



ARIZONA

Department of Homeland Security

FY2027 State of Arizona
Nonprofit Security Grant Program (AZ-NSGP)
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Agenda

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- FY2027 AZ-NSGP Overview
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NSGP Overview

NSGP provides funding support for physical and cybersecurity enhancements, as well as other security -related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.

- **Two Grant Programs**
 - Federal
 - AZ-NSGP
- **Competitive Grant Program**
- **Target/Facility -hardening**
- **Nexus to terrorism/extremism**



Funding Sources

Federal NSGP

I. Federal USDHS/FEMA NSGP -

Reimbursement Grant

▪ Funding Sources

- NSGP - **Urban Area** (Inside Phx Urban Area/Maricopa County)

OR

- NSGP - **State** (Any facility located outside of Phx Urban Area/Maricopa County)

▪ 2025 \$274M Nationwide

- \$2,761,861/Urban Area
- \$2,400,000/State

Arizona NSGP

1. **AZ-NSGP** - Supplemental Funding Source (State-funded)

- **\$1M Available Annually** (2-yrs remaining in 5-year Appropriation)

▪ Based upon Eligibility

- Reimbursement or
- Advance Payment

Eligibility Criteria

Federal NSGP

1. **Only nonprofit organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code may apply.**
 - **For Nonprofit Security Grant Program Urban Area (NSGP-UA) - be located within one of the current FFY UASI-designated urban areas;**
 - If nonprofit organization is the Phoenix-metro area (Maricopa County), it would apply under the Phoenix UA
 - **Nonprofit Security Grant Program State (NSGP-S) - be located outside of the Urban Area Security Initiative(UASI)-designated urban area**
 - Outside Phoenix metro/Maricopa County
2. **Be able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack**

Arizona NSGP

1. **Only nonprofit organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code may apply.**
 - **Have applied for the federal nonprofit security grant and not received funding in the last 3 federal grant cycles**
 - **Have been unable to apply for the federal nonprofit security grant due to an inability to fund the request up front and wait for reimbursement**
2. **Be able to demonstrate, through the application, that the organization is at high risk of terrorist, extremist, or hate crime attack because of the nonprofit's ideology, beliefs, or mission**

Funding Criteria

Federal NSGP Reimbursement

- ❑ Eligible nonprofit organizations may apply for an award amount
 - a) Up to \$200,000 per site (2025) under the NSGP-UA (Competitive Nationwide)
 - b) Up to \$200,000 per site (2025) under the NSGP-S (Competitive with other State applications)
 - c) **Three/3** - Maximum number of applications per nonprofit organization per funding stream, *not to exceed \$600,000 total.*
 - i. One application per location
 - d) Cannot apply for both UA and S (Same location)
 - i. Application funding source based on location
 - e) Applicant must provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Arizona NSGP Reimbursement or Advance Payment

- ❑ Eligible nonprofit organizations may apply for an award amount
 - a) Up to \$100,000 total per Nonprofit ORGANIZATION
 - b) **Three/3** - Maximum number of applications per nonprofit organization
 - i. One application per location
 - ii. Vulnerability Assessment required for each location
 - iii. Total of all 3 sites cannot exceed \$100,000
 - c) Abbreviated period of performance ending May 31

NSGP Application Package

Federal NSGP

Includes the following:

1. **Application Form – Federal NSGP Investment Justification**
(ONLY DOCUMENT FORWARDED TO FEMA)
2. **Arizona NSGP Supplemental Forms**
(Excel doc – 7 tabs)
3. **Vulnerability Assessment**
(No standardized form)
 - Options listed on AZDOHS website. Link to request an assessment available at <https://azdohs.gov/nsgp>
 - Must have been completed within the last 5 years

Arizona NSGP

Includes the following:

1. **Arizona NSGP Excel Forms**
(Excel doc)
2. **Vulnerability Assessment**
(No standardized form)
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Allowable Cost Categories

Federal NSGP

- Planning
- Equipment
- Training
- Exercise
- Contracted Security Personnel
- Indirect Costs
- Management and Administration (M&A)

Arizona NSGP

- Planning
- Equipment
- Training
- Security Personnel

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

- 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, agriculture, or horticultural organizations
- Governmental Entities

Recommended Order of Importance/Completion

1. Request/Complete a **vulnerability assessment** if you do not already have one

- a. Application is based on vulnerability assessment
 - 1) Self-Assessment
<https://www.cisa.gov/houses> -worship - security -self -assessment
 - 2) ACTIC Assessment - Request Form on website at <https://azdohs.gov/usdhs> - fema -nsgp
 - 3) Local Law Enforcement
 - 4) Vendor Assessment (If nonprofit receives a award, vendor is not eligible to bid on projects)
- b. Assessments are good for 5 years in Arizona if no significant changes have occurred

2. Download State of Arizona NSGP application (Excel file) and begin **drafting responses**

Vulnerability Assessment



- Application is based upon the vulnerability assessment
 - Site must be currently occupied & utilized by the organization (not used as a residence or being remodeled/built for future use)
 - **Vulnerability Assessment**
 - Must have been completed within the last 5 years
 - If using an assessment completed prior to current year, please describe any enhancements made since assessment was completed
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AZ-NSGP

State - (AZ-NSGP)

- Supplemental Funding Source
- \$1M Available Annually
 - (5-year appropriation/began 2023)
- Based Upon Eligibility
 - Reimbursement Grant or
 - Advance Payment



AZ-NSGP

Allowable Cost Categories

- Planning
- Equipment
- Training
- Security Personnel

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 access and functional needs as well as those with limited English proficiency.

