

Funding Opportunity Announcement for 2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Iowa's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) has opened the application period for the 2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) sub-grant. As detailed on the chart at the end of this document, **the deadline for submission of a Notice of Interest (NOI) is Thursday, November 3, 2022 with the application deadline of Thursday, January 12, 2023.**

Please note: The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is a competitive application. It is a separate funding source and application process from the Homeland Security Grant (HSGP) and the School Safety Improvement Grant.

NSGP is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The federal appropriations and state allocations have not yet been announced. HSEMD is moving forward with the sub-grant application phase per FEMA's recommendation for states to be planning projects for this grant.

Iowa sub-grants for NSGP – State (NSGP-S):

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for physical security enhancements and target hardening activities to eligible nonprofit organizations. This program makes funding available for vulnerabilities that could be exploited in an active assailant/armed intruder scenario.

NSGP-S eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that are:

1. Determined to be at high risk of a terrorist attack by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and
 2. Described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code; refer to links below for additional information:
- <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemption-requirements-section-501-c-3-organizations>
 - <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p557/ch03.html>
 - <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

Note: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. Such organizations are automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3). These organizations are not required to provide recognition of exemption. For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under 501(c)(3), the state may or may not require recognition of exemption, as long as the method chosen is applied consistently.

Required Documents:

1. Notice of Interest (NOI)
2. On-line Application (State of Iowa)
3. Vulnerability Assessment
4. Investment Justification
5. NSGP Budget Workbook
6. Required Documents Workbook
7. Mission Statement
8. W-9 Form
9. UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Documentation (Apply on SAM.gov)

10. 501(c)(3) Classification Documentation
Vulnerability Assessment

Successful applicants to this funding opportunity must submit the following:

1. Verification of current vulnerability assessment completed for each occupied building for which funds are being sought.
 - a. Please note that any vulnerability assessment completed prior to the 2023 application cannot be more than 3 years old. Vulnerability assessments must include defined vulnerabilities and options for consideration to mitigate vulnerabilities.
 - b. A vulnerability assessment must be completed by one of the three options listed below:
 1. Assessment by Law Enforcement
 2. Assessment by Vulnerability Assessment Services Providers
 3. Assessment by HSEMD and/or HSEMD contracted 3rd party entity
 - c. A vulnerability assessment completed utilizing a self-assessment tool or vulnerability assessment service provider other than the HSEMD and/or HSEMD contracted 3rd party entity will be required to have an official letter from local law enforcement validating the vulnerabilities and options for consideration identified from the self-assessment.

A copy of a valid vulnerability assessment and/or other documentation, as outlined above, must be submitted as part of the completed NSGP application.

Additional Information

Interested applicants must apply through HSEMD’s electronic grant management system. This system is referred to as EMGrants. Access the system through the website <https://my.iowa.homeland.security.org>.

Instructions and other necessary documents regarding the application process are located at the documents tab of the 2023 grant page in EMGrants. Technical assistance videos are available online on [HSEMD's YouTube channel](#).

For all questions related to the NSGP application process or access to EMGrants, please contact Lisa Sexton at 515-218-4002 or lisa.sexton@iowa.gov.

Please note this year’s anticipated NSGP schedule:

| Date | Action |
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| November 4, 2022 11:59:59 PM CST | Deadline for eligible applicants to submit Notice of Interest (NOI) in EMGrants. |
| January 12, 2023 11:59:59 PM CST | Deadline for eligible applicants to submit Application in EMGrants. |
| | DHS/FEMA announces Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity. |

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| <i>At the time of this application period opening, there is no guarantee of federal appropriation nor federal award nor subawards.</i> | HSEMD submits Federal application to DHS/FEMA. <i>HSEMD is the State Administrative Agency. As the SAA, HSEMD is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for NSGP funds.</i> |
| | HSEMD receives Federal award package. |
| | HSEMD announces subaward allocations and issues subaward packages. |