed submissions will NOT be accepted.***

**APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER OCT. 13, 2023 4:00PM  
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



# Step 1: Electronic Submission

The online application must be completed, signed, and submitted with the following required attachments uploaded:

- Attachment B: Budget Excel Workbook (in Excel format, not PDF)

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# Electronic Submission Confirmation

## MA Office of Grants and Research (OGR)

SFY2024 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP) Application

Thank you for submitting your electronic SFY2024 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP) Application.

**To complete you application: print the application and attachments, sign the Organization Representative section, and mail hard copies to:**

Office of Grants and Research

35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 302

Braintree, MA 02184

Attention: Sarah Malloy, Program Coordinator

Applications Due (both hard copy and electronic): **Friday, October 13, 2023 by 4:00pm.**

For questions regarding your application, please contact [sarah.a.malloy@mass.gov](mailto:sarah.a.malloy@mass.gov).



# Step 2: Hard Copy Submission

Upon submission of your online application, the grant contact will receive an email confirmation with the PDF attachments of the online submission. Please print these attachments, and obtain the signature of the Senior Organization Official on the hard copy application.

Applicants must submit by mail:

- Attachment A: Complete/Signed/Printed Application
- Attachment B: Budget Worksheet (Summary and Detail Sheets)

Hard copy of application and documents must be postmarked on or before October 13, 2023 and mailed to:

**Office of Grants and Research  
35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 302  
Braintree, MA 02184  
Attention: Sarah Malloy  
Sarah.a.malloy@mass.gov**



# Application Review and Scoring

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**This is a competitive grant and will be subject to a peer review process. Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:**

**Application Information-** *clear and adequate responses in Section I (10 points)*

**Needs Assessment** - *relevant local data specific to your organization and/or surrounding area to demonstrate need and correlation to the requested equipment/items (25 points)*

**Program Narrative** - *that clearly describes the equipment, goods and or services to be purchased, types of items requested and target hardening and or physical security enhancement benefits to the non-profit organization site seeking funding (25 points)*

**Implementation Plan and Timeline** – *is feasible and ensures all allowable grant funded goods and or services will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period (15 points)*

**Detailed, Reasonable and Complete Budget** - *budget summary and Excel budget detail worksheet (25 points)*



# Notification

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## **Award decisions are at the discretion of the:**

- Governor
  - Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)
  - Executive Director of EOPSS / Office of Grants and Research (OGR)
- OGR reserves the right to award additional proposals recommended for funding by the peer reviewers if additional funds become available after the initial awards are made.*

## **Award announcements**

- November 2023





# Resources

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## FY24 Funding Period Application Materials

[FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program AGF](#)

[FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Online Application Form](#)

[FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Budget Worksheet \(Attachment B\)](#)



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# QUESTIONS?