Examples of planning activities allowable under this grant program include:

- Development and enhancement of security plans and protocols;
 - Emergency response plans
 - Evacuation/ Shelter-in-place plans
 - Emergency contingency plans

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, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack.

Examples:

- 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

Training

Training: Limited to an organization's security personnel, staff, members and volunteers only

Security -related

- Applications should include specific details about proposed training (include topic, organization attendees/ participants, length, and vulnerability the activity will help mitigate.
- Limited to protection of critical infrastructure/ key resources
- Examples: Terrorism awareness/ employee preparedness (Community Emergency Response Team), Active Shooter, emergency first aid

AZ-NSGP Security Personnel

- Contracted Security must be acquired in accordance with State Procurement Policies
- Newly Hired Security Personnel
 - Must be an increase in staff or FTE (Full-time Employee)
- Allowable if not already included in current operating budget
- NSGP funds **may not be used to purchase equipment for contracted security**

NSGP: UNALLOWABLE Project Examples

- Organizational Operating Costs
 - Direct Hiring of Public Safety Personnel
 - General -use Expenditures
 - Overtime
 - Development of Risk or Vulnerability Assessments
 - License Plate Reader (LRP) systems
 - Facial Recognition Software
 - Knox Boxes
 - Guns/Weapons or Weapons Training
 - Landscaping
 - Initiatives that Study Technology Development
 - Proof -of -concept Initiatives
 - Pre-award Costs
 - Sexual Predator Screening Database
 - Organizational Salaries
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AZ-NSGP Application

*Excel File

- **Sections** of the Application File (2 Tabs at the Bottom)
 1. Application
 2. Reference - Authorized Equipment List (AEL) Descriptions

Application – Section III

III. Risk – Nexus to Terrorism

Threat

Identification or specific threats against nonprofit or closely related organization by a terrorist organization

Has your organization received terrorism/extremist threats? If so, describe what those threats were.

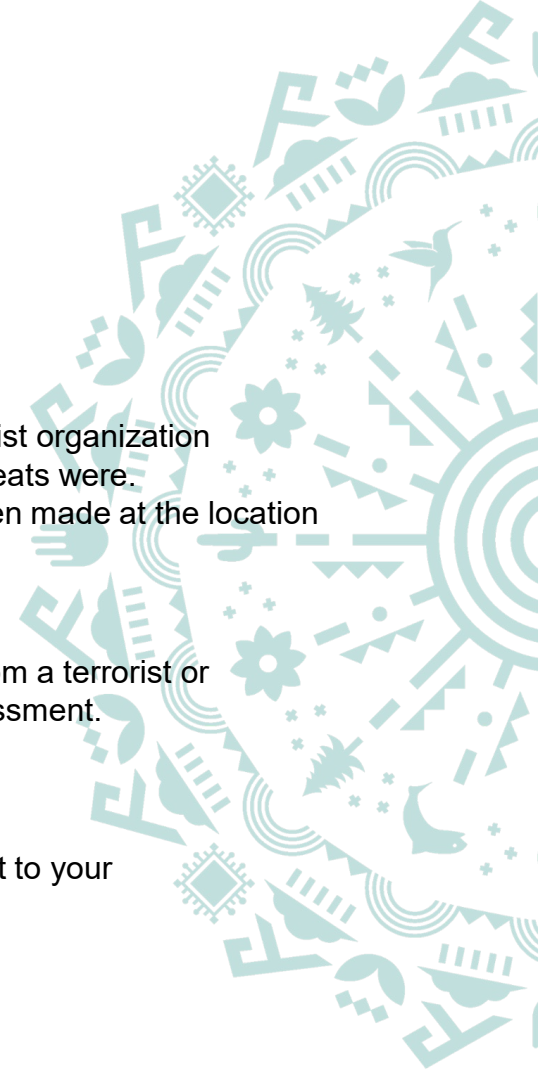
Include findings from vulnerability assessment, police findings or claims that may have been made at the location

Vulnerability

What are the specific vulnerabilities that expose your facility/location to potential impact from a terrorist or other extremist attack? These vulnerabilities should be identified in your vulnerability assessment.

Potential Consequences

What could happen as a result of a terrorist/extremist attack? What's the potential impact to your facility, the organization, and the people it serves?



Application – Section IV

IV. Facility Hardening

- **Narrative** – fully describe security enhancement activities, associated costs and link to vulnerability assessment

- Example: Fencing – Approximately 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)

$$240 \text{ feet} \times \$208.33 \text{ per foot} = \$ 50,000$$

- 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.

