

NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (NSGP)

FY 2026 | Key Requirements & Background | New York State
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Federal Agency	U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security / FEMA (DHS-FEMA)
NYS Admin. Agency	NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)
National Funding	\$274,500,000 (FY 2025)
NYS-UA Allocation	\$28,441,533 for the NYC area (5 boroughs, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester)
NYS-S Allocation	\$3,562,500 for Organizations outside the NYC urban area
Max Per Site	Up to \$200,000 per physical site/address
Max Per Org	Up to \$600,000 per organization per state (3 sites per stream)
NY Deadline	TBD via DHSES E-Grants System
Match Required	No match requirement; this is 100% federally funded

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is a competitive annual federal grant administered by DHS-FEMA that provides funding to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist or extremist attack. In New York State, all applications are submitted through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), which serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA). DHSES scores and ranks applications before submitting them to FEMA for final award decisions because nonprofits never apply directly to FEMA.

FY 2026 marks a significant funding year, with \$274.5 million available nationally. New York receives one of the largest state allocations: \$28.4 million for urban area organizations (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester) and \$3.56 million for organizations upstate. The program is highly competitive, with nearly 1,000 applications submitted statewide for the FY 2025 cycle.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **501(c)(3) Status**— IRS tax-exempt under Section 501(a); churches, mosques, and synagogues are automatically eligible
- **Demonstrated High Risk** — Organization must substantiate the risk of a terrorist/extremist attack through the application
- **SFS Prequalification** — Must be prequalified in the NY Statewide Financial System prior to application
- **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** Required before subaward issuance
- **NYS AG Charities Bureau** — Must be registered or exempt (charitiesnys.com)
- **High-Risk Criteria include** documented threats based on ideology or mission; symbolic or institutional site value; prior risk assessment findings; role in terror response/recovery

FUNDING STRUCTURE

- **\$200,000 max per site** — Each unique physical address/location is funded separately
- **\$600,000 max per org/state** — Up to 3 sites under NSGP-UA and 3 under NSGP-S; 6 sites max total
- **No match required** — 100% federally funded
- **+15 Bonus Points** — Awarded to first-time NSGP applicants with no prior awards
- **Multi-state orgs** — May apply for full limits in each state separately
- **Site-specific applications** — Each site requires its own E-Grants application, IJ, and Vulnerability Assessment

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

- **Target Hardening:** security lighting, fencing, bollards, blast-resistant doors/windows, CCTV, access control, panic alarms, metal detection, intercom systems, safe rooms
- **Cybersecurity:** hardware, software, assessments, training
- **Security Personnel:** contracted security guards for the period of performance
- **Planning & Training:** security plans, emergency protocols, staff/volunteer training, and exercises
- **NOT Allowed:** general operations, admin salaries, lobbying, vehicles, or non-security renovation

PRE-APPLICATION STEPS

- **Step 1 — Obtain UEI:** Process can take several weeks
- **Step 2 — SFS Prequalify:** Submit org documents, financials, and board docs
- **Step 3 — E-Grants Registration:** Register
- **Step 4 — AG Charities Bureau:** Confirm active registration or exemption
- **Step 5 — Vulnerability Assessment:** Complete a site-specific risk assessment; one per site; must align to IJ project requests

REQUIRED APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- **Investment Justification (IJ):** Completed using the official FY 2025 FEMA IJ template (fillable PDF format only — no other format accepted). One IJ per site. The physical address must match the Vulnerability Assessment and the E-Grants Workplan exactly. The organization's full legal name must be consistent throughout all documents.
- **Mission Statement:** Narrative describing organizational purpose and population served; used to validate org type (Religious/Spiritual, Educational, Medical, or Other).
- **Site-Specific Vulnerability/Risk Assessment:** One per site; must directly substantiate all vulnerabilities and project requests in the IJ. Only one assessment per application is accepted.
- **SFS Grants Information Report:** Printed from the NYS Statewide Financial System (SFS) confirming active prequalification status; must be attached to each E-Grants application.

NOTE: Each site requires a separate E-Grants application. Inconsistencies in the organization's legal name, address, or document format may result in score reductions or disqualification.

HOW KOVAC NON-PROFIT CONSULTING CAN HELP

- Pre-application readiness assessment
- Assist in obtaining vulnerability assessment documentation
- Investment Justification (IJ) development and writing
- Full E-Grants application assembly and submission support
- Multi-site application strategy (up to 6 sites)
- Post-award compliance setup and reporting infrastructure
- Procurement policy development and contracting support
- Grant closeout management and audit preparation

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