Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Primer

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National Preparedness System (NPS)
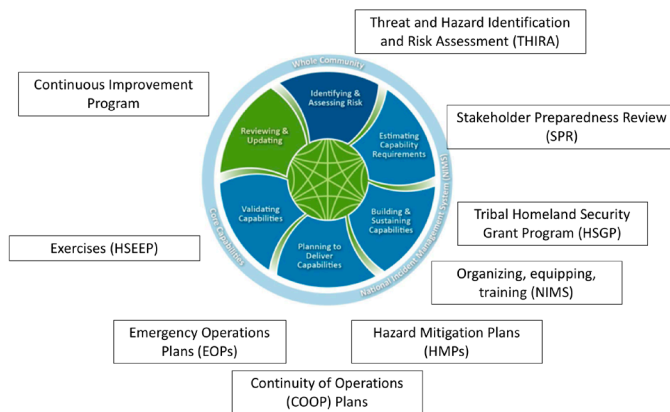
Fiscal Year 2023 THSGP Highlights

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

Wise Oak Consulting helps tribes 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:** *Tribal 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.

FY 2023 THSGP Project Focus & Priorities

- Focus
  - Information sharing & collaboration
  - Build culture of preparedness
  - Protect against terrorism & other threats
- First-tier priorities
  - Final scores increased by a 20% multiplier
  - Cybersecurity; soft targets; domestic violent extremism; community prep; election security
- Second-tier enduring priorities
  - Planning; training & awareness; equipment & capital projects; exercises
- Gaps identified in THIRA/SPR

FY 2023 THSGP

The basics

- $15 million 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 Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number – 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

Who may apply?

Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Eligibility	
Federally Recognized Tribes that…	**Criteria**
Meet **ALL** 3 criteria	Located in the Continental United States
	Operate a law enforcement or emergency response agency with the capacity to respond to calls
	Tribal certification that the State has not provided Homeland Security Grant Program funds for the same purpose as the tribal submission
Also meet **ONE** of these criteria	Located within 100 miles of an international border or international waters
	Located within 10 miles (or have on tribal land) of prioritized critical infrastructure
	Located within or contiguous to one of the 50 most populous metropolitan statistical areas
	Contain 1,000 square miles of Indian country

Note: A consortium of Indian Tribes may also be eligible if each Tribe satisfies the requirements

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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, training and exercises
  - Soft targets / crowded places – cameras, screening equipment, lighting, access controls, physical barriers
  - Information and intelligence sharing and analysis – identify assess and report threats of violence
  - 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; tribal 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 Authorized Equipment List (AEL)
  - Exercises – response exercises
- THIRAs and SPRs are eligible projects

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