FY 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

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What is the Nonprofit Security Grant Program?

- The NSGP is a competitive grant program intended to provide federal funding for physical and cybersecurity enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high-risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.
- This is a cost <u>reimbursement</u> grant.



Nonprofit Security Grant Program (cont.)

- Awarded annually to nonprofits with an overall grant performance of 36 months (FEMA to SAA).
- \$305M Available Nationwide in FY2023
 - \$152M For Urban Areas (does not apply to Alabama)
 - \$152M for States
- Alabama's allocation in FY2023 was \$3.3M
- FY2024 allocation has not been released yet
- The SAA (ALEA) will set the period of performance in your sub-recipient agreement (SAA to nonprofit organization).
- Provides funding support for security-related & physical security enhancements to nonprofits. This includes facility target hardening, contracted security personnel (50% max. of request), security training, security planning, & security exercises.

Eligibility



Eligible nonprofit organizations are only those organizations that are described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code.*

AND

Ability to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at HIGH RISK of a terrorist attack or other extremist attack.

*Note: Organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues are considered automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) and do not have to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption from the IRS.

Refer to links below for additional information:

- Exemption Requirements 501(c)(3) Organizations (irs.gov)
- <u>Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization (irs.gov)</u>
- Charities and Nonprofits (irs.gov)

Eligibility (cont.)

- To be eligible, you:
 - Must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - Obtained from SAM.gov
 - Must read and comply/have written standards for several requirements in:
 - 2 CFR https://www.ecfr.gov/
 - FY23 NSGP NOFO **
 - <u>FY23 Preparedness Grants</u>
 <u>Manual</u> **

 Individual submitting the application must be a current employee, personnel, official, staff or leadership of the nonprofit organization and duly authorized to apply for an award on behalf of the entity. Further, the authorized organization representative must provide an email address unique to the recipient at the time of the grant application.
 Consultants and contractors of the recipient are not permitted to be the authorized organization representative of the subrecipient.

This will be replaced/updated with FY24 information once it becomes available

What type of entities/organizations are NOT eligible to apply?

- Utility Companies
- For-profit transportation entities/companies
- For-profit hospitals
- Public schools (elementary, middle, or high schools)
- For-profit colleges/universities
- For-profit public venues, stadiums, amusement parks

- Organizations active in politics/lobbying
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Community Service Organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Clubs, etc.)
- Homeowner associations, labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations
- Governmental Entities



Funding Availability

Applicants with one site may apply for up to \$150,000

Applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$150,000 per site, for up to three sites (maximum \$450,000 per applicant)

If multiple sites are applied for, it must include an assessment of the vulnerability and risk unique to each site.

Multiple sites should have their own unique address

Environmental & Historic Preservation Form (EHP)

- **Spending cannot begin on a project that requires an EHP until FEMA has given approval** <u>FEMA EHP Form</u>
- Examples of Projects Requiring EHP:
 - Purchase of equipment that will require installation on or in a building or structure
 - Training exercises with any field-based components, such as drills or fullscale exercises
 - Renovations, upgrades, retrofits, and installation of equipment or systems in or on a building or structure
 - Examples include, but are not limited to: interior building renovations, electrical system upgrades, sprinkler system, vehicle exhaust systems, closed circuit television cameras, security fencing, access control for an area, building, or room, bollards, motion detection systems, alarm systems, security door installation or upgrades, lighting, and audiovisual equipment
 - Installation of new or replacement generators, to include the concrete pads, underground fuel and electric lines, and if necessary, a fuel storage tank
 - New construction, addition to, or expansion of a facility
 - Construction of new or replacement communications towers, or installation of communications-related equipment on a tower or building or in a communications shelter or building



Timeline



Pre-Application Action Items: How Can I Prepare?

Obtain a UEI Number (SAM.gov)

- Ensure your organization has a UEI and that it is active prior to applying, as issues with your UEI could slow down the application process.
- UEI may not be active for up several days after registration, so be proactive in completing this step!
- This is a FREE service and should never require a cost.

Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.

Get Started

Renew Entity



Complete AGATE Registration



Register on our website: grants.alabama.gov.

*Make sure your agency is not already in the system. Duplicate entries could cause issues later on.



Send an email informing us you intend to apply and have already registered on the website so we can approve it (Email GrantsAdmin@alea.gov with subject line FY 2024 NSGP).

Brainstorm Your Project

- Have Vulnerability/Risk Assessment Conducted
 - Identify gaps and vulnerabilities.
 - CISA Self Assessment Tool <u>CISA</u> <u>Facility Security Self-Assessment</u>
- Propose projects to address those identified risks and vulnerabilities in your Investment Justification (IJ).
- Determine how best to demonstrate in your IJ that your organization is at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.







