2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)

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Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

Programs Office

Agenda

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AGATE (Grants Management System)

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Initial Overview

- The SHSP is a federally funded, FEMA grant program focused on enhancing the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

- The SHSP is a **competitive** grant program.

- ALEA serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the SHSP.

Eligible Applicants

- Local units of government, meaning:
  - A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government;
  - An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or in Alaska a Native village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; and
  - A rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity

Notice to Applicants

- This is a reimbursement grant.
- You may have a local unit of government apply on your organization's behalf.
- The organization applying for the grant should be the organization that is paying the invoices and requesting reimbursement.
- The entity applying/receiving the award needs to have a Unique Entity Identifier with SAM.gov AND be registered as a vendor in the state purchasing system known as STAARS.

Allowable Costs

- The Notice of Funding (NOFO) will contain all the allowable expense areas under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (Release Date Anticipated for 2/27/2023).

- Historically, the SHSP funds a range of activities across all capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, including:
  - Planning costs
  - Organization costs
  - Equipment costs – must be listed in the [Authorized Equipment List (AEL)](#).
  - Training costs
  - Exercise costs

FY 2022 Funding Priorities

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (National)

2. Enhancing Cybersecurity (National)

3. Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS (National)

4. Combatting domestic violent extremism (National)

5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience (National)

6. Alabama Mutual Aid System (State)

7. Interoperable Communication (State)

8. Enhancing prevention, detection, response, and recovery capabilities for WMD and/or IED, CBRNE detection, prevention, response, and recovery (State)

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5. Enhancing community preparedness and resilience (National)

