

SFY24 Commonwealth Non- Profit Security Grant

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Q. How do we sign the budget form automatically for the electronic submission?

A. The electronic application does not require an electronic signature. Please sign the hard copy before mailing it in to us.

Q. If a company submits an application for the Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program, does that count as one application and would disqualify a business for this grant?

A. It would be considered a separate grant application.

Q. Does the \$650/day for consultants include installers?

A. No, that would be separate.

Q. Are applicants held to the budget submitted on the application? Or can we submit an estimate for funding?

A. We understand it is an estimate and can be adjusted once awarded.

Q. If we have a security project whose total cost will be more than the grant amount, do we have to tie specific costs to the grant?

A. Yes, you must address this in the application.

Q. Are Community Colleges eligible for this grant?

A. No, colleges and universities are not eligible for this grant.

Q. What is the meaning of the 7 Month grant period?

A. Period of Performance is December 2023- June 2024.

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Q. We applied for a grant in FY23 and waiting on notice of award. Will those awards impact this funding competitiveness?

A. No, those should not impact the competitiveness.

Q. Are you able to apply for these funds and the non profit security personnel grant? Would you award both to the same organization?

A. Yes, you can apply to both grants.

Q. If security camera systems are going to be installed in a renovation project, do you consider this "major construction?"

A. No, this is not considered major construction.

Q. Are matching funds required?

A. No, matching funds are not required.

Q. Will improvements to multiple office sites eligible?

A. Yes, if your non- profit has multiple locations then that is allowable.

Q. Are interior locks to create safe rooms included?

A. If it is related to the safety and security of the people in the building, then it is considered allowable.

Q. Would personal wearable panic buttons be an allowable cost?

A. No, this is not considered allowable.

Q. Are fire alarm systems allowable?

A. Yes, as long as costs are reasonable. However fire sprinkler systems are not allowable.

Q. If an organization already began security upgrades and then is awarded this grant, can prior purchases be covered by the grant?

A. No, previous purchases are not covered under this grant.

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Q. Can we ask for equipment for two sites in one proposal?

A. No, one application per location

Q. It seems we can save the draft online application as we go along and before we submit?

A. There is a save button on the form.

Q. Is security glass for doors and windows an allowable cost?

A. Yes, they are allowable.

Q. Would online hateful comments be considered a threat?

A. Yes, if they meet the Hate Crime language stated in the AGF.

Q. Can you provide examples of projects previously awarded through this grant program?

A. Examples can be found in the AGF.

Q. Would the grant cover property in addition to buildings?

A. Please reach out to the Grant Program Coordinator for guidance.

Q. Are Public Schools eligible for this grant?

A. No, they are not eligible.

