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Win Security Funding for Your Nonprofit
Strategies to Strengthen Your Nonprofit Security Grant Program Application

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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Understanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Nonprofit Security Grant Program



Description

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.

FY25 National Priority Areas:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places.

2. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers

3. Enhancing Cybersecurity

4. Enhancing Election Security

5. Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement

Funding Amount

Approximately $274.5 million distributed to all 50 states.

Deadline

Deadlines vary by state.

Eligibility Notes

Eligible nonprofit organizations must be designated as a 501(c)3 agency and determined to be at high risk of a terrorist attack due to belief, mission, or ideology.

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NSGP Funding Details

Funding Stream

NSGP is funded by DHS/FEMA and administered by individual states. Allocations are made for designated urban areas and states (non-urban areas).

Funding Limits

NSGP will fund up to $200,000 per site, up to 3 sites. Sites must have unique addresses. Only one NPO per address may apply.

Match Requirements

There is no match requirement! NSGP funds 100% of the project – up to the funding limit.

Examples of Allowable Expenses Under NSGP

1. Intelligence and information sharing
2. Screening, search, and detection
3. Access control and identity verification
4. Physical protective measures
5. Cybersecurity
6. Long-term vulnerability reduction
7. Situational Assessment

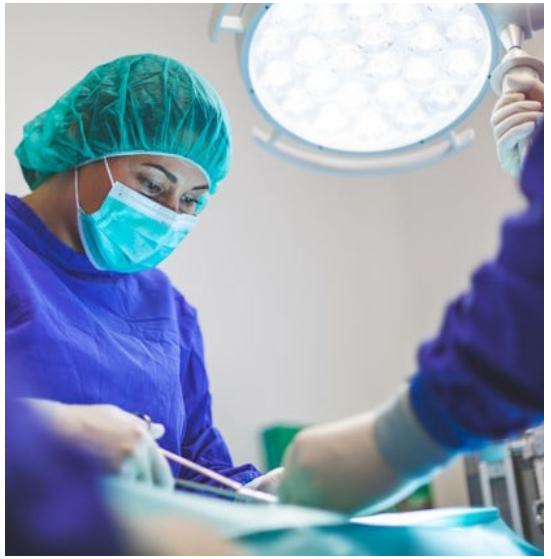


Evaluating if NSGP is right for you

Considerations When Evaluating Eligibility

- Is your organization a **501(c)(3)** nonprofit or a **house of worship**?
- Can you demonstrate a high risk of foreign or domestic **terrorism or extremism threats** due to your organization's **mission, belief, or ideology**?
- Are you currently **occupying** the site for which you are seeking security?









Eligibility

Types of Nonprofit Organizations Eligible to Apply

- **Houses of worship/Faith-based Organizations**
- **Private schools, colleges, and universities**
- **Healthcare facilities**
- Camps
- Museums
- Community and social service organizations
- Shelters/crisis centers
- Event venues

Types of Organizations NOT Eligible to Apply

- Utility companies
- For-profit hospitals
- For-profit schools, colleges, and universities
- Volunteer fire departments
- Government entities including public schools
- For-profit venues, stadiums, clubs, etc.
- Nonprofit foundations for public entities