Application Process

Beginning the Application Process



- Register for an account on our website: https://Grants.Alabama.Gov. Ensure that you have a UEI number with SAM.gov.
- Send an email informing us you intend to apply and have registered on the website so we can approve it (<u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> with subject line FY 2024 NSGP)
- Complete your Vulnerability/Risk Assessment for each location (if more than one)
- Check FEMA's Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to ensure proposed equipment is covered. Provide basic estimates/quotes for market values of equipment, installation, warranty, etc.
- Ensure Investment Justification (IJ) is complete and detailed and tied to your Vulnerability Assessment
- Attach Vulnerability Assessment, IJ, and Mission Statement

Application Requirements

- Investment Justification (IJ) This is the only document forwarded to FEMA
 - Download and save form first. Then open from the saved area. MUST use form provided.
- <u>Vulnerability/Risk Assessment</u> (No standardized form)
 - Identify threats & vulnerabilities specific to your organization. This assessment is the foundation on which the application is built.
- <u>Mission Statement on official letterhead</u>— used to validate information provided in the IJ and categorize the facility (ideology-based, medical, education, other).
 - If applicable, provide the "who," "what," and "why" of your organization.
- Ensure these are separate documents.
- <u>ALEA Miscellaneous Attachments</u> Not all of these are required at the time of application but <u>will</u> be required upon award.

Allowable Costs

- NSGP provides funding support for physical security enhancements and other security activities to nonprofits at high risk of a terrorist attack.
- These include projects addressing, but not limited to:
 - * Planning
 - * Equipment
 - * Training
 - * Exercises
 - * Contracted Security Personnel
 - * Indirect Costs
 - * Management and Administration (M&A)

Allowable Costs: Planning

Funding may be used for security or emergency planning expenses and the materials required to conduct planning activities. Planning must be related to the protection of the facility and the people within the facility and should include populations with access and functional needs as well as those with limited English proficiency.



Examples:

Development and enhancement of security plans & protocols

Development or further strengthening of security assessments

Emergency contingency plans

Evacuation/Shelter-in-place plans

Other project planning activities with prior approval from DHS/FEMA

Allowable Costs: Equipment

- Allowable costs are focused on target hardening and physical security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, especially in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.
 - Video Surveillance Systems (security Cameras)
 - Facial recognition or License Plate Reader software is **not allowed**
 - Bollards
 - Fencing
 - Impact Resistant Film/Windows
 - Access Control Systems
 - Security enhanced doors/windows

03OE-03-MEGA	System, Public Address, Handheld or Mobile	Systems for mass audio notification,
	Handheld of Mobile	including vehicle-mounted high powered speaker systems, or battery powered
		megaphone / public address systems with
		corded microphone.
04AP-05-CRED	System, Credentialing	Software application and associated
ona os cials	system, creatmaning	hardware and material for creating site/event
		credential badges and controlling scene
		access.
04AP-09-ALRT	Systems, Public	Systems used to alert the public of protective
	Notification and Warning	actions or to provide warning to the public
		in the event of an incident, such as sirens,
		the Emergency Alert System (EAS), the
		Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
		(IPAWS), and Wireless Emergency Alerts
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04AP-11-SAAS	Applications, Software as a Service	software", SAAS applications run on the
	a service	provider's servers, delivering functionality
		via the internet to any device having
		connectivity and the required browser or
		interface. Access to the application is
		obtained via a service subscription rather
		than outright purchase, with all updates and
		configuration requirements handled by the
		service provider.
05AU-00-TOKN	System, Remote	System used to provide enhanced remote
	Authentication	authentication, usually consisting of a
		server, some synchronization scheme, and a
05EN-00-ECRP	Coftware Engantian	device, token, or smartphone application.
USEN-00-ECKP	Software, Encryption	Encryption software for protecting stored
05HS-00-MALW	Software, Malware/Anti-	data files or email messages. Software for protection against viruses,
03119-00-MIMLW	Virus Protection	sortware for protection against viruses, spyware, and malicious code. May be
	VIIIISTIOICEIIOII	obtained for individual hosts or for entire
		network segments.
05HS-00-PFWL	System, Personal Firewall	Personal firewall for operation on individual
	1	workstations. Usually a software solution,
		but appliances are also available.
05NP-00-FWAL	Firewall, Network	Firewall (software or standalone appliance)
		for use in protecting networks.
05NP-00-IDPS	System, Intrusion	Intrusion Detection and/or Prevention
	Detection/Prevention	System (IDS, IPS) deployed at either host or
		network level to detect and/or prevent
L		unauthorized or aberrant behavior on the

Allowable Costs: Equipment (continued)

