

2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Harden nonprofit targets against attack



Bidder's Workshop
6/30/2026 at 2 PM MT



2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

The NSGP is a **competitive** grant program providing federal funding (FEMA) for security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of extremist attack.

- The NSGP provides funding for physical and cybersecurity enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist or other extremist attacks. The program seeks to enhance the ability of nonprofits to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to such threats while also integrating their preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts.
- NSGP-S vs NSGP-UA
- Period of Performance (POP) is 36 months

➤ September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2029*



2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Key Changes from FY25 to FY 26

- NSGP-State award 7% increase in total award to Idaho \$2.1M to \$2.250M
- New IJ form https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/f093f16b-616d-4509-8da8-84887d36771a/attachments/7685c59e-e485-47df-bd76-afa7fd30d0e5/FEMA_Form_FF-207-FY-21-115_NEW.pdf
- May submit unawarded FY25 project in new FY26 IJ form - add “NSGP-26 Submitted in FY25” in [email](#) subject line.
- Conform with [IB](#) 568 and submit Appendix B (later slide)
 - Applicants will be asked whether they face heightened threat related to the Israel-Hamas war. This does **not** guarantee funding but is part of the SAA federal reporting and prioritization fields
- IOEM will conduct a competitive application process from 06/30 with a deadline of 07/14/2026, 5pm MT (4pm PT). Proposals will be submitted to IOEM, then forwarded to FEMA. Applicants are encouraged to review the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for guidance in addition to the [NOFO](#).
- Assure Euna account is current
 - Idaho Grant Management System GMS: <https://gotomygrants.com>. Activation of account / reset password emails come from no-reply@gotomygrants.com
- Assure sam.gov registration is current



NSGP Eligibility

Nonprofit organizations designated as an **IRS 501(c)(3)** entity and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- Organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues are considered exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) and do not have to apply for and receive recognition of exemption from the IRS.
- Able to demonstrate, through the application (Investment Justification- IJ), that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attacks.
- Tax Exempt Organization Search
[Tax Exempt Organization Search \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile/irs501c3)



What type of entities/organizations are eligible to apply under NSGP?

The list below is not exhaustive and only provides examples of potential eligible organizations, all of which must be nonprofits.



Houses of worship



Educational facilities



Medical facilities



Senior centers/care facilities



Community/social service



Shelters/crisis centers



Event venues



Science organizations



Camps



Museums

Eligible organizations are registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits or otherwise are organizations as described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the IRC.

What type of entities/organizations are not eligible to apply under NSGP?



Utility companies



Governmental entities



For-profit hospitals



For-profit colleges/universities



Volunteer fire departments



Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Clubs, etc.



Organizations active in politics/lobbying



For-profit venues, stadiums, amusement parks, etc.



Homeowner associations, labor unions, etc.



For-profit transportation entities



Municipal/public schools (elementary, middle, high)

2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Resources

The NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

- National Preparedness Goal
[National Preparedness Goal | FEMA.gov](#)
- Idaho Preparedness Efforts
[Community Preparedness | Office of Emergency Management \(idaho.gov\)](#)
- FY26 NSGP NOFO / Scoring / Prioritization of IJ / New IJ form
 - [The U. S. Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) Fiscal Year 2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program | FEMA.gov](#)
 - [Fiscal Year 2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\) Scoring](#)
 - [Fiscal Year 2025 Preparedness Grants Manual](#)
 - [Fiscal year 2026 Investment Justification form download link](#)



National Preparedness Goal, Mission Areas

- Preventing, avoiding, or stopping an imminent, threatened or an actual act of terrorism.
- Protecting our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
- Mitigating / Reducing the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
- Responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an incident.
- Recovering through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by an incident.



2026 NSGP Funding Landscape

- Idaho (recipient) target allocation: award = \$2,250,000
- Applicant (subrecipient) may apply for up to \$200,000 per site (up to 3 sites - separate IJ required for each site*, up to total no more than \$600,000)

2026 NSGP Process

- Three phases of Application Review:



- State Administrative Agency (SAA)= IOEM



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Planning- Security or emergency planning expenses and the materials required to conduct planning activities.

