FY2027 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program (CNSPGP)

APPLICANT INFORMATION SESSION

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Background

PURPOSE: This grant opportunity is designed for nonprofit organizations to address critical safety and security needs by hiring security personnel.

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) has made available $750,000 for nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations to competitively solicit one-time grant funding to assist with the cost of security personnel. Eligible nonprofit organizations include religious, educational, medical, & human service providers that have demonstrated to be at high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes. Participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds equal to $1 for every $1 match. (For example, if you request $5,000 dollars then your organization must contribute $5,000)

Priority will be given to applicants demonstrating the greatest need AND proposing cost-effective solutions to hiring security personnel.

Eligibility, Maximum Award Amount and Match

- A nonprofit 501c3 may solicit up to $40,000 in funding.
- All applicants must submit a letter signed by their local Police Chief stating the department was consulted and approves of the plan for security personnel submitted for consideration of funding.
- Only one (1) application per nonprofit can be submitted for consideration of funding. 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.
- Applicants must contribute an actual dollar for dollar match ($1 matched by the nonprofit for every $1 funded by the grant). In kind services are not allowed in place of $1 for $1 match.

AGF Key Dates

AGF Posted	October 16, 2026
Application Due Date	**November 20, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.**
Award Notification (anticipated)	January 2027
Performance Period (anticipated)	January 2027 – September 30, 2027

Allowable Costs

Consultant/Contract Costs limited to the following:

- Security Personnel - Funding can be used for qualified and trained security personnel specifically for prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack or hate crime.

- **Please Note: Organizations can contract with an individual member of law enforcement but may not enter into a contract with the police department to provide security services.**

- **The maximum pay rate for contracted security personnel may not exceed $650 for an eight-hour day or $81.25 per hour**

- Applicants must provide OGR with the breakdown of daily rate, the number of personnel, and anticipated number of hours/days the personnel will work over the course of the period of performance.

Unallowable Costs

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

- Employee salary or benefits
- CNSPGP funds may not be used to purchase equipment, uniforms, or other items for security personnel.
- Training
- Grant writers
- Standard firearms or ammunition
- Major construction, office furniture, or other like purchases
- Vehicles
- On-duty law enforcement personnel (as previously noted)

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)
- Prior State or Federal Nonprofit Security Funding

Application Process

Project Summary & Narrative

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

Application Process

Budget Narrative

- Dollar amount of funding requested
- Describe purchases
- Allowable Cost Categories (consultants/contract)
- *Never assume the reviewer is familiar with the costs itemized on the Excel document*
- **Budget** (Attachment A Budget Excel worksheet form)
- Additional materials

Application Submission

- Application completed and signed by Authorized Officials
- Attachment A: Budget Excel Worksheet form (in Excel format provided, not PDF)
- Letter signed by local Police Chief stating the department was consulted and approves of the plan for security personnel submitted for consideration of funding.

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 Personnel Grant Program (CNSPGP) Application

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

For questions regarding your application, please contact Program Coordinator, Cristian Orellana.

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: Cristian.Orellana@Mass.gov

Application Review and 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 services to be purchased that will address the stated need **(35 points).**
- A project description that clearly describes the benefits of security personnel to the nonprofit and community seeking funding **(30 points)**
- An implementation plan and timeline that is feasible and ensures all services will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period **(10 points).**
- A detailed, reasonable, and complete budget **(20 points).**

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

The contract with OGR must be <u>fully executed (signed by recipient and OGR Executive Director)</u> before any expenditures can be spent.

Resources

SFY27 Application Materials

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program AGF

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program Online Application Form

FY27 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program Budget Worksheet

Questions on the CNSPGP application process?

All questions can be submitted electronically through email to the Program Coordinator Cristian Orellana by Friday Nov. 6th, 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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