- Equipment must be in the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL)
- Link to the AEL <u>FEMA AEL</u>
- Chart of allowable items

		network. Software and hardware (appliance) solutions exist.
06CP-01-PORT	Radio, Portable	Individual/portable radio transceivers.
06CP-03-ICOM	Intercom	System for hands-free (wired or wireless) communication for limited numbers of personnel in close proximity, such as vehicle crew members. Includes systems designed for underwater use.
06CP-03-PRAC	Accessories, Portable Radio	Speaker/microphone extensions to portable radios. Sometimes used within encapsulated/partially encapsulated suits, where restricted access to radio equipment impedes normal portable radio operations. Also includes programming/cloning cables.
10GE-00-GENR	Generators	Generators, varying types and sizes, including gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas, alternator, gas turbine powered devices, etc.
13IT-00-ALRT	System, Alert/Notification	Alert and notification equipment that allows for real-time dissemination of information and intelligence among responders via equipment such as cellular phones, pagers, text messaging, etc.
14CI-00-COOP	System, Information Technology Contingency Operations	Back-up computer hardware, operating systems, data storage, and application software necessary to provide a working environment for contingency operations. May be a purchased remote service or a dedicated alternate operating site.
14EX-00-BCAN	Receptacles, Trash, Blast- Resistant	Blast-resistant trash receptacles.
14EX-00-BSIR	Systems, Building, Blast/Shock/Impact Resistant	Systems to mitigate damage from blasts, shocks, or impacts, such as column and surface wraps, wall coverings, breakage/shatter resistant glass, window wraps, and deflection shields.
14SW-01-ALRM	Systems/Sensors, Alarm	Systems and standalone sensors designed to detect access violations or intrusions using sensors such as door/window switches, motion sensors, acoustic sensors, seismic, and thermal sensors. May also include temperature sensors for critical areas.

Allowable Costs: Equipment (continued)

14SW-01-DOOR	Doors and Gates, Impact Resistant	Reinforced doors and gates with increased resistance to external impact for increased physical security.
14SW-01-LITE	Lighting, Area, Fixed	Fixed high-intensity lighting systems for improved visibility in areas such as building perimeters and surveillance zones.
14SW-01-PACS	System, Physical Access Control	Locking devices and entry systems for control of physical access to facilities.
14SW-01-SIDP	Systems, Personnel Identification	Systems for positive identification of personnel as a prerequisite for entering restricted areas or accessing information systems.
14SW-01-SIDV	Systems, Vehicle Identification	Systems for identification of vehicles, ranging from decals to radio frequency identification (RFID) or other transponder devices.
14SW-01-SNSR	Sensors/Alarms, System and Infrastructure Monitoring, Standalone	Standalone sensors/alarms for use on critical systems or infrastructure items (security systems, power supplies, etc.) to provide warning when these systems fail or are near failure.
14SW-01-VIDA	Systems, Video Assessment, Security	Camera-based security systems utilizing standard, low light, or infrared technology.
14SW-01-WALL	Barriers: Fences; Jersey Walls	Obstacles designed to channel or halt pedestrian or vehicle-borne traffic in order to protect a physical asset or facility.
15SC-00-PPSS	Systems, Personnel/Package Screening	Hand-held or fixed systems such as walk- through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel and packages for hazardous materials/devices.
21GN-00-INST	Installation	Installation costs for authorized equipment purchased through FEMA grants.
21GN-00-TRNG	Training and Awareness	Training on CBRNE and cyber security equipment by vendors or local entities.

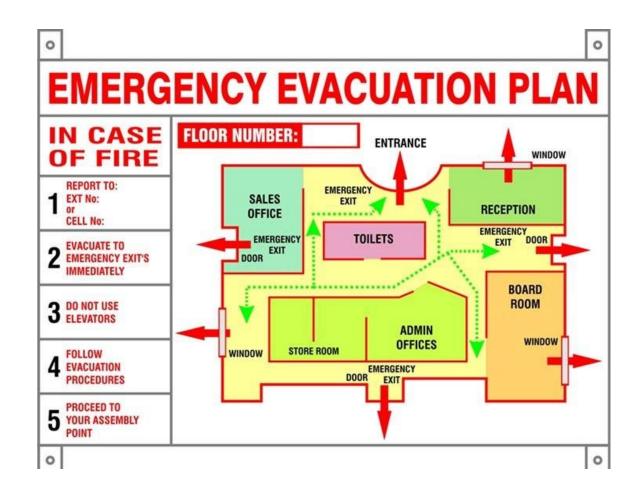
Allowable Costs: Training

- Security-related Training Courses & Programs:
 - Limited to an organization's security personnel, staff, members and volunteers only
 - Allowable Costs: Attendance Fees, Materials, Supplies, and/or Equipment
 - Unallowable Costs: Overtime, Backfill, and/or Travel Expenses
- Examples:
 - Target Hardening
 - Terrorism Awareness/Employee Preparedness (CERT, Active Shooter, Emergency First Aid)



Allowable Costs: Exercise

- Funding may be used to conduct security-related exercises. This includes costs related to planning, meeting space and other meeting costs, facilitation costs, materials and supplies, and documentation.
- Must be Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant.
- After Action Report Required