- Must relate to the protection of the (specific) facility and the people within and should include consideration of individuals with access and functional needs as well as those with limited English proficiency.
- Examples of planning activities include (but not limited to):
 - Develop, enhance, & strengthen security plans, protocols, & assessments
 - Emergency contingency, evacuation, & shelter-in-place plans
 - Coordination and info sharing with fusion centers

[FEMA Guide for Developing Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship](#)



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Training & Exercises

- Training: For organization personnel, staff, members, and volunteers. Includes onsite/offsite training and train-the-trainer courses.
- Security Exercises: Plan and conduct exercises to validate plans, assess capabilities, and identify gaps, including for individuals with access/functional needs.
 - Course details and budgeted costs must be in IJ
- Costs: Covers fees, materials, supplies, and documentation.
 - Travel not reimbursable.
- Guidance: Follow Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program ([HSEEP](#)) principles; use After Action Reports and Improvement Plans to address gaps iteratively.



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Training / Exercises

- Allowable training / exercise topics include physical and cybersecurity, target hardening and terrorism awareness / employee preparedness topics such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, active shooter training, and emergency AED and basic first aid training.
 - Applicants should include specific details about any proposed training/exercises, to include topic, organizational attendees / participants, length, costs and what identified vulnerability the activity will help mitigate.



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Equipment- Allowable costs are focused on facility hardening and physical security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.

NSGP allowable equipment is a subset of the AEL. Find the listing in the NOFO and in the dropdown menu of Section IV-B of the IJ.

➤ **Key Categories**

- **Notification & Communication:** PA systems, radios, repeaters, intercoms, paging.
- **Access & ID:** Credentialing, access control, personnel/vehicle ID, screening.
- **Cybersecurity & IT:** Authentication, encryption, malware protection, firewalls, IT backup.
- **Physical Security:** Reinforced doors/gates, barriers, blast-resistant receptacles, sensors, lighting.
- **Video & Monitoring:** Security cameras, acoustic sensors, infrastructure monitoring, alert software.



Full list of Allowable Activities and Equipment found in FY 2026 NOFO Authorized Equipment List (AEL)

equipment is **limited to select items** on the [Authorized Equipment List](#) (AEL). These items, including the item's plain-language description *specific to the NSGP*, are as follows:

AEL Code	Title	Description
03OE-03-MEGA	System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile	Systems for mass audio notification, including vehicle-mounted high powered speaker systems, or battery powered megaphone/public address systems with corded microphone.
03OE-03-SIGN	Signs	functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service, as opposed to purchasing software.
04AP-05-CRED	System, Credentialing	Software, either local or cloud-based, that analyzes video input to detect/determine temporal and spatial events. either in real time or post-hoc.
04AP-06-VIDA	Software, Video Analytics	Systems used to provide enhanced remote authentication, often consisting of a server or synchronization scheme and a device, token, or smartphone application.
04AP-09-ALRT	Systems, Public Notification and Warning	Encryption software used to protect stored data files or email messages.
04AP-11-SAAS	Applications, Software as a Service	Software for protection against viruses, spyware, and malicious code. May be obtained for individual hosts or for entire network segments.
05AU-00-TOKN	System, Remote Authentication	Personal firewall for operation on individual workstations. This item is usually a software solution, but appliances are also available. See also: 05NP-00-FWAL.
05EN-00-ECRP	Software, Encryption	Firewall (software or standalone appliance) for use in protecting networks. See also 05HS-00-PFWL.
05HS-00-MALW	Software, Malware/Anti-Virus Protection	Intrusion Detection and/or Prevention System deployed at either host or network level to detect and/or prevent unauthorized or aberrant (i.e., abnormal) behavior on the network.
05HS-00-PFWL	System, Personal Firewall	Individual/portable radio transceivers, for notifications and alerts.
05NP-00-FWAL	Firewall, Network	Electronic device that receives a weak or low-level signal and retransmits that signal to extend usable range.
05NP-00-IDPS	System, Intrusion Detection/Prevention	Paging services/systems/applications; one-way text messaging for notifications or alerts.
06CP-01-PORT	Radio, Portable	Communication system for a limited number of personnel in close proximity to receive alerts or notifications
06CP-01-REPT	Repeater	Speaker/microphone extensions to portable radios.
06CC-02-PAGE	Services/Systems, Paging	Generators (gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas, etc.) and their required installation materials, including 10PE-00-PTSW
06CP-03-ICOM	Intercom/Intercom System	
06CP-03-PRAC	Accessories, Portable Radio	
10GE-00-GENR	Generators	



