SFY2027 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP)

APPLICANT INFORMATION SESSION

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MEET THE OGR TEAM

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Background

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.

- OGR will make available $4,465,000 for nonprofit 501(c) (3) organizations (such as faith-based institutions, medical and health care facilities to competitively solicit one-time grant funding to improve building safety and security for its members/visitors and staff.

- Priority will be given to applicants demonstrating the greatest need (targeted by threats and/or incidents of terrorism or hate crimes, which are known or believed to be related to their nonprofit organization's purpose, mission, or services), applicants must **propose cost-effective solutions** to addressing high-priority security gaps and/or weaknesses. Applicants that have **NOT** received prior CNSGP or related federal nonprofit security funding awarded by OGR. Previous awardees are eligible to apply; **however, funding priority will be given to those who have never received non-profit security funding.** Once, potential first-time awardees are considered for funding, if there are remaining funds, prior awardees will then be considered.

Eligibility, Use of Funds and Maximum Award Amount

- Nonprofit 501 (c) (3) Organization
- To provide support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at **high risk of terrorist attacks or hate crimes.**
- Applicants may solicit up to **$75,000**.
- Only one **(1)** application per nonprofit can be submitted for consideration of funding.

Note: A nonprofit organization may request funding for multiple locations in separate communities however, the nonprofit must submit a separate application for each location for which it is requesting funding.

AGF Key Dates

Availability of Grant Funding Posted	October 16, 2026
Application Due Date	**November 20th, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.**
Award Notification *(anticipated)*	January 2027
Performance Period *(anticipated)*	January 2027 – August 31st, 2027

Allowable Costs

•Physical Security Enhancement Equipment
•Inspection and Screening System

Examples-Eligible Goods:

•Exterior Door and Door Locks (with single secure entry points)

•Surveillance Video Cameras

•Site Alarms

•Tourniquets or Other Emergency First Aid Equipment

•Security Fencing and Barriers

•Lighting

•Access Control System

Unallowable Costs

These grant funds may not be used for:

- Employee salary or benefits
- Trainings and exercises (unless directly related to operation of equipment purchase)
- Grant writers
- Law Enforcement Equipment such as standard firearms or ammunition
- Major construction, office furniture, or other like purchases
- Vehicles
- Security Personnel

Application Process

Organization Information

- Name of Nonprofit Organization
- Nonprofit type
- Applicant Address
- Tax ID
- Applicant Legal Name/Address
- Contact Information (Authorized Official, Grant Point of Contact, Contract Manager)

Application Process-continued:

Project Summary & Narrative

- Needs Assessment
- Project Description
- Implementation Plan, Objectives, Activities and Timeline

Application Process-continued:

Budget Narrative

- Dollar amount of funding requested
- Describe purchases
- Allowable Cost Categories: (consultants/contract, equipment & technology, and other costs)
- *Never assume the reviewer is familiar with the costs itemized on the Excel document*
- **Budget** (Attachment (A) Budget Excel Worksheet form)
- Additional materials
- 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

- Completed and signed application by Authorized Official
- Attachment A: Budget Excel Worksheet form (in Excel format, not PDF)
- Risk Assessment Form (optional)

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER November 20th, 2026, AT 4:00PM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We strongly suggest that applicants submit early to build in time for technical difficulties.

Electronic Submission Confirmation

MA Office of Grants and Research (OGR)

SFY 2027 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP) Application

Thank you for submitting your electronic Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Application.

For questions regarding your application, please contact Program Coordinator, Myesha Auguste.

When the file size of uploaded documents exceeds 17 MB, the files will not be attached to this email. Please contact the individual at the email above to obtain a copy of the documents.

Applications Due: **November 20th, 2026, by 4:00pm.**
For questions regarding your application, please contact:
Myesha.m.auguste@mass.gov

Application Review & Scoring

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:

- Clear and adequate responses in the **Application Information** section (**5 points**).
- A thorough explanation of **need**, including relevant local data to demonstrate need and correlation to the requested equipment/items to be purchased that will address the stated need (**35 points**).
- A **project description** that clearly describes the items to be purchased, types of items requested, and benefits to the nonprofit and community seeking funding (**30 points).**
- An **implementation plan and timeline** that is feasible and ensures all goods will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period (**10 points**).
- A detailed, reasonable, and complete **budget** (**20 points**).

Application Review and Scoring Continued:

- In addition to reviewer feedback and scoring, other factors such as achieving geographic diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, previous awards, and available funding will be taken into consideration by OGR when making funding decisions. To reiterate, first time awardees who have never received a state funded CNSGP, MNSGP, or federally funded NSGP (including NSS) award, will take precedence for this competitive process. If an organization has multiple locations, each location is considered a separate applicant. If the organization has received grant funding for one location and is now requesting funds for a second location that has not received grant funding, the second location would be considered a first-time awardee.

Notification

Award decisions are at the discretion of the:

- Governor
- Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)
- Executive Director of the Office of Grants and Research (OGR)

Award announcements

- Anticipated: January 2027

Contracts with OGR must be fully executed (signed by recipient and OGR Executive Director) before any expenditures are made.

Resources

SFY27 Application Materials

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program AGF

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Online Application Form

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Budget Worksheet

FY27 OGR Risk Assessment Form

Questions on the CNSGP application process?

All questions can be submitted electronically through email to the program coordinator Myesha Auguste by Friday November 6, 2026, and I will get back to you. OGR will also do its best to post answers to common questions up on our website for public viewing so that everyone is receiving the same guidance.

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