

Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Primer



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National Preparedness System (NPS)



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
 - Enhancing information & intelligence sharing
 - Combating domestic violent extremism
 - Enhancing community preparedness
 - Enhancing election security
- Supplemental guidance: [Preparedness Grant Manual](#)
- Supplemental guidance: [2022-2026 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.
- Reviewing and Updating: Continuous Improvement

FY 2024 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 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 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

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

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
 - 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 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
 - 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, including exercise eplanning with community-based organizations
- THIRAs and SPRs are eligible projects