Allowable Activity and Equipment List (AEL) Items Continued

AEL Code	Title	Description
		(a power switch) if not already included, to support a redundant power supply for security systems, alarms, lighting, and other physical security/cybersecurity infrastructure or systems.
13IT-00-ALRT	System, Alert/Notification	Alert/notification software that allows for real-time dissemination of information for situational awareness or alerts among a group via means such as smartphones, landlines, pagers, etc. This item may also be a subscription cloud-based service using a web browser interface or a mobile application instead of a software.
10PE-00-UPS	Supply, Uninterruptible Power (UPS)	Systems that compensate for power loss to serviced equipment (e.g., short-duration battery devices, standby generator devices for longer duration).
14CI-00-COOP	System, Information Technology Contingency Operations	Back-up computer hardware, operating systems, data storage, and application software necessary to provide a working environment for contingency operations. May be purchased as a remote service or a dedicated alternate operating site.
14EX-00-BCAN	Receptacles, Trash, Blast-Resistant	Blast-resistant trash receptacles.
14EX-00-BSIR	Systems, Building, Blast/Shock/Impact Resistant	Systems to mitigate damage from blasts, shocks, or impacts, such as column and surface wraps, wall coverings, portable or fix ballistic boards/barriers, breakage/shatter resistant glass, window wraps/films/velums, etc.
14SW-01-ALRM	Systems/Sensors, Alarm	Systems and standalone sensors designed to detect access violations or intrusions using sensors such as door/window switches, motion sensors, acoustic sensors, seismic sensors, and thermal sensors. May also include temperature sensors for critical areas.
14SW-01-ASTN	Network, Acoustic Sensor Triangulation	Network of deployed acoustic sensors and one or more processing nodes for data integration and analysis. Such networks can be set to one or more ranges of frequencies to detect sounds such as gunshots, heavy weapons discharge, explosions, man-portable air defense system launches, vehicle noises, etc., and utilize acoustic triangulation to provide accurate location data. Such networks can be wired, wireless, or hybrid, and are capable of operation near critical infrastructure assets or in wide areas.
14SW-01-DOOR	Doors and Gates, Impact Resistant	Reinforced doors and gates with increased resistance to external impact for increased physical security.
14SW-01-LITE	Lighting, Area, Fixed	Fixed high-intensity lighting systems for improved visibility in areas such as building perimeters, parking lots, and other critical zones to increase physical security.
14SW-01-PACS	System, Physical Access Control	Locking devices and entry systems for control of physical access to facilities.
14SW-01-SIDP	Systems, Personnel Identification	Systems for positive identification of personnel as a prerequisite for entering restricted areas or accessing information systems.
14SW-01-SIDV	Systems, Vehicle Identification	Systems for identification of vehicles, ranging from decals to radio frequency identification or other transponder devices. (License plate reader and facial recognition software are NOT allowed.)
14SW-01-SNSR	Sensors/Alarms, System and Infrastructure Monitoring, Standalone	Standalone sensors/alarms for use on critical systems or infrastructure items (e.g., security systems, power supplies,

AEL Code	Title	Description
		etc.) to provide warning when these systems fail or are near failure.
14SW-01-VIDA	Systems, Video Assessment, Security	Camera-based security systems utilizing standard, low light, or infrared technology. (License plate reader and facial recognition software are NOT allowed.)
14SW-01-WALL	Barriers: Fences, Jersey Walls	Obstacles designed to channel or halt pedestrian or vehicle-borne traffic to protect a physical asset or facility such as barriers, bollards, planters, benches etc. (Earthen barriers, berms, trees, or other botanical obstacles are NOT allowed.)
15SC-00-PPSS	Systems, Personnel/Package Screening	Hand-held or fixed systems such as walk-through magnetometers used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices.
21GN-00-INST	Installation	Installation costs for authorized equipment purchased through FEMA grants.
21GN-00-TRNG	Training and Awareness	See Appendix A, Section D "Training and Exercises"

Other dropdowns in the Section IV-B of IJ, while not part of the AEL, include the following:

Code	Title	Description
Contract Security	Private Contact Security Personnel/Guards	See Appendix A, Section G "Contracted Security Personnel"
M&A	Management and Administration (M&A)	See Section 3.I. "Management and Administration (M&A)"
PLANNING	Planning	See Appendix A, Section A "Planning"
EXERCISE	Exercise	See Appendix A, Section D "Training and Exercises"

Unless otherwise stated, equipment must meet all mandatory statutory, regulatory, and FEMA-adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using these funds, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, recipients will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment, whether with NSGP funding or other sources of funds (see the Maintenance and Sustainment section below for more information).