6. State priorities TBD
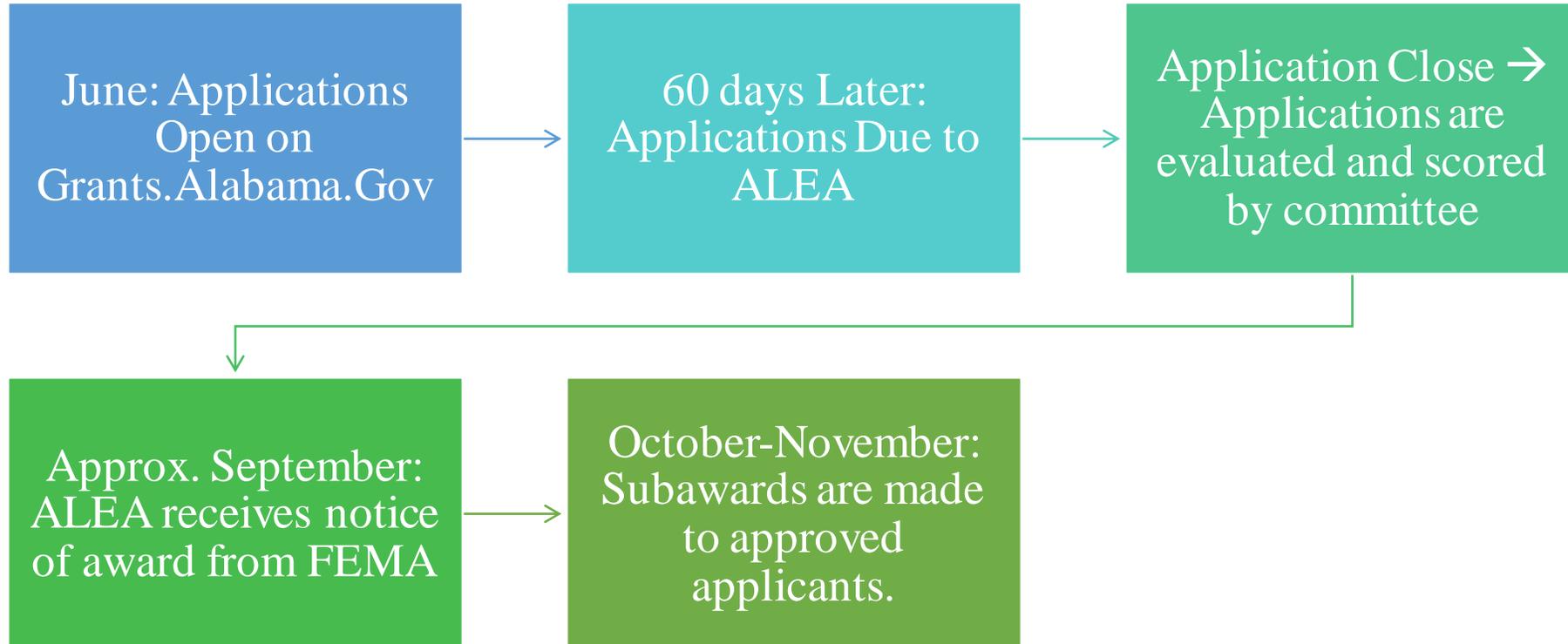
Core Capabilities

- This project addresses:
  - Access Control and Identity Verification
  - Cybersecurity
  - Fire Management and Suppression
  - Infrastructure Systems
  - Intelligence and Information Sharing
  - Interdiction and Disruption
  - Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction
  - Mass Care Services
  - Mass Search and Rescue Operations
- On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement
- Operational Communications
- Operational Coordination
- Physical Protective Measures
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
- Public Information and Warning
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
- Screening, Search, and Detection
- Situational Assessment
- Threats and Hazards Identification

Projects Must:

- Be based on capability targets and gaps identified by your agency.

- Describe the need for the proposed project and the identified gap(s) that it will fill.

- If equipment costs, must be listed in the **Authorized Equipment List**.

- Explain how the proposed investments **nexus to terrorism** as this is a requirement of the grant.

Estimated Timeline

| June: Applications Open on Grants.Alabama.Gov | → | 60 days Later: Applications Due to ALEA | → | Application Close → Applications are evaluated and scored by committee |

| Approx. September: ALEA receives notice of award from FEMA | → | October-November: Subawards are made to approved applicants. |

Navigating AGATE (grants.alabama.gov)

Registering as New User

Navigating AGATE: New User Registration

- 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 GrantsAdmin@alea.gov letting us know that you have registered and are awaiting approval.

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.

My Opportunities

Program 2022 - Information and Intelligence Sharing		Open Ended	and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies.
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Interoperable Communications	ALEA	1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Enhance statewide interoperable communications
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Law Enforcement Homeland Security Operations	ALEA	5/25/2022 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Search & Rescue, CBRNE Response, Active Shooter Preparedness, SWAT, HAZMAT
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 - Soft Target/Crowded Places	ALEA	5/11/2022 12:00:00 AM - Open Ended	Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places

Homeland Security Grant Program 2022 – Soft Target/Crowded Places Protection

Provided By: ALEA

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ALEA Application - Homeland Security Availability Dates: 5/11/2022 12:00:00 AM -

Due Date: N/A

Description:

Funding provided to establish or enhance physical protective security measures against possible terrorist/extremist attacks on potential public/private areas or targets. Examples of projects for this opportunity include:

- Operational overtime
- Physical security enhancements
  - Closed-circuit television security cameras
  - Security screening equipment for people and baggage
  - Lighting
  - Access controls
  - Fencing, gates, barriers, etc.

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Pre-Application Action Items: How Can I Prepare?
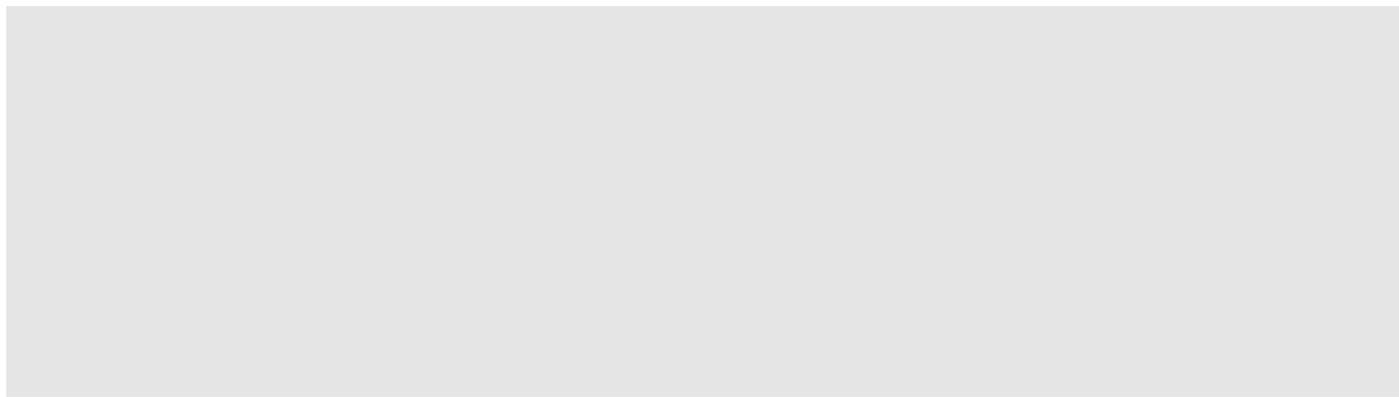
Obtain a UEI Number (SAM.gov)