Allowable Costs: Contracted Security Personnel

- Contracted Security <u>MUST</u> be acquired through a competitive process
 - <u>CANNOT</u> directly hire individual off-duty law enforcement personnel
- Allowable if not already included in current operating budget
- Amount requested <u>may not exceed 50%</u> of an award without an approved waiver from FEMA
- May not use the NSGP funding to hire full or part-time employees that will be placed on a nonprofit's payroll
- Subrecipient <u>MUST</u> be able to sustain this capability in future years without NSGP funding
- NSGP funds may not be used to purchase equipment for contracted security



Allowable Costs: Management & Administration

- M&A activities are those costs defined as directly relating to the management and administration of NSGP funds such as financial management and monitoring
 - Activities directly related to the management and administration of the project
 - This does <u>NOT</u> include/cover the cost of application creation. That would be considered a pre-award cost. This is only for post-award costs.
 - Up to 5% of the individual award amount
 - If a current staff position will take on this role, a portion of their time <u>can</u> be used for M&A as long as:
 - Duties are well defined as outlined in NOFO and Prep. Grants Manual and
 - Time and attendance records are kept to reflect % of time spent on grant, etc.
- Examples:
 - Hiring of full or part-time staff or contractor/consultant:
 - To assist with the management of NSGP funds to include reimbursement preparation and submission
 - To ensure compliance with reporting/data collection requirements

Unallowable Costs

- Organizational salaries or operating costs
- Direct hiring of public safety personnel
- General-use expenditures
- Overtime
- Development of risk/vulnerability assessments
- License plate reader (LPR) systems
- Facial recognition software
- Knox Boxes
- Weapons or weapons training
- Landscaping
- Proof-of-concept initiatives
- Sexual predator screening database
- Pre-award costs (including grant writer/application development fees)



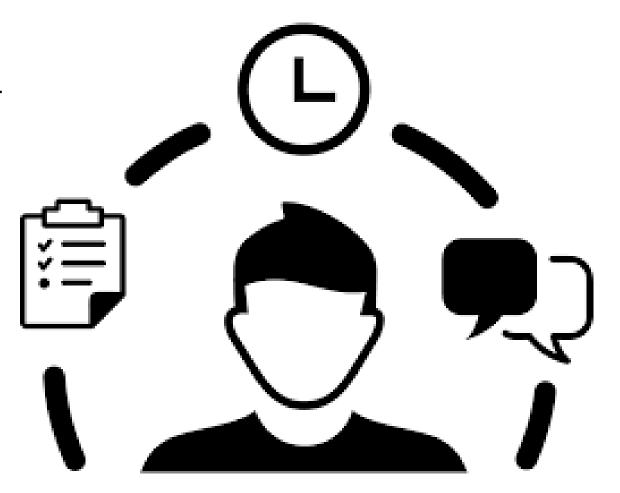


Application – Investment Justification

 Responses in each section should address all components in the description

*Application Form/Investment Justification is ONLY item forwarded for Federal Review

- Sections of the Investment Justification Application Form
 - I. Nonprofit Organization Applicant Information
 - II. Background
 - III.Risk
 - IV. Facility Hardening
 - V. Milestones
 - VI.Project Management
 - VII.Impact



Investment Justification (IJ) Overview

- Include the history of the organization
- <u>Clearly</u> link the findings from the risk/vulnerability assessment to your proposed project(s)
 - Explain how proposed investments will address vulnerabilities
- Detail any incident(s) including description, dates, etc.
 - Include supporting documentation (police reports, photographs), if applicable
- Confirm all investments proposed are allowable costs
- Use realistic milestones to include the Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation (EHP) review process.
- Describe the project manager's level of experience
- <u>Investment Justification</u> *This link is to the FY23 Form, this is subject to change when the FY24 information is released.



Investment Justification – Troublesome Sections

• III. Risk – Nexus to Terrorism

• Threat

- Identification or specific threats against nonprofit or closely related organization by a terrorist organization
- Include findings from risk assessment, police findings or claims that may have been made at that location

Vulnerability

• What are the specific vulnerabilities that expose your facility/location to potential impact from a terrorist or other extremist attack?

Potential Consequences

• What would happen as a result of an attack? What's the potential impact to your facility, the organization and the people it serves?