Recipients and subrecipients may purchase equipment not listed on the AEL, but **only** if they first seek and obtain prior approval from FEMA. Note: Subapplicants should indicate in their budget narratives if a cost includes shipping and/or tax. It is not required to break the costs out as separate from the relevant purchase(s).

Applicants and subapplicants **should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing** equipment, especially high-cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Large equipment purchases must be identified and explained. For more information regarding property management standards for equipment, please reference 2 C.F.R. Part 200, including but not limited to 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.310, 200.313, and 200.316. Also see 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.471, and [FEMA Policy #405-143-1 – Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services](#), regarding prohibitions on covered telecommunications equipment or services. Additionally, recipients that are using NSGP funds to support emergency communications equipment activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants, including provisions on technical standards



Allowable Activity and Equipment List (AEL) Items Continued

- 21GN-00-TRNG Training and Awareness
- Contract Security Private Contact Security Personnel/Guards
- M&A Management and Administration (M&A)
- PLANNING Planning
- EXERCISE Exercise

Additional Considerations:

Analyze lease vs. purchase costs

Equipment meets purchase guidelines* (Federal, State, Local) i.e. any maintenance agreements are within the period of performance

Comply with [SAFECON Guidance](#) on Emergency Comms

Ensure EHP requirements are met. Email IOEMLogistics@imd.Idaho.gov for more information



Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

Most Projects are likely to require EHP Screening. Projects that include AEL Categories 10, 13, 14 & 15 will require EHP Screening.

Proposed Projects that have the potential to impact the environment, including but not limited to construction*, modification, renovation of existing buildings, structures, and facilities must participate in the DHS/FEMA EHP review process. This includes any changes to the structure such as adding security cameras, security doors, security glass, etc.

Projects selected for award will complete and submit the [EHP Screening Form](#) to IOEM for EHP review. The FEMA EHP Screening Form must be approved by FEMA prior to starting approved work. Delays in completing the EHP Screening Form will result in delays in the release of grant funds. IOEM will work with Grant Programs Directorate for EHP approval and advise subrecipients regarding release of grant funds.

*Construction/renovation allowed only with prior FEMA approval limited to ≤ 15% of total award (NOFO).



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION SCREENING FORM

OMB Control Number: 1660-0115
Expiration: 3/31/2026

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This information is being collected for the primary purpose of determining eligibility and administration of FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs and to ensure compliance with existing laws and regulations regarding the environment and historic preservation.

The disclosure of information on this form is required by law and failure to provide the information requested may delay or prevent the organization from receiving grant funding.

Directions for completing this form: This form is designed to initiate and facilitate the environmental and historic preservation (EHP) compliance review for your FEMA preparedness grant-funded project(s). FEMA conducts its EHP compliance reviews in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other EHP-related laws and executive orders. In order to initiate EHP review of your project, you must complete all relevant sections of this form and submit it to the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) along with all other pertinent project information. Failure to provide requisite information could result in delays in the release of grant funds. ***Be advised that completion of this form does not complete the EHP review process.*** You will be notified by FEMA when your review is complete and/or if FEMA needs additional information.

This form should be completed electronically. The document is available in both Word and Adobe Acrobat (pdf) formats at this website: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=4802>. The following website has additional guidance and instructions on the EHP review process and the information required for the EHP review: <https://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-compliance>.

Submit the completed form through your grant administrator who will forward it to GPDEHPInfo@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: ***EHP Submission: Project Title, location, Grant Award Number (Example, EHP Submission: Courthouse Camera Installation, Any Town, State, 12345; 2011-SS-0xxxx).***

SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

DHS Grant Award Number: _____

Grant Program: NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Recipient: Idaho Office of Emergency Management

Recipient POC: Matt McCarter

Mailing Address: 4040 Guard St., Bldg. 600 Boise, ID 83705-5004

E-Mail: IOEMLogistics@imd.idaho.gov

Sub-recipient: _____

Sub-recipient POC: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Estimated cost of project: _____