- 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!

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

⊘ **Check Entity Status**

Complete AGATE Registration

- Register on our website: grants.alabama.gov.

- 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 2023 SHSP).

Brainstorm Your Project

- What needs does your organization have?
  - Identify gaps and vulnerabilities.
- Identify how your proposed project is related to state counterterrorism efforts.
  - Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States
  - Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meeting basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident

Environmental & Historic Preservation Form (EHP)

- Determine if your project will require an EHP. ****Spending cannot begin on a project that requires an EHP until FEMA has given approval****

- 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 full-scale 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 audio-visual 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

Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)

- Free **annual** self-assessment designed to measure gaps and capabilities of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments' cybersecurity programs.

- **Required** for all recipients and subrecipients of the HSGP annually.

- This is open from Oct 1 to Feb 28.

7	Optimized	Your organization is executing the activity or process and has formally documented policies, standards, and procedures. Implementation is tested, verified, and reviewed regularly to ensure continued effectiveness.
6	Tested and Verified	Your organization is executing the activity or process and has formally documented policies, standards, and procedures. Implementation is tested and verified.
5	Implementation in Process	Your organization has an activity or process defined within documented policies, standards, and/or procedures. Your organization is in the process of implementing and aligning the documentation to a formal security framework and/or methodology.
4	Partially Documented Standards and/or Procedures	Your organization has a formal policy in place and has begun the process of developing documented standards and/or procedures to support the policy.
3	Documented Policy	Your organization has a formal policy in place that has been approved by senior management.
2	Informally Done	Activities and processes may be substantially performed, and technologies may be available to achieve this objective, but they are undocumented and/or not formally approved by senior management.
1	Not Performed	Activities, processes, and technologies are not in place to achieve the referenced objective.

Completing Your Application

AGATE

- Once you have been approved as a user, you will have to log in and select the opportunity that you wish to apply for.

- Complete the following forms:
  - Application Information
 - Project Description
  - Budget Worksheet
  - Misc. Attachments

AGATE Continued

- Use "Add/Edit People" to add anyone from your organization that will need access to this application

- Once you have finished all required documents, go to the Status Options tab and select "Application Submitted"