Investment Justification

Troublesome Sections (Continued)

- IV. Facility Hardening (2 parts)
 - Narrative fully describe target-hardening activities, associated costs and link to vulnerability assessment (Please include estimated quantities where applicable).
 - Example: Fencing-240 feet of 8-foot chain-link fencing topped with 1 foot of barbed wire addressing the vulnerability to breach/access the facility along the west side. (AEL # 14SW-01-WALL)

240 feet x \$208.33 per foot = \$50,000

• Example: \$5,000 for 8 exterior cameras, 3 located on lighting poles in parking lot, 1 adjacent to the main entrance, and 1 on each corner of the building (4) to address the current inability to monitor the exterior of the facility and identify suspicious activity to prevent or protect from an incident

$$8 \text{ cameras } x \$625 = \$5,000$$

- Authorized Equipment List (AEL) Grid at bottom of Facility Hardening section – Planning, Exercise, Contract Security, and M&A are listed at the bottom of the drop-down menu but will not have an associated AEL
 - Training: AEL# 21GN-00-TRNG



Investment Justification – Troublesome Sections (Continued)

V. Milestones

- Steps/Dates that sequentially build upon each other toward project completion
- Example milestones below:

Milestone	Start Date	End Date
Award notification and completion of award paperwork	10/1/24	10/31/24
Environmental and Historic Preservation paperwork completion, submission and approval	10/1/24	11/30/24
Secure estimates/quotes (fencing, security system, access control)	10/31/24	12/15/24
Selection and award of contracts to vendors	1/1/25	1/31/25
Installation and testing of security camera & monitoring equipment	2/1/25	7/15/25
First Aid training delivery	8/1/25	8/31/25
Vendor payments, grant closeout paperwork	9/1/25	9/30/25

Investment Justification

Troublesome Sections (Continued)

VII. Impact

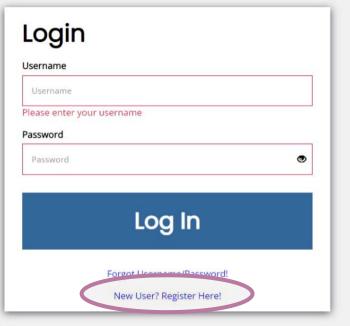
- Measurable outputs and outcomes
 - Scoring Criteria should directly link to the vulnerabilities and consequences described in Section III.
 - Be descriptive and address each of the vulnerabilities and consequences
 - Example questions to consider: Is there anything that can be measured to determine a projected output/outcome? Does it reduce unauthorized access by XX% because there was no locking mechanism previously?

Completing the Application in AGATE

Navigating AGATE (grants.alabama.gov)

Choose "New User? Register Here!" to create an account.





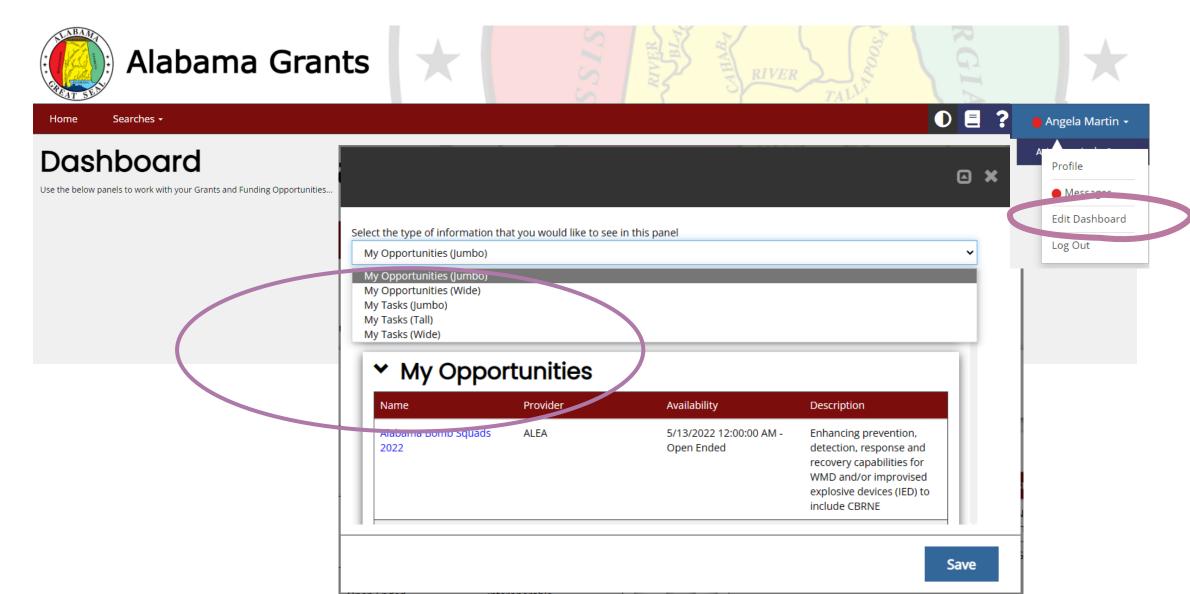
Navigating AGATE: New User Registration

New User Registration	□ ×
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First Name	Middle Name
The First Name field is required.	
Last Name	Prefix Suffix
The Last Name field is required.	<u> </u>
SAM	FEIN
Search	
This field is required.	
Organization	Title
Address	Address 2
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Alabama	~
	The County field is required.
City	Zip Code
The City field is required.	The Zip Code field is required.