Project title: _____

Project location (physical address or latitude-longitude): _____

Project Description. Provide a complete project description. The project description should contain a summary of what specific action is proposed, where it is proposed, and how it will be implemented. Include a brief description of the objectives the project is designed to accomplish (the purpose), and the reason the project is needed. Use additional pages if necessary. If multiple sites are involved, provide the summary for each site:

Prohibition on Telecommunication, Video Surveillance Equipment and Services

Subrecipients may not use any FEMA funds to procure or obtain China made or China affiliated telecommunication, video surveillance equipment or services. Reference FEMA policy #405-143-1

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_policy-405-143-1-prohibition-covered-services-equipment-gpd.pdf

System for Award Management (SAM) provides a consolidated exclusion list of subsidiaries of telecommunication companies <https://sam.gov/SAM/>

- Take a screenshot of vendor status in sam.gov during purchase phase

Contact IOEM for assistance in determining if equipment or services are eligible under this program.



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Personnel Contracted security protection is the only allowable personnel cost in this category under NSGP.

- Funds may not be used to purchase equipment for contracted security.
- Applicant must justify proposed contracted security personnel spending in the facility hardening narrative section of the application.
- Not allowed for daily operations- special events only.
- **Sustainment** planning for non-NSGP-funded contract personnel capability is required as part of IJ narrative and will be revisited in the audit portion of the closeout actions.
 - ✓ i.e. number of personnel, frequency of use, hourly rate
- NSGP subrecipients may not use more than 50 percent of their awards to pay for personnel activities unless a waiver is approved by FEMA



2026 NSGP Allowable Costs

Management and Administration (M&A)

- Up to 5% of a subrecipient's FY 2026 NSGP award may be used for M&A purposes.
 - ✓ Examples include reporting, financial management, correspondence and monitoring specifically related to grant management.
 - ✓ Justify M&A budget in Section IV-A of the Investment Justification to fully support the proposed budget.
 - ✓ ***Operational costs are not allowed.***
 - ✓ Requests that are simple ***percentages of the award***, without supporting justification, are ***not allowed.***



IJ Part IV example

PART IV. FACILITY HARDENING (9 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 40)

Section IV-A: In this section, describe each proposed activity or investment (as selected in Section IV-B), identify the vulnerability that it addresses, and detail the cost associated with the activity or investment. For each activity/investment, include the quantity, estimated hourly rate or estimated price per unit, and proposed usage.

Note: This section should include narrative information about all costs listed in Section IV-B. The objective is for the information contained in this section to allow reviewers to validate the need of all costs in Section IV-B.

Allowable costs include facility hardening activities, such as planning and exercise related costs, contracted security personnel, and security-related training courses and programs limited to the protection of critical infrastructure key resources. Funding can also be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and surrounding property) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or in protection against the risk of terrorist or other extremist attack.

The following activities respond to vulnerabilities identified in our VA

14EX-00-BSIR: Systems, Building, Blast/Shock/Impact Resistant - Blast protection for 3 entry doors and shatterproof film for 14 windows \$5,000 (Exterior and interior modifications)

14SW-01-WALL: Barriers: Fences; Jersey Walls - Perimeter fencing for the entire site - \$12,000 (Exterior modifications)

M&A: Management and Administration (M&A) - 4 quarterly reports @ \$25/hr requiring 4 hours = \$400 plus 4 reimbursement requests @ \$25/hr requiring 5 hours = \$500 for a total of \$900

2026 NSGP Unallowable Costs (not exhaustive)

- Organization costs, and operational overtime costs;
- Hiring of public safety personnel;
- General-use expenditure
- Overtime and backfill;
- Initiatives not addressed to NSGP
- The development of risk/vulnerability assessment models;
- Risk or vulnerability security assessments or the development of the IJ;
- Technology development
- Organizational operating expenses;
- Proof of concept initiatives
- Reimbursement of any pre-award security expenses; *VA, grant preparation*
- Cameras for license plate readers/ license plate reader software;
- Cameras for facial recognition software; and
- Weapons or weapons-related training
- SAAs must flag ANY unallowable or questionable items in your IJ.
- Any questionable cost → lower alignment score → lower FEMA scoring → reduced chance of award.

For full prohibitions, refer to Section 889 NDAA 2019 and American Security Drone Act UAS restrictions (NOFO).



