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## **Nonprofit Security Grant Program National Security Supplement – (NSGP NSS) – Guide**

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA). The NSGP provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack. **The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the program. Nonprofit organizations must apply to the VITEMA Grants Division, which will then submit a final application package to FEMA for all nonprofit sub-applicants.** Nonprofit organizations who will be to applying must refer to the requirements below to get started now, as several steps can be completed before the application period.

### **Goal, Objectives and Priorities:**

**Goal:** The NSGP-NSS will improve and increase the physical/cyber security and facility/target hardening of nonprofit organizations' facilities at risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack, ultimately safeguarding the lives and property of the American people. All NSGP-NSS activities must be linked to enhancing the security and safety at the physical site of the nonprofit organization. Concurrently, the NSGP-NSS will integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

**Priorities:** Given the evolving threat landscape, DHS/FEMA has evaluated the national risk profile and set priorities that help ensure appropriate allocation of scarce security dollars. In assessing the national risk profile, one area warrants the most concern under the NSGP-NSS:

#### **1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places.**

Likewise, there are several enduring security needs that crosscut the homeland security enterprise. The following are second-tier priority areas that help recipients implement a comprehensive approach to securing communities:

1. Effective planning;
2. Training and awareness campaigns; and
3. Exercises.

**Please email your request for the grant application.**

**Grant application deadline: January 06, 2025 at 5:00 pm – email to completed application to [Florecita.Brunn@vitema.vi.gov](mailto:Florecita.Brunn@vitema.vi.gov) and [Ebonie.Pemberton@vitema.vi.gov](mailto:Ebonie.Pemberton@vitema.vi.gov)**

**Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** - Nonprofit organizations must obtain/request a UEI number. DUNS numbers are no longer valid.

➤ For FY2024 NSGP applicants, FEMA has indicated that applications will be accepted if the organization does not yet have a UEI; however, **a UEI must be obtained and verified by DHS before receiving an award.**

➤ For more information, please visit: <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

**Obtain/Conduct a Vulnerability Assessment** - **A vulnerability assessment must be attached to each application. Vulnerability assessments must:**

- be provided for each site for which funding is requested.
- contain the site's physical address, which must match the physical address provided in the Investment Justification (IJ);
- be aligned to all requested projects; and
- accurately reflect the site's security vulnerabilities when submitting your application.

There are several ways to obtain a vulnerability assessment, including but not limited to requests from local law enforcement or a security vendor or conducting a self-assessment. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) self-assessment tool is an option and is available here:

<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>.

Please note that Nonprofit applicants must complete the abovementioned requirements before submitting their NSGP application. Please read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for additional guidance. Questions? Please contact VITEMA's Grants Division at 340-774-2244 or email [Florecita.Brunn@vitema.vi.gov](mailto:Florecita.Brunn@vitema.vi.gov) or [Ebonie.Pemberton@vitema.vi.gov](mailto:Ebonie.Pemberton@vitema.vi.gov).