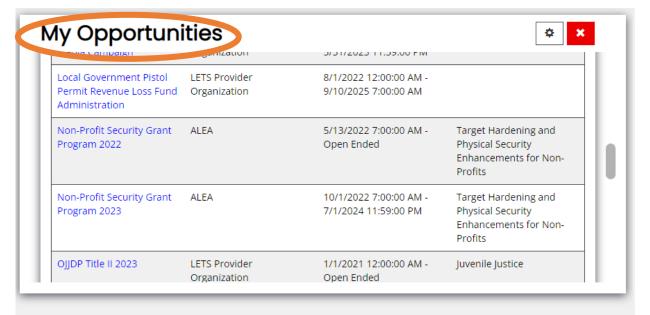
- Once you click, "New User? Register Here!," this registration page will appear.
- Ensure that you have filled out each required field, then click "Register."
- Your organization must be registered in SAM.gov before you can create your account.
- After you register, email <u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> letting us know that you have registered and are awaiting approval.

Email	Phone
The Email field is required.	The Phone field is required.
Phone 2	Fax
Cell Phone	Website
Username	
The Username field is required.	
Password	Verify Password
The Password field is required.	The Verify Password field is required.
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	Register

Navigating AGATE: Personalizing Your Dashboard



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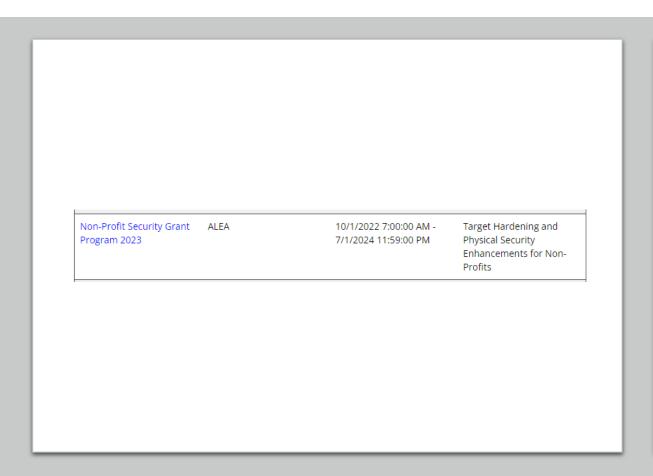






Navigating AGATE: • Exploring Opportunities

• Explore opportunities available to you by clicking the name of the grant under "my opportunities" and reading the description to see if they apply to your organization.





Application Forms Application Information **Project Description Budget Worksheet** Misc Attachments

Completing the Application

- Once you select the opportunity, you will need to fill out the following forms:
 - Application Information
 - Project Description
 - Budget Worksheet
 - Misc Attachments

Authorizing Official

Select the individual authorized to enter into binding commitments on behalf of the applicant. The official will normally be the Board President or the chief officer of the agency or govern involved; i.e. Mayor, County Commission Chairman, City Council President, State Department Director, President of the Board of Directors.

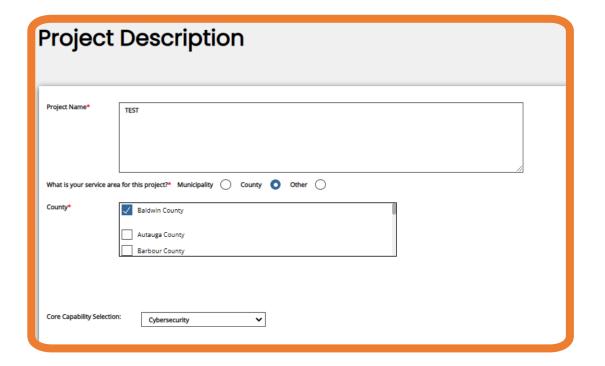
Name*					
Angela Martin					
Title* title	Address* 2214 University Park Drive				
Phone No.* (123) 456-7489	E-Mail* kkeberlein@agatesoftware.com				
Project Director					
Select the individual who combines knowledge and experience in the project area with abilities in administration and supervision of personnel. The project director will also be expected an excessary amount of time to ensure the effective management the project. Example: Executive Director					
Name*					
Andy Bernard					
Title* Nard Dogg	Address* 2214 University Park Dr.				
Phone No.* (989) 111-1123	E-Mail* tmock@agatesoftware.com				
Financial Officer					
Select the individual who will be responsible for fiscal matters relating to the project, and in ultimate charge of accounting, management of funds, verification of expenditures, and grant fireports.					
Name*					
Michael Scott					
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Application Information

