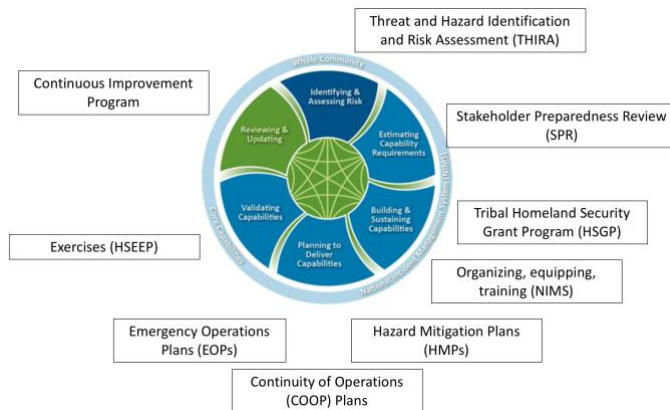# Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Primer

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National Preparedness System (NPS)

Fiscal Year 2023 HSGP Highlights

- Objective: Strengthen capacity to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to potential terrorist attacks
- Priorities to address in FY 2023
  - Enhancing the protection of soft targets / crowded places
  - Enhancing information & intelligence sharing
  - Combating domestic violent extremism
  - Enhancing cybersecurity
  - Enhancing community preparedness
  - Enhancing election security
- Supplemental guidance: Preparedness Grant Manual
- Supplemental guidance: 2023-2026 FEMA Strategic

Wise Oak Consulting helps clients with all six NPS elements:

- **Identifying and Assessing Risk:** *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*
- **Estimating Capability Requirements:** *Stakeholder Preparedness Review*
- **Building and Sustaining Capabilities:** *Homeland Security Grant Program* applications
- **Planning to Deliver Capabilities:** *Emergency Operations Plans* (EOP), *Continuity of Operations Plans* COOP), *Hazard Mitigation Plans* (HMP), Cybersecurity Plans, and more.
- **Validating Capabilities:** plan validation tabletop exercises guidelines to develop and facilitate clients' exercises.
- **Reviewing and Updating:** Continuous Improvement

FY 2023 HSGP Project Focus & Priorities

- Focus
  - Information sharing & collaboration
  - Build culture of preparedness
  - Protect against terrorism & other threats
- Award allocations
  - 30% of award must address six priorities
  - 70% of award must address THIRA/SPR gaps
  - 35% of award must be for LETPA
- Enduring priorities
  - Effective planning
  - Training & awareness campaigns
  - Equipment & capital projects
  - Exercises

FY 2023 HSGP

The basics

- $1.12 billion in total grant funding nationally
- 36-month period of performance (PoP): 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2026
- Application due – May 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ET-ND grants time stamp
- Initial Application in Grants.gov – February 27, 2023
- Anticipated Funding Selection Date: No later than July 21, 2023
- Anticipated Award Date: No later than September 30, 2023
- No cost share or match!
- Application forms and instructions are available on Grants.gov

- The registration process can take up to four weeks to complete.
- Multistep process
  1. Apply for, update, or verify a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) – no more DUNS Number
  2. Update or verify System for Award Management (SAM) Registration;
  3. Establish an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) in Grants.gov;
  4. Submit an initial application in Grants.gov (preferably by May 15, 2023; and
  5. Submit the final application in the ND Grants system.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to submit their **initial** application in Grants.gov at least **seven days before** May 11, 2023

Additional requirements

- Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Submit a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)
- Submit a Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR)
- Submit an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) during the Period of Performance
- Have a current multi-year Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)
- Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

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<u>**Opportunities / Tips**</u>

- Think in terms of capabilities in the five mission areas – Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond, Recover
- Link projects Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) funding priorities
  - Cybersecurity – risk assessments, infrastructure, training and exercises
  - Soft targets / crowded places – cameras, screening equipment, lighting, access controls, physical barriers
  - Information and intelligence sharing and analysis – fusion center operations, information sharing with all DHS components, cooperating with DHS officials, joint intelligence analysis training and planning
  - Combating domestic violent extremism –open-source analysis, information sharing, threat assessments, training and awareness
  - Enhancing community preparedness – Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT); emergency communications such as the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS); youth preparedness; continuity training; financial resilience planning; community planning
  - Enhancing election security – Physical security cyber security; security planning
- Link projects to NOFO second-tier enduring priorities
  - Planning – security risk management plans; COOP plans; response plans
  - Training & exercises – active shooter; security training for employees; public awareness / preparedness campaigns
  - Equipment & capital projects – protect high-risk, high consequence areas identified in risk assessment; physical security; cameras; screening; lighting; access control; fencing and barriers; WMD; CBRNE
    - 21 allowable categories and equipment standards in the <u>Authorized Equipment List (AEL)</u>
  - Exercises – response exercises
- THIRAs and SPRs are eligible projects

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