- This will send the application to ALEA for scoring and possible award

- If you wish to cancel your application, select "Application Cancelled" under the Status Options tab
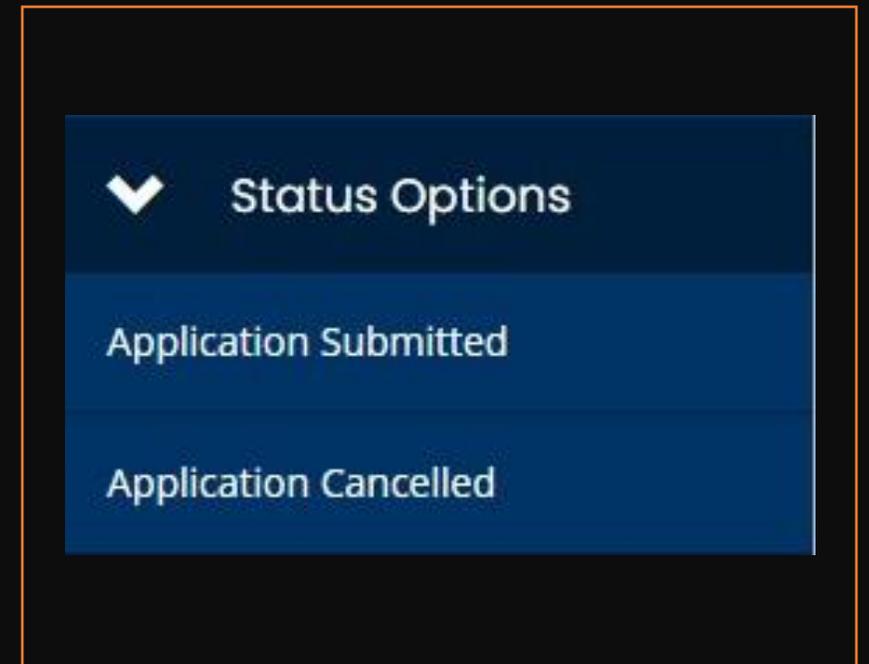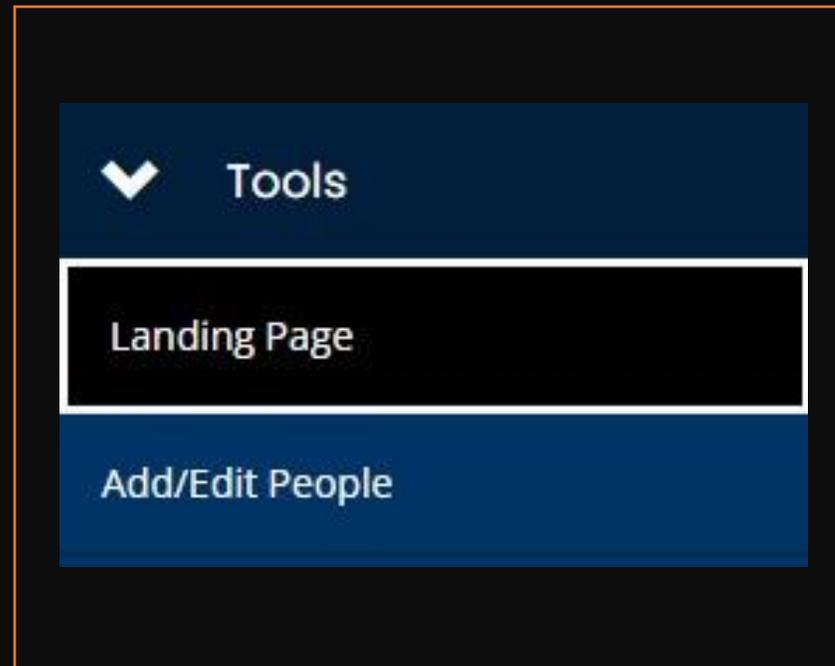
Application Submission/Award

- Once an application has been submitted to ALEA, we will have reviewers score the application and then it will be considered for an award. Scoring committee consists of sheriffs, chiefs of police, county EMA directors, and representatives from Real-Time Crime Centers in Alabama.

- If you are awarded, it will be sent back to you via AGATE for your Authorized Official to sign and accept your award or to make any necessary changes to your application.

- Anyone added to the document will receive email notification when an application has changed status or requires attention.

When are applications due?

- FEMA has yet to release the FY 2023 Notice of Funding (NOFO), but we hope to have our opportunities open by June.

- Once the application opens, you will have ~60 days to complete it.
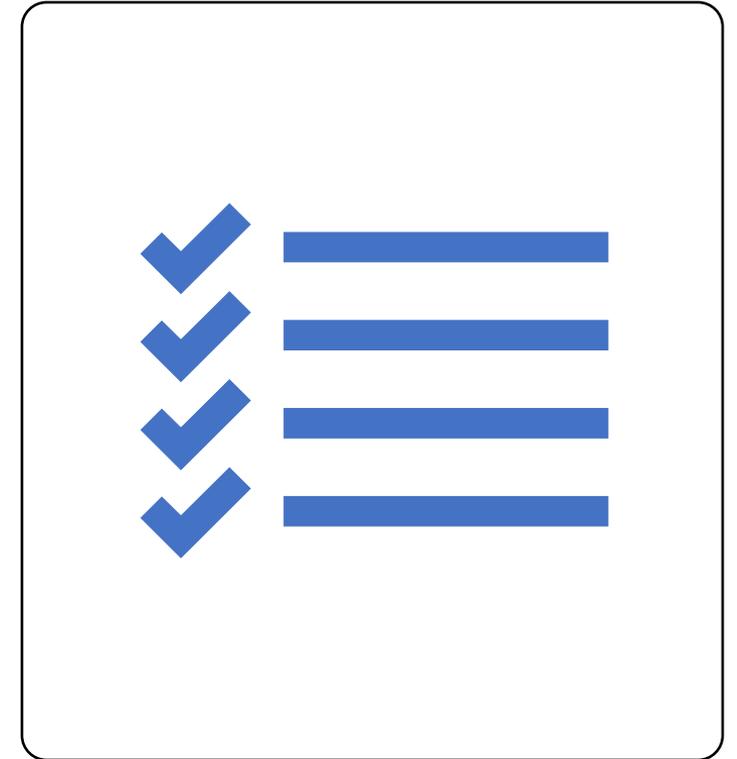
How are applications scored?