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

- **Dropdown Menu of Authorized Equipment Options (AEL)**

Application – Section IV (continued)

IV. Facility Hardening (continued)

- Recommend getting estimates from State Contractors as a basis for the costs
 - To search for potential State Contractors to contact, please review the [Support Guide for Procurement](#) available on our website <https://azdohs.gov/finance>
 - Consider potential cost increases
- Authorized Equipment List (AEL)
 - Definitions – last tab
 - Equipment - Dropdown AEL menu
- Do not use the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) Description as your description.
- Do not use brand or vendor names of equipment
- Quantities – Suggest you round up when applicable (Example: Number identified in estimate(s) is 18, round up to 20) If awarded, number of items must not exceed estimated number in Project Detail Sheet
 - # of cameras, # of doors, linear feet of fence, # of bollards, etc.

Application – Section V

V. Milestones (Use anticipated timeframe of September 1 – May 31)

Steps/Dates that sequentially build upon each other toward project completion

Common milestones include, but are not limited to

Milestone	Start Date	End Date
Complete award paperwork	9/1/26	9/30/26
Research vendors and acquire estimates	9/1/26	10/31/26
Select vendor and award contract	11/1/26	11/30/26
Install and test video surveillance system	1/1/27	1/31/27
Install bollards	3/1/27	3/31/27
Vendor payments, grant closeout	5/15/27	5/31/27



Application – Section VII

VII. Impact

- How will your facility be more secure ?
- Is there a measured enhancement result that may be achieved?
 - i.e., anticipate 75% fewer unauthorized entries to the facility
 - XX number of staff will be trained resulting in increased ability to prevent/protect or respond to an incident
- Refer to Scoring Matrix
 - Be descriptive and address the items requested in the application and the vulnerabilities identified



Timeline

Posted on our website at
<https://azdohs.gov/az-nsgp>

FY2027 STATE OF ARIZONA NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

May 2026

- **May 1, 2026** - AZ-NSGP Application Period Opens
- Grant Information Webinars

June 2026

- **June 12, 2026** - Application Period Closes

July/August 2026

- Review/Prioritization of Applications
- AZ-NSGP Review Panel Convened
- Awards Announced
- Recipient Orientation Meeting

September 2026

- Anticipated - Final Awards to Subrecipients
- Period of Performance will begin
- Project Activities Completed
- **May 1, 2027** - Deadline for Submitting Advance Payments

May 1 - June 15, 2027

- **May 1, 2027** - Last day to submit Advance Payment Requests.
- **May 31, 2027** - Period of Performance ends.
- **June 15, 2027 - Advance Payment Recipients:** All Advance Payment **proof of payment** documentation has been submitted to AZDOHS for Recipients operating on an Advance Payment process.
- **June 15, 2027 - Reimbursement Process Recipients:** Final Reimbursement Request documentation received and processed by AZDOHS for Recipients operating on a Reimbursement process.
- **June 30, 2027 - Reimbursement Process Recipients:** FY2027 AZ-NSGP ends and all requests for reimbursements have been paid to Recipients operating on a Reimbursement process.

Application Package

([https:// azdohs.gov/az -nsgp](https://azdohs.gov/az-nsgp))

1. Application (Excel File)

- ✓ Review completed application with NSGP Scoring Matrix
- ✓ No reach-back if errors or missing information

2. Vulnerability Assessment

- ✓ No Standardized Form

Deadline: **Friday, June 12, 2026**

Save the Application files using the following naming convention:

- ✓ Application: FY2027_AZ_NSGP_<Nonprofit Name>
- ✓ Assessment: FY2027_AZ_NSGP_VA_<Nonprofit Name>

3. **Email as attachments to** hs@azdohs.gov

Application Review & Award Process



AZDOHS Review

- Equipment (Allowable)
- Nonprofit Organization Eligibility
 - Nonprofit Status
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number
- Vulnerability Assessment
 - Project elements are supported by Assesment
- Scoring (using Scoring Matrix)
- Need and Impact
- Bonus Points
 - Applicants that have not received funding previously
 - Additional bonus points based upon organization type

Informal Review Panel

Anticipated awards announcement by August 31

- All applicants will be notified via email

Period of Performance (POP)

- Anticipated to be September 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027

Takeaways

AZ Application Package – 2 items to be submitted

- Application (Excel file)
- Vulnerability Assessment

- ✓ Application must be supported by vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Clearly express **risk/vulnerability to a potential terrorist or other extremist attack/incident**
- ✓ Include Authorized Equipment List (AEL) numbers for equipment items, **no brand or vendor names**
- ✓ Incomplete application (sections left blank) reduces score
- ✓ Review your application with the Scoring Matrix prior to submission

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- **Assessment** : FY2027_AZ_NSGP_VA_<Nonprofit Name >

Application Deadline: **June 12, 2026**

Applications emailed to: hs@azdohs.gov

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