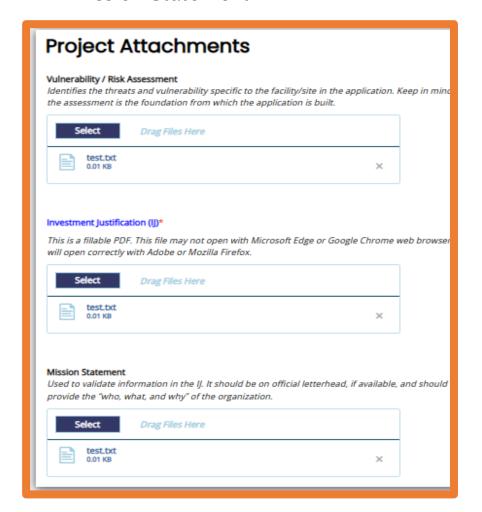
- Applicant Info will auto populate based on organization information already in AGATE (except for STAARS Vendor # and EIN).
- 501(c)(3) Documentation Upload
- Authorizing Official
 - Select the individual authorized to enter into binding commitments on behalf of the applicant
- Project Director
 - Select the individual who combines knowledge and experience in the project area with abilities in administration and supervision of personnel
- Financial Officer
 - Select the individual who will be responsible for fiscal matters relating to the project, and in ultimate charge of accounting, management of funds, verification of expenditures, and grant financial reports

Project Description

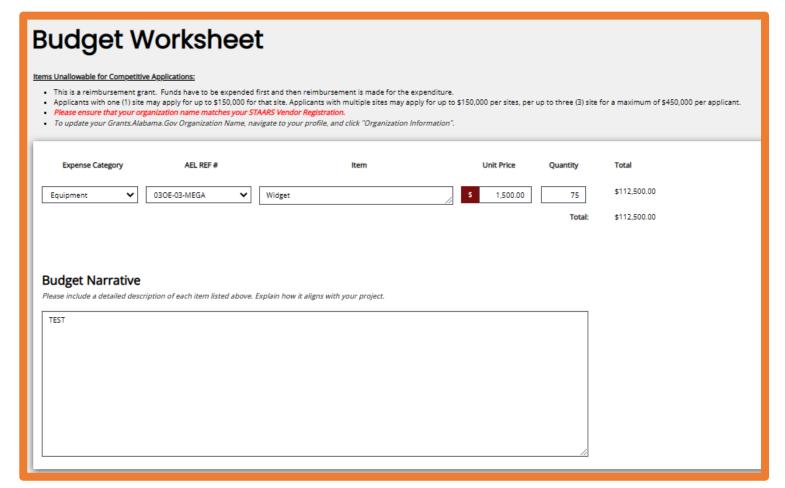
- Project Name
 - Short title that states what you hope to accomplish
- What is your service area for this project?
 - Choose from a list of counties or cities depending on selection
- Core Capability Selection
 - Select from dropdown



- Project Attachments
 - Where you will upload your Vulnerability Assessment, Investment Justification, and Mission Statement



Budget Worksheet

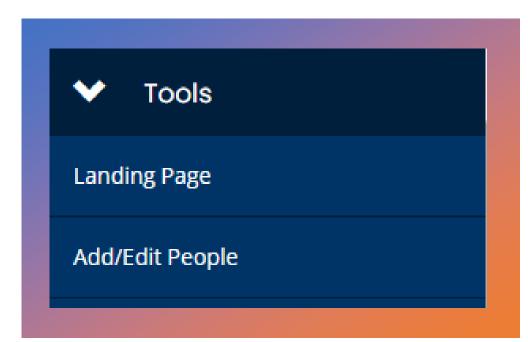


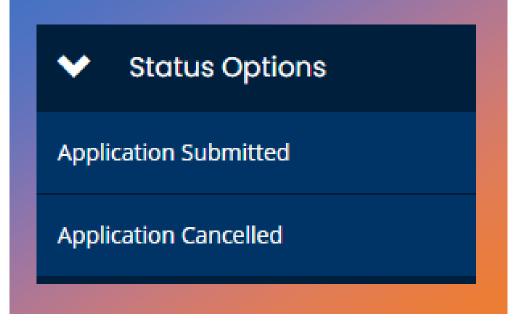
- Expense Category
 - Select Equipment, Training, Exercise, Planning, etc.
- AEL Ref #
 - If equipment, select the appropriate number that aligns with your item
- Item
 - Description of item (do not use AEL Ref # description)
- Unit Price
 - Price of each piece of equipment/training/etc.
- Quantity
 - Suggest you round up when applicable (Ex: Number identified in estimate is 18, round up to 20)
- Budget Narrative
 - Explain in paragraph form the items that you wish to buy and what is included in each item.

