



## Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

### Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) is pleased to announce the continuation of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) for fiscal year (FY) 2020.

Applications may be obtained at the RIEMA website: <http://www.riema.ri.gov/>

Application submission date: **April 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

The FY 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and other information are on the website. This includes the Investment Justification (IJ) is located for the application. All applications must be submitted using the IJ form on the RIEMA website.

The following criteria applies to the Rhode Island Nonprofit Security Grant Program:

- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to be eligible.
- Applicants must be located within the State of Rhode Island.
- Applicants must only request funding for equipment/activities that are consistent with the allowable cost's guidance listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.
  - The only allowable equipment items are on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Authorized Equipment List (AEL):  
<https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>
    - Category 14- Physical Security Enhancements
    - Category 15 – Inspection and Screening Systems
- Some examples include: System/Sensor Alarms; Doors and Gates, Impact Resistant; Systems Physical Access Control; Systems, Personnel/Package Screening.
- Applicants must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number at the time of application.
- Applicants that do not have a DUNS number may get one by calling (866-705-5711).
- Applicants **are not required** to use Grants.Gov for a System of Award Management (SAM) number, a SAM is not required for this grant program.
- The following items will be needed for an application being made to RIEMA:
  - Applicants must also provide a “mission statement” which explains the nature of the applicant organization's purpose and mission. This will primarily be used to validate the organization's type identified in the

Investment Justification as either: 1) Ideology-based/spiritual/religious; 2) Educational; 3) Medical; or 4) Other.

- Applicants must also provide the vulnerability/risk assessment on which the request in the application is based (see pages 12, of the FY 2020 NOFO).
- Applicants are limited to projects costing no more than \$100,000.00.
- Applicant must agree to adhere to any Environmental and Historic Preservation requirements.
- Only **one** (1) IJ per site/location for a project; location must have a physical address and not a P.O. Box
- Submission must follow this file name convention “Applicants Name\_FY 2020 Nonprofit Grant Application”.
- Submissions must be made to the RIEMA mailbox at [EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov](mailto:EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov)
- Previous applicants are eligible to reapply for this program.
- Special Note: All RIEMA awards are reimbursement based.

Emailed submissions must be made to RIEMA at [EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov](mailto:EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov) no later than **April 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)**. As this application process is competitive, RIEMA cannot accept applications made after that date and time.

Questions can be directed to [EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov](mailto:EMA.Grants@ema.ri.gov).