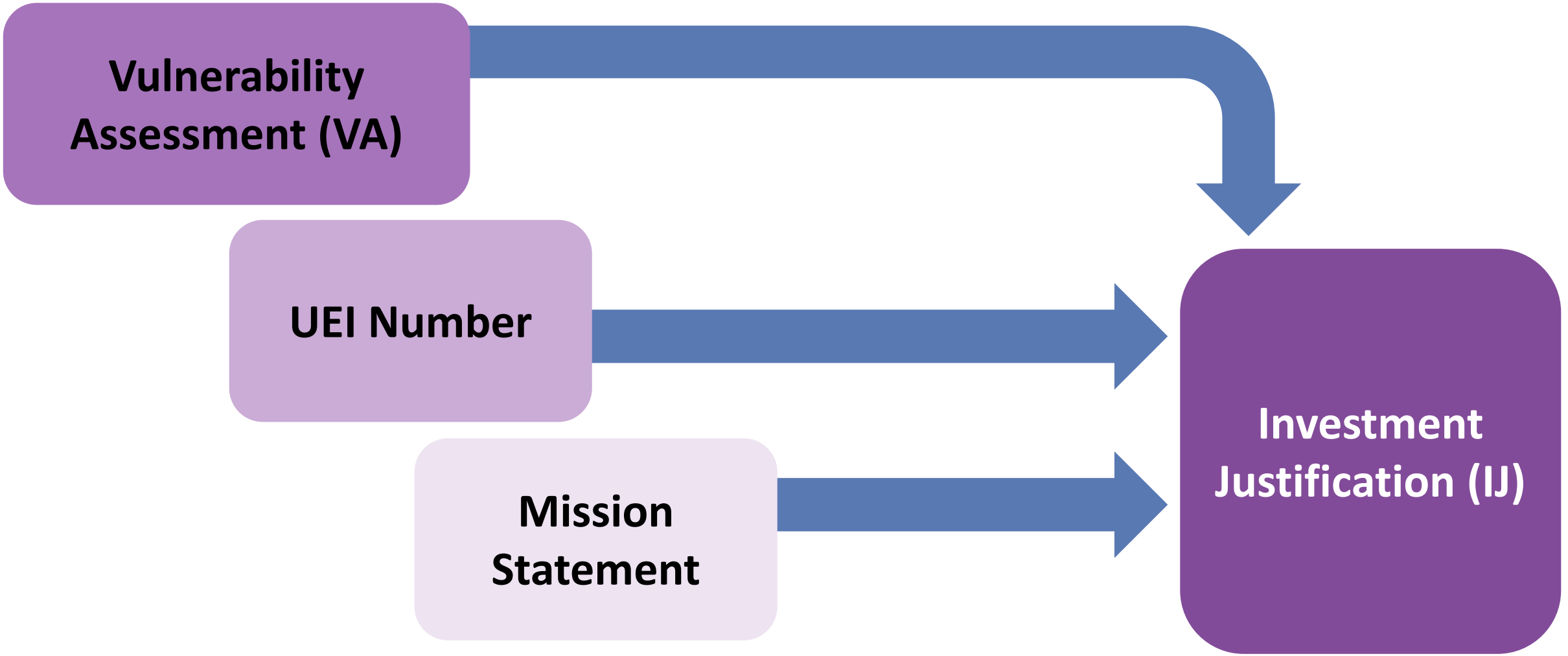


FREE NSGP Application Workbook

- Collect Important Account Details for Submission
- Build your Goals, Objectives, & Project Activities
- Outline Key Project Personnel & Duties
- Plan your Major Budget Items
- Start Brainstorming Your Narrative Content

Preparing a competitive NSGP application

Required Components of an NSGP Application



Vulnerability Assessment

A **vulnerability assessment (VA)** is a systematic inspection of your property and systems to identify weaknesses, how serious those weaknesses are, and what is needed to strengthen security.

A VA can be conducted by law enforcement, security experts, or internally.

Assessment findings must be documented in a formal report for submission alongside the NSGP application.

This assessment should be completed early. It is the foundation for the proposal!

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number & Organization Mission Statement

UEI Number

- A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI number) is a required alphanumeric code organizations must obtain to receive funds from the federal government.
- This is a requirement of all NSGP applications.
- Can be only obtained by registering your organization with Sam.gov. There is no cost.
- The UEI number must be updated annually.

Mission Statement

- Your organization's mission statement must be typed out on official letterhead and submitted with your application.
- Do not include any other information on this document.
- A mission statement is a formal summary of the aims and values of the organization and includes three components: the purpose, the values, and the goals of the organization.

Tips for Drafting a Compelling Investment Justification

01 Use Statistics to Backup Claims

- Back up specific or general threat claims with police reports, FBI statistics, etc.
- Use internal statistics to communicate how many people/programs could be affected due to an attack.

02 Focus on Terrorist Threats, Not Crime

- Draft your IJ through the lens of terrorist and extremist threats, rather than preventing crime.
- Focus on why your organization is at an increased risk due to belief, mission, and/or ideology.

03 Be Clear and Concise

- Stay on topic and answer each question directly and succinctly.
- Ensure you are using appropriate examples and claims that directly answer the question.

04 Treat the Vulnerability Assessment as the Foundation of the Investment Justification

- Avoid asking for anything that is not included in the vulnerability assessment findings.
- Allow the findings of the vulnerability assessment to guide your NSGP project planning.

Common Mistakes When Submitting an NSGP Application

01 Uploading the IJ Incorrectly

- The IJ must be typed and saved as a fillable PDF.
- Check state guidance file naming requirements and how to upload.

02 Submitting an Incomplete Application

- Ensure you are submitting all three required components: the IJ, VA, and mission statement.
- Check with your state's guidance for other required components.