2026 NSGP Application Process

Documents to be submitted to IOEM

- ***Mission Statement:*** On letterhead, used to validate Investment Justification and to categorize facility (faith-based, education, medical, other).
- ***Completed Vulnerability Assessment (VA):*** identifies the threats and vulnerabilities specific to the facility / site (occupied and fully operational at the time of application) identified in the application.
- ***Completed Investment Justification (IJ):*** must be for a physical address- no P.O. Box Numbers, one site and one address per IJ, organization must occupy the site at the time of the application.
- ***Supporting Documentation:*** supports threat to facility, if applicable, such as police or insurance reports.
- ***Contact information*** for the person responsible for day to day management of the grant and for the person responsible for financial issues.
- Submit via email to IOEMFinance@imd.Idaho.gov & vmills@imd.Idaho.gov
- Must use FEMA IJ, scanned copies are not scorable by FEMA's required SAA scoring tool.



2026 Investment Justification Form- Important Information

- Use only the IJ Form established for FY 2026
- Latest version of Adobe Reader required
- Use 'save as' function after populating the IJ (see naming convention on next slide) and save locally
- FEMA GO supports Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge (NOFO)



2026 NSGP Application Process File Naming Convention

FEMA-Required FY2026 File Naming Convention

(From FY26 NOFO)

For NSGP-S submissions (Idaho):

FY2026_NSGP_S_ID_<Nonprofit Name>

For organizations with multiple sites:

Use the same format, adding a site identifier:

FY2026_NSGP_S_ID_<Nonprofit Name>_<SiteName or Site#>

Example for multi-site organization:

FY2026_NSGP_S_ID_GraceChurch_Site1

FY2026_NSGP_S_ID_GraceChurch_Site2

If needed for Mission Statement, Vulnerability Assessment, or for supporting documents, append _MS, _VA, _SD to the submission. These latter documents are not sent to FEMA unless requested.



Performance Measures and Targets (a)

FEMA will calculate and analyze the metrics through a review of recipient Biannual Strategy

Implementation Report (BSIR) updates and award monitoring to ensure that the funds are expended for their intended purpose and achieve the stated outcomes in the grant application.

1. Percentage of agreed-upon security personnel deployed by subrecipients to enhance visible deterrence and reduce threats at high-risk facilities.

Target: By 2029, ensure that 100% of agreed-upon contract security personnel hired by high risk nonprofit subrecipients are using awarded funding.

2. Percentage of cybersecurity vulnerabilities, equipment, or resources identified that were addressed.

Target: By 2029, achieve 100% of identified cybersecurity vulnerabilities, equipment or resource gaps that were successfully addressed by nonprofits organizations using NSGP funds.

Performance Measures and Targets (b)

3. Performance Measure: Percentage of identified vulnerabilities addressed by nonprofit recipients through NSGP-funded security and safety projects, as described in vulnerability assessments.

Target: By 2029, ensure that 100% of high-risk nonprofits implement security and safety projects through the purchase or installation of equipment and technology to enhance or sustain facility hardening, strengthening their resilience against potential threats.

4. Performance Measure: Percentage of preparedness activities (e.g. planning, awareness campaign, training, and exercises) implemented by each nonprofit.

Target: By 2029, ensure that 100% of nonprofits' preparedness activities outlined in the Investment Justification (IJ) are successfully implemented with annual incremental targets.

2026 NSGP Application Process

Investment Justification-

- Describes the ‘who, what, when, where, why’ and how of the plan to harden targets. (In Part IV narrative, describe which modifications will be external or internal)
- Submitted in the required IJ pdf fillable form. All 7 Parts need to be fully addressed.
 - ✓ Submissions in any other format than the provided IJ form are not allowed.
- Must be consistent with the findings of the VA and address target hardening initiatives that will mitigate identified vulnerabilities.
- Establishes the project timeline and milestones for completion of proposed investments and identifies key individuals that will be involved in implementing and administering the award.
- This is the only item IOEM submits to FEMA on your behalf. Make sure you include enough information for FEMA to favorably review your application.



