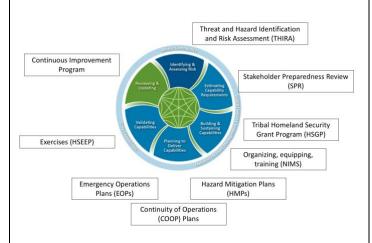
# Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Primer



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### National Preparedness System (NPS)



### Wise Oak Consulting helps tribes with all six NPS elements:

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

### Fiscal Year 2024 THSGP Highlights

- Goal: Strengthen capacity to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to potential terrorist attacks
- Priorities to address in FY 2024
  - Enhancing cybersecurity
  - Enhancing the protection of soft targets / crowded places
  - o Enhancing information & intelligence sharing
  - o Combating domestic violent extremism
  - Enhancing community preparedness
  - Enhancing election security
- Supplemental guidance: <u>Preparedness Grant Manual</u>
- Supplemental guidance: 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic

### FY 2024 THSGP Project Focus & Priorities

- Focus
  - o Information sharing & collaboration
  - o Build culture of preparedness
  - o 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 2024 THSGP

## The basics



- \$13.5 million in total grant funding nationally
- 36-month period of performance (PoP): 9/1/2024 8/31/2027
- Application due June 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m. ET-FEMA GO grants 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                      | Four weeks before actual submission deadline |
| Identification Number (EIN)                     |  |
| 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

### Who may apply?

| Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Eligibility |  |
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| Federally Recognized Tribes that                   | Criteria   |
|  | Located in the Continental United States                                     |
|  | Operate a law enforcement or emergency response agency with the capacity to  |
| Meet ALL 3 criteria                                | 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



#### 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 gaps from cybersecurity risk assessment; training and exercises
  - o Soft targets / crowded places cameras; screening equipment; lighting; access controls; physical barriers
  - o 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 programs
  - Enhancing community preparedness Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT); emergency communications such as the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS); continuity training; partner with school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other programs; financial resilience planning; execute You Are the Help Until the Help Arrives workshops; tribal youth preparedness (prepare with Pedro, Ready2Help, etc.) tribal community planning
  - Enhancing election security Physical security cyber security; security planning
- Link projects to NOFO second-tier enduring priorities
  - o Planning security risk management plans; COOP plans; response plans
  - o 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>
  - o Exercises response exercises, including exercise eplanning with community-based organizations
- THIRAs and SPRs are eligible projects

