Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

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- The Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is one of four funded grant programs within the Transportation Infrastructure Security Branch.
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FY2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

**Program Overview**

- **Purpose:** PSGP provides funds for transportation infrastructure security activities to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and public/private facility security plans among port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies required to provide port security services.

- **Eligibility:** Ports with Maritime Transportation Security Administration (MTSA) regulatory requirements will be funded based on risk and competitive project review.

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<td>Program funding is fully competitive</td>
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<td>Eligible applicants apply directly to FEMA for funding within their local Port Area</td>
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**Proposed FY 2017 Funding Priorities**

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**FY17 PSGP Grant Timeline**

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<td>FY 2017 Appropriations Enacted</td>
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<td>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Release</td>
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<td>Applications submitted to FEMA</td>
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<td>Final Allocations Announced</td>
<td>09/01/2017</td>
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<td>Awards processed on a rolling basis up until the end of the fiscal year</td>
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*Funding announcement of those selected applicants will occur on or before September 30, 2017.*
Highlighted Key Areas to Know

Investment Justifications (IJs)

- Concise and Descriptive
  - Address specific PSGP funding priorities
  - Don’t try to combine all projects into a single IJ
  - Explain where/how the project will be used to enhance security in your port area.
  - Projects that fail to demonstrate the required cost-share, **will not** be considered for funding
  - Detailed Budget Worksheets are **required**.
  - Budgets must be approved by FEMA before project work can begin.
  - Cost-share, even if it’s in-kind, **must be** explained on the detailed budget worksheet
Highlighted Key Areas to Know (Cont’d)

Cost-Share or In-Kind Match Requirement

▪ A non-federal cost-share (cash or in-kind) match of no less than 25% of the total project cost for each proposed project is required.

▪ Cash and in-kind matches must consist of eligible costs

▪ A cash-match includes cash spent for project-related costs

▪ An in-kind match includes the valuation of in-kind services or equipment. May not be used to meet match requirements for any other federal grant program.
Examples of Funded Projects

- Clearly defines W. W. W. W. W. & H.

- Rapid Response Boats (High speed, 24/7 patrol boats critical for quick response)

- Equipment:
  - All life saving operations including fire suppression, evacuations, rescue of victims, dewatering, mass decontamination, swift transport of first responders to a waterborne or waterfront incident, and removal of victims from a vessel in distress

- Training and Exercises:
  - Live situational exercises involving various threat & disaster scenarios, table top exercises, and the debriefing of the exercises to continually improve utilization of plans and equipment procured with grant funding

- Expansion and hardening of TWIC compliant access control:
  - Installation of TWIC card and secure vehicle barriers
  - Hardening of secondary access points to the Port, to include the addition of reinforced gates used to prevent un-authorized vehicles from accessing the perimeter of the Port
Examples of Projects Not Funded

- Equipment or services not listed on the Authorized Equipment List as eligible under PSGP

- Equipment or services listed as unallowable costs identified by the NOFO
  - Commonly include tow vehicles, weapon related equipment, proof of concept projects, hospitality projects (chairs, couches), etc.

- Equipment or services that do no support COTP priorities or PSGP priorities

- Equipment or services with no clear maritime security nexus

- Projects that do not include an eligible cost share (see 2 CFR 200.306)

- Projects lacking a corresponding budget

- Applications submitted on behalf of other entities (consortiums)
Application Requirements

Failing to complete the steps below resulted in an invalid application!

- The application is a 2 part process – Grants.gov & ND Grants
- Current DUNS
- Updating or verifying SAM
- Register, establish AOR, and apply in Grants.gov
- Applying for, updating or verifying your EIN (*can take 2 weeks*):
- Submitting the final application NDGrants by **5PM EST on June 22**

FEMA
2017 Application Fun Facts

- **720** total applications submitted
- **605** completed applications forwarded for pre-review
- There were **954** total projects forwarded for review
- **$301,520,373.36** requested
- **121** vessels requested
- **175** projects Private rest public

By Priority
- **32** Cyber, **190** CBRNE, **323** MDA, **107** Recovery, **86** Training, **23** TWIC
On the Horizon…

- The Secretary’s announcement anticipated mid-August
- New Administration could possibly take a look at priorities
- Hoping for a 2018 appropriation and Congress’ swift action on passing a budget
General Grant Writing Guidance

- Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) so that you can understand all the ins and outs of the grant;

- Write clear, concise, scalable investments;

- Always have some quickly executable projects ready in case you receive grant funding with a short Period of Performance (POP).

- Outreach training (in person/virtual)
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