2026 NSGP Review Process

SAA Actions Prior to Submitting to FEMA

- All required forms submitted: Mission Statement, Completed vulnerability assessment, Completed Investment Justification (IJ), Supporting Documentation, Contact information
- Verify eligibility (IRS status, hardening of physical site/s)
- Validate organization type using mission statement (faith-based, education, medical or other)
- Verify that AEL number aligns with proposed activity
- Review and score all complete applications
- Rank all applications by funding priorities (level of threat and proposed activities to ameliorate threat, activities aligned to vulnerabilities)
- SAA uses a FEMA provided scoring template
- *SAA reviews prior sub-grantee performance and compliance*



2026 NSGP Review Process

FEMA and IOEM* review priorities-

- ***Investment Justification***: describes what vulnerabilities you propose to address with what remedies and a timeline for completion.
- ***Mission Statement***: use official letterhead, provide the ‘who, what and why’ of the organization, state purpose of organization and any policies / practices that may elevate risk.*
- ***Vulnerability Assessment (VA)***: VA is the foundation upon which the IJ is built, the VA addresses threats, vulnerabilities and consequences of potential events at a site or location; equipment should directly link to the threats, vulnerabilities, and potential consequences unique to that site.*

While there are no specific requirements for the VA, applicants are encouraged to engage someone with a security, law enforcement, military or emergency service background to help complete the VA.

(example VA for [CISA Houses of Worship Assessment](#))

*FEMA priority for Mission Statement and Vulnerability Assessment is reflected in FEMA IJ scoring template supplied to SAA



2026 no change to 2025 NSGP FEMA Scoring and Enhancements

FEMA reviews the Investment Justifications in a fashion like the SAA review, combines the SAA and FEMA scores, applies a multiplication factor of 3 for ideology-based/spiritual/religious entities; a factor of 2 for medical and educational institutions; and a factor of 1 for all others.

- Bonus review points
 - X3 for ideology-based / spiritual / religious entities (houses of worship, educational institutions, medical facilities, et.
 - X2 for secular medical and educational institutions
 - X1 for all other nonprofit organizations
- Subapplicants who have never received a NSGP award will have 15 points added to their score.

All applicants are ranked according to their total score and then applications are submitted to the Secretary of Homeland Security for the final decision.



2026 NSGP Process Timeline

- ✓ Bidder's workshop for potential applicants: 06/30/2026 at 2 pm MDT
- ✓ *IJ submission to SAA deadline: 07/14/2026 by 5 pm MDT or 4 pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)*
- ✓ Submission email: IOEMfinance@imd.Idaho.gov & vmills@imd.Idaho.gov

Do Not start grant activities prior to Grant Award Notification
No facility modification prior to EHP Screen approval notification



FEMA's Key Takeaways from prior year applications

1. Duplicative applications: Nonprofits with multiple sites must ensure each IJ reflects an individual site. If you hire a grant writer, review their work. The nonprofit **MUST** sign the IJ.
2. Administratively incomplete/insufficient: The FEMA-provided IJ must be submitted in FEMA's format. Any incomplete packages will not be reviewed by FEMA.
3. Unallowable/out of scope expenditures: Ensure that all requested expenditures align with program objectives.
Max \$200,000 per site, \$600,000 per institution
Assure sam.gov registration is current
Follow AEL list e.g. Installation 21GN-00-INST not consultant
4. Organizations applying on behalf of ineligible entities: Nonprofits may not act as a pass through for a government or for-profit entity.

5. Start ASAP: Nonprofits should consider using currently published materials to begin drafting for the next offering of NSGP.



FEMA's Key Takeaways from prior year applications (continued)

6. Threats/Risks/Vulnerability: Nonprofits must tie threats/risks to existing physical vulnerabilities. Must have a potential terrorism/extremism nexus.
7. Direct hiring: Contract security or any hiring outside the nonprofit CANNOT be sole sourced. Follow own procurement policy.
8. Misaligned or unrealistic narratives, timelines, projects/activities: The IJ content and project goals should be logical, reasonable, and attainable.
9. Exceeding Published Funding Cap: \$200,000 per individual IJ, not to exceed \$600,000 per nonprofit organization.
10. Adobe IJ Form: Technical fixes underway to minimize errors and enhance overall IJ form.



FEMA's Key Takeaways from prior year applications (continued)

11. Explore Peer to Peer Support: Leveraging partnerships and engage with successful nonprofits.
12. Vulnerability Assessments: Should be refreshed every 5 years, sooner if substantive changes in vulnerability, and/or safety/security posture.
13. Bookmark State Administrative Agency (SAA) Website: Nonprofits should have their SAA's website and contact information bookmarked.
14. Conflict of Interest: Avoid any actual or perception of conflict between grant writers/consultants and contractors/vendors executing post award activities.