- Each member of the scoring committee will review each application independently
- The scoring committee may choose to ask for additional documentation to review, as they see appropriate.
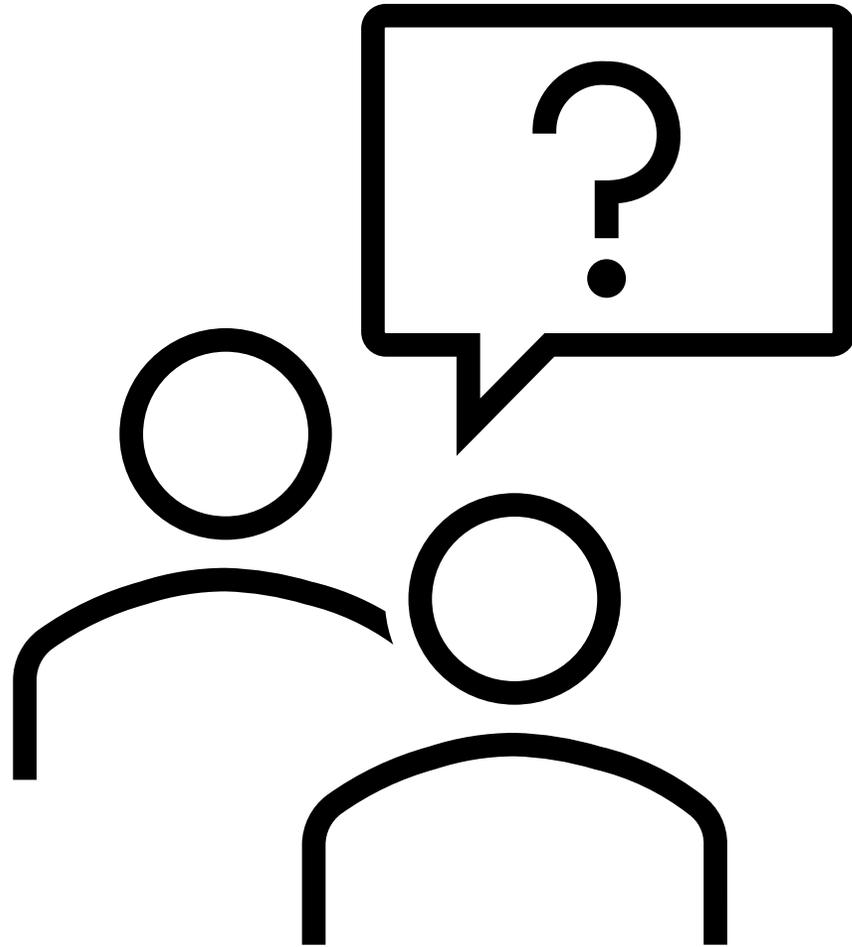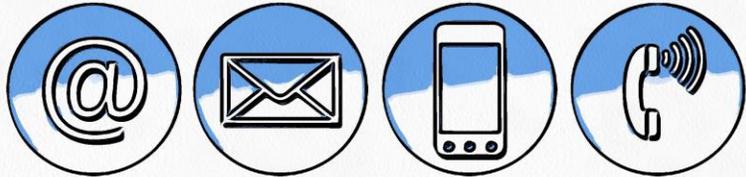
Questions?

- Please email GrantsAdmin@alea.gov with any questions related to the HSGP or other grant opportunities.

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