




FEMA NSGP Grant Case Study

Enhancing Security for a House of Worship and School



Challenge


The Temple, a progressive house of worship and school in Brooklyn, New York, faced persistent concerns about potential anti-Semitic threats. With a history of anti-Semitic incidents in the region, the Temple recognized the need to enhance their security infrastructure and preparedness to mitigate the risk of terrorist attempts. However, they lacked the financial resources and expertise to implement comprehensive security measures.



Solution

In 2019, the Temple engaged the services of EMD, an experienced consulting firm specializing in grant acquisition and management. EMD collaborated with the Temple to secure two consecutive Federal Non-profit Security Grants through the FEMA National Security Grant Program (NSGP). These grants aim to provide the necessary funding to implement enhanced security measures and training programs.

The proposed solution included the installation of a new video surveillance system for the Temple and school classrooms, improved access control software, panic buttons, intercom systems, reinforced locks and doors, and an active shooter training program. EMD guided the Temple through the application process, ensuring that all requirements and guidelines were met, and submitted strong grant proposals on their behalf.





Result

The newly installed video surveillance system improved monitoring capabilities within the Temple and school premises, while upgraded access control software strengthened the security of restricted areas. Panic buttons and intercom systems were now in place to enhance emergency communication, and reinforced locks and doors provided physical security. Additionally, an active shooter training program equipped staff and congregants with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively to potential threats.

The implemented security measures instilled a sense of confidence and preparedness within the Temple community. Congregants and staff felt safer and reassured, knowing that proactive measures had been taken to mitigate potential anti-Semitic threats. The successful grant acquisition and implementation demonstrated the Temple's commitment to the safety and well-being of its members, fostering a stronger sense of community resilience.

In conclusion, the collaboration between the Temple, EMD, and FEMA NSGP grants addressed the challenge of enhancing security in the face of potential anti-Semitic threats. The solution involved securing grant funding and implementing comprehensive security measures, resulting in a safer environment for worship and education. The Temple's proactive approach to security has created a resilient community that is better prepared to face potential risks and ensure the continued promotion of their values and programs.