Expectations for Successful Applicants

Successful Applicants will receive an Award Notification package after IOEM receives FEMA Award Notification.

Successful Applicants are expected to participate in a “Kick Off” meeting that will include representatives from IOEM and the Applicant’s “Day to Day” Project Manager and Financial Manager. This meeting will explain reporting requirements, reimbursement procedures and ancillary FEMA requirements such as completion of the Environmental and Historical Protection Screen.

No facility modifications should begin prior to receiving an Award Notification document and receiving FEMA approval notification of your Environmental and Historical Protection Screen.



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Any Questions?

In the FY 2026 DHS/FEMA NSGP NOFO, the scoring enhancements are **not all located in one** place. FEMA separates them into three components:

Appendix A - Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

This is where the **100-point Investment Justification (IJ) scoring rubric** is detailed.

It explains how State Administrative Agency (SAA) reviewers score each IJ section (Risk, Vulnerability, Impact, and Project/Target Hardening) and the maximum points available for each criterion.

Section E - Application Review Information (Final Score)

After the SAA assigns the base score using Appendix A, FEMA explains how the **final score is adjusted** before projects are ranked for funding.

This section describes the scoring multipliers and additional points (if retained for FY 2026). In prior years this included:

- 3× multiplier** for nonprofits at high risk due to ideology, beliefs, or mission.

- 2× multiplier** for medical and educational institutions.

- 1× multiplier** for all other nonprofits.

- 15 additional points** for first-time NSGP recipients.

- Tie-breaking procedures.

Important Reminders (left) & Appendix B (right)

- Existing registered entities can find their UEI by following the steps [here](#).
- New entities can get their UEI at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration. [I manage an entity. What do I need to do?](#)
- For more information visit [SAM.gov](#) or the Federal Service Desk, [FSD.gov](#). You can search for help at FSD any time or request help from an FSD agent Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.
- Not having a UEI does not prohibit a nonprofit from applying for NSGP, however an award will not be issued until the sub-applicant has established a UEI.

Appendix B: Example Subrecipient Template Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements The following is a template letter to be completed by the subrecipient. Subrecipients submit this certification to the primary recipient (e.g., State Administrative Agency or equivalent), not directly to FEMA. Due 12/31/2026 after grant is awarded.

To: **IOEM**

Subject: Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements

Dear **[Recipient Agency Name]**,

In accordance with the applicable Notices of Funding Opportunity, and the terms and conditions of the **[Grant Program Name]**, **[Subrecipient Agency Name]** hereby certifies compliance with the foreign national vetting requirements as outlined below:

Employment Eligibility Verification:

[Subrecipient Agency Name] retains completed Form I-9, Employee Eligibility Verification, documentation for all employees whose personnel or fringe costs are charged directly to the federal award, consistent with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and 8 C.F.R. Part 274a.

No Foreign Nationals (if applicable):

[Subrecipient Agency Name] certifies that all personnel charged to the subaward are U.S. citizens or nationals and that the vetting requirements related to foreign nationals do not apply. [Strike or indicate as N/A if not applicable]

Foreign Nationals Charged to the Award (if applicable):

[Subrecipient Agency Name] certifies that such individual has been properly vetted in accordance with federal employment eligibility requirements, and that form I-9 documentation is on file. [Strike or indicate as N/A if not applicable]

Documentation and Record Retention:

All vetting records, Form I-9 documentation, short bios, resumes, and other supporting materials referenced in this certification are retained by **[Subrecipient Agency Name]** in accordance with federal statutes, regulations, award record retention requirements, and applicable laws.

Such documentation will be maintained in a manner consistent with privacy protections and made available to FEMA only upon request during monitoring or audit.

[Subrecipient Agency Name] maintains organizational leadership and board member information on file and will provide it to the recipient upon request.

Attestation:

I, **[Authorized Official Name]**, certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this certification is accurate and complete. **[Subrecipient Agency Name]** attests that vetting has been conducted consistent with federal grant requirements, and that subrecipient compliance has been verified.

Authorized Official Information (Subrecipients Only):

Name: [Insert Name], **Title:** [Insert Title], **Agency:** [Insert Agency Name], **Phone:** [Insert Phone Number], **Email:** [Insert Email Address]

Signature [Authorized Official Signature] , [Date]