03 Not Reading the Guidance

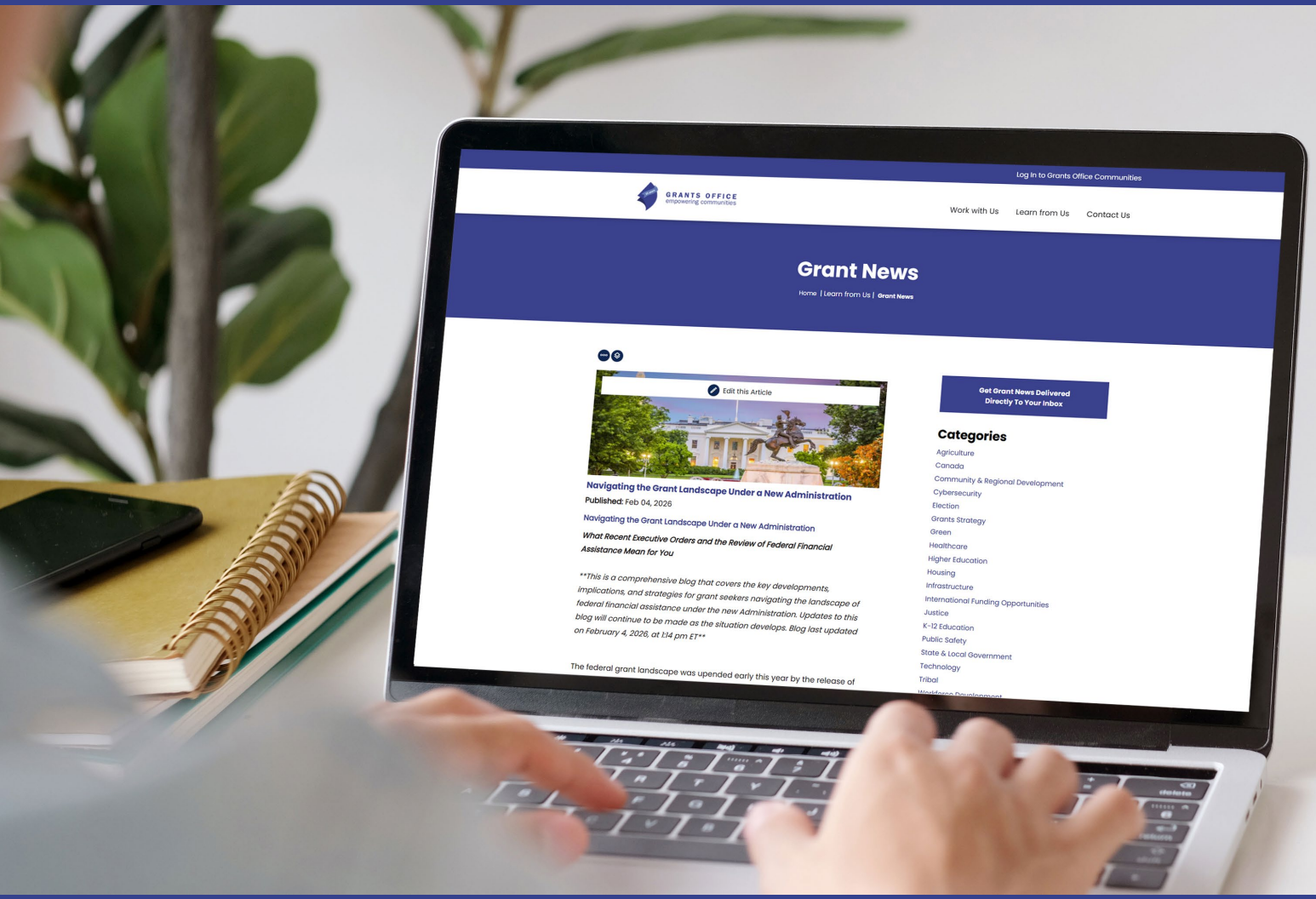
- Learn as much as you can about the grant and what is required to ensure it is a good fit.
- Read through the Allowable Expense List (AEL) to make sure the expenses you are requesting are allowable.

04 Starting Too Late

- Have a vulnerability assessment complete and begin project planning before the application window opens.
- Keep in mind some application windows have been as short as two weeks!

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Proposal Development & Writing

Grants are assigned a cost tier based on the complexity of the application's requirements and the time until the grant's deadline.

For example, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program falls under tier 2.

Writing the proposal yourself?

Grants Office provides review services at 25% of the grant tier cost.

Example service costs
Pricing valid through December 2026

Tier	Cost for Proposal Development
1	$3900
2	$4900
3	$5900
4	$6900
5	$7900
6+	$8900+



Engage with Grants Office to Write Your Proposal

Step 1

Contact Us

Email your completed Eligibility and Proposal Workbook to Meghan, our NSGP expert: grantwriting@grantsoffice.com

Step 2

Initial Meeting

Meghan will set up a time to discuss your project goals and development needs.

Step 3

Grant Writing will Begin

Your Grants Office Grant Writer will utilize the materials you provide to write your NSGP Proposal.

Step 4

Proposal Review

Meet with Meghan to finalize your proposal and ensure all requirements have been met.

Step 5

Submit Application

Once completed, you will submit your grant application and let us know when you win!

Other Grants Office Services

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Research & Consultation

Grants Office will identify what grants best fit your upcoming projects and develop next steps.

Project Building

Grants Office will advise on project development and material gathering with a particular grant in mind.

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