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Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 THSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2011 THSGP is to provide funding directly to eligible tribes to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

As part of the FY 2011 THSGP, DHS-FEMA identified an overarching priority:

- Advancing “Whole Community” Security and Emergency Management: “Whole Community” fosters a national emergency management approach and considers all aspects of a community to effectively prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any terrorist attack or natural disaster.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2011 THSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 THSGP will be \$10,000,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for the FY 2011 THSGP funds?

In order to be eligible to receive FY 2011 THSGP funding grantees must be considered “directly eligible tribes.”

A “directly eligible tribe” is defined as —

(A) any Indian tribe —

- (i) that is located in the continental United States;
- (ii) that operates a law enforcement or emergency response agency with the capacity to respond to calls for law enforcement or emergency services;
- (iii)
 - (I) that is located on or near an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean (including the Gulf of Mexico) or international waters;
 - (II) that is located within 10 miles of a system or asset included on the prioritized critical infrastructure list established under section 210E(a)(2) or has such a system or asset within its territory;
 - (III) that is located within or contiguous to 1 of the 50 most populous metropolitan statistical areas in the United States; or
 - (IV) the jurisdiction of which includes not less than 1,000 square miles of Indian country, as that term is defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States

Code; and

(iv) that certifies to the Secretary that a state has not provided funds under section 2003 or 2004 to the Indian tribe or consortium of Indian tribes for the purpose for which direct funding is sought; and

(B) a consortium of Indian tribes, if each tribe satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (A).

In summary, eligible tribes must meet the requirements set forth in (A) (i), and (A) (ii), and (A) (iv). Tribes must also meet one of the requirements set forth in (A) (iii); either (A) (iii) (I), or (A) (iii) (II), or (A) (iii) (III), or (A) (iii) (IV). Finally, (B) may also be satisfied, if each tribe satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (A).

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2011 THSGP?

The key milestones associated with the FY 2011 THSGP are:

- **May 19, 2011:** Release date for the FY 2011 THSGP Guidance and Application Kit
- **May 24, 2011:** Outreach call with tribes
- **June 20, 2011:** Applications due to DHS-FEMA by eligible tribes

5. How will the FY 2011 THSGP funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for THSGP is based on tribal eligibility per the 9/11 Act and the effectiveness of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification, as determined through a peer review process. The peer review process will assess the completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed Investments within each Investment Justification.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 THSGP?

The *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10), provided funding for this program. Funds are equal to at least 0.1 percent of the total funds appropriated for grants under sections 2003 (Urban Areas Security Initiative) and 2004 (State Homeland Security Program), as directed by the *Implementing Recommendations of 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-053).

7. Where is the FY 2011 THSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 THSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2011 THSGP Guidance applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EST, June 20, 2011**. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. When applicants apply through <http://www.grants.gov>, the Standard Form 424 in the initial Grants.gov application will need to be submitted. The Standard Form 424 will be retrieved by ND Grants and the system will automatically populate the relevant data fields in the application. Because FEMA will need to conduct an initial review of the application prior to the submission deadline of June 20, 2011, grantees are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov

by no later than June 13, 2011. Upon the completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application should proceed further and the applicant will be notified to complete their submission by fulfilling additional application requirements (e.g., budget, Investment Justification, Work Plan, etc.) by no later than **June 20, 2011**.

The application must be completed and only final submission made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2011 THSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.