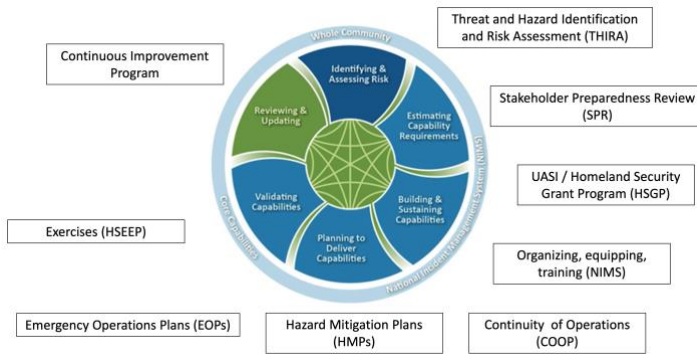


# Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Primer



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## National Preparedness System (NPS)



## Fiscal Year 2024 HSGP Highlights

- Objective: Strengthen capacity to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to potential terrorist attacks
- Priorities to address in FY 2024
  - Enhancing the protection of soft targets / crowded places – no min. %
  - Enhancing information & intelligence sharing – no min. %
  - Combating domestic violent extremism – no min. %
  - Enhancing cybersecurity – no min. %
  - Enhancing community preparedness – no min. %
  - Enhancing election security – 3%
- Supplemental guidance: [Preparedness Grant Manual](#)
- Supplemental guidance: [2022-2026 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 2024 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 – 3% for enhancing election security
  - 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 2024 HSGP

## The basics



- \$1.008 billion in total grant funding nationally - \$553.5B for UASIs
- 36-month period of performance (PoP): 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2027
- Application due – June 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m. ET-FEMA GO time stamp
- Initial Application in Grants.gov – April 16, 2024
- Anticipated Funding Selection Date: No later than August 23, 2024
- Anticipated Award Date: No later than September 30, 2024
- 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

• Event	Suggested Deadline for Completion
Obtaining Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Obtaining a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN)	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Creating an account with login.gov	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Registering in SAM or updating SAM registration	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Registering Organization in FEMA GO	Prior to beginning application
Submitting complete application in FEMA GO	One week before actual submission deadline

Note: Applicants are encouraged to submit their **initial** application in Grants.gov at least **seven days before** May 11, 2024

## 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

## Opportunities / Tips

- 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 vulnerabilities from the risk assessment; training and planning
  - Soft targets / crowded places – operational overtime; cameras; screening equipment; lighting; access controls; physical barriers; UAS and UAS detection
  - Information and intelligence sharing and analysis – fusion center projects; information sharing with all DHS components; cooperating with DHS officials; identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence; intelligence analysis training & planning; Coordinating the intake, triage, analysis, and reporting of tips/ leads and suspicious activity, to include coordination w/ the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)
  - 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; provide continuity training, such as FEMA’s Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training; partner with local school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other educational programming; partner with key stakeholders to assist with completing the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit or a similar tool; You are the Help Until the Help Arrives workshops; youth preparedness using FEMA programing such as Prepare with Pedro resources and Ready2Help; promote community planning, coordination, and integration of children’s needs during emergencies through workshops like FEMA’s Integrating the Needs of Children; Community Mapping: identify community resources and characteristics in order to identify gaps in resources, identify hazards and vulnerabilities, and inform action to promote resilience; training and awareness programs with key stakeholders (e.g., through social media, community and civic organizations, etc.) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns; support integrated and cross-jurisdictional preparedness planning that considers how the community develops networks of information-sharing and collaboration among community-based organizations and government institutions
  - Enhancing election security – Physical security cyber security; security planning; Physical/site security measures – e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.; General election security navigator support; Cyber navigator support; Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning; projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments; iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection; Distributed Denial of Service protection; migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain; Online harassment and targeting prevention services; public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures
- 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 [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#)
  - Exercises – response exercises
- THIRAs and SPRs are eligible projects