Miscellaneous Attachments

- These documents are required at the time of application:
 - W-9
 - eVerify
 - Board of Directors
 - Organization Chart
- All other documents are required at the time of award







Completing the Application (cont)

- Use the "Add/Edit People" function to add anyone from your organization who may need to access this document
- Once you have finished all required forms, go to the "Status Options" tab and select "Application Submitted"
 - This will send the application to ALEA for scoring and possible award
- If you need to cancel your application, select "Application Cancelled" under the "Status Options" tab

Application Submission & Award



Once the application period closes, they will be scored and if qualifications are met, they will be submitted to FEMA for review



If you are awarded, a notice will be sent to you in AGATE to sign and accept your award, or to make any changes deemed necessary to your application prior to accepting



Anyone added to the document will receive a notification via email when the application status has changed or requires attention

Reviewing & Scoring Applications

Evaluation Criteria

- Completeness of Information
- Adherence to program guidelines (Is equipment allowable under AEL?)
- Feasibility
- Was the risk well identified? (Does it match the Risk Assessment)
- Identification of prior threats or attacks (homegrown or international) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, mission
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism
- Role of the nonprofit in responding to terrorist attacks
- Integration of preparedness with broader state & local preparedness efforts (working with communities to become prepared)
- Build or sustain a core capability identified in the "goal"
- Review the FEMA provided Scoring Matrix <u>FY23 Scoring</u>
 <u>Matrix</u> * Subject to change with FY24 information released

Scoring Matrix:

Nonprofit Security Grant Program Scoring Matrix - Fiscal Year 2023

Reviewers should use this document as a reference when scoring applications under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

I – Applicant Information						
	Question	Criteria	Score	Explanations		
	Did the applicant provide all the required information in the	equired information in the all information as it is	Yes	The applicant did provide all the required information.		
	Applicant Information Section?		No	The applicant did not provide all the required information.		
	II - Background					
	Question	Criteria	Score	Explanations		
2	Did the applicant provide a description of their nonprofit organization to include symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized national or historical institution or as a significant institution within the community that renders the site as a possible target of terrorism and other extremist attacks? Applicants must describe their organization, its mission/purpose, the symbolic value of the building/organization, and how these factors may make it the target of an attack.	0	The applicant did not provide a description of the organization including the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attacks.			
		1	The applicant provided a poor description of the organization including the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attacks.			
		2	The applicant provided an adequate description of the organization including the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attacks.			
		3	The applicant provided a full, clear, and effective description of the organization including the symbolic value of the site as a highly recognized institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attacks.			
	Did the applicant provide a description of their nonprofit organization to include any role	ription of their nonprofit describe their individual	0	The applicant did not provide a description of the organization that included any role in responding to or recovering from events that integrate nonprofit preparedness with broader state/local efforts.		
	in responding to or recovering from events that integrate nonprofit preparedness with broader state/local preparedness efforts? existing role in response to or in recovery efforts to terrorist or other extremist attacks. This should tie into the broader preparedness efforts of state and/or local government.	1	The applicant provided some description of the organization that included any role in responding to or recovering from events that integrate nonprofit preparedness with broader state/local efforts.			
		2	The applicant provided a full, clear, and effective description of the organization that included any role in responding to or recovering from events that integrate nonprofit preparedness with broader state/local efforts.			

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Application Scoring

- State review ALEA will review and score applications
 - Ineligible or incomplete applications or applications with unallowable equipment or projects may not be forwarded to FEMA for federal review
- Federal Review FEMA will review
 - Federal reviewers' scores will be multiplied:
 - By a factor of 3 for nonprofits at high risk of terrorist attacks due to ideologicalbased/spiritual/religious
 - By a factor of 2 for medical and educational institutions
 - By a factor of one for all others



Bonus Points!

(*This is subject to change with FY24)

- New Recipients
 - Nonprofit organizations that have not previously received NSGP funding will receive <u>15 bonus points</u> towards their score.
- Underserved Communities
 - To advance considerations of equity when awarding, FEMA will provide up to <u>15 bonus</u> <u>points</u> to the scores of organizations that *demonstrate how they serve an underserved community or population or that are located within an underserved community.*



Don't Make These Mistakes!

- Starting work before the EHP is approved (you will **not** be reimbursed)
- Changing the approved Investment Justification/Application without getting preapproval from ALEA/FEMA
- Incomplete/confusing Investment Justification (misinterpretation of projects)
- Incorrect record keeping (could result in auditing)
- Audit/Monitoring issue (could result in owing money to the federal government)



Key Takeaways

- Application Package 3 documents to be uploaded into AGATE
 - Investment Justification
 - Vulnerability Assessment
 - Mission Statement
- Application <u>must</u> be supported by vulnerability assessment
- Clearly express risk or nexus to a potential terrorist or other extremist attack
- Include Authorized Equipment List (AEL) numbers for equipment items, no brand names or vendor names
 - AEL numbers are not required for Planning, Exercise, Contracted Security, M&A; however, they should be listed at the bottom of the AEL dropdown menu on IJ and reflected on the AGATE Budget Worksheet
- Review your application with the Scoring Matrix prior to submission
- Save the Investment Justification application file using the following naming convention:
 - FY2024_NSGP_AL_Nonprofit Name



Questions?

Please email <u>GrantsAdmin@alea.gov</u> with any questions related to the NSGP or other grant opportunities.

Additional Resources:

2023 NSGP Quick Start Guide

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