# Urban Areas Security Initiative

**Funds available**

# $553.5 Million

**Apply by June 24, 2024**

## Grant highlights

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

States are required to ensure that at least 35 percent of the combined funds allocated under the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and UASI are dedicated toward Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). The 35 percent LETPA allocation may be met by funding projects in any combination of the six national priority areas identified below and any other investments.

A cost share/match is not required under this program. The performance period is three years.

### Who can apply

The State Administering Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply. There are 41 high-threat, high-density urban areas eligible for funding this year. The SAA may retain up to 20 percent of the UASI funding, but it must be used to support the designated urban areas in the state. A listing of eligible urban areas may be found on pages 27-31 of the Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (HSGP NOFO).

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# Funding priorities and allowable costs

DHS/FEMA has identified six National Priority Areas (NPA) for which applicants must allocate 30 percent of their funding. A separate Investment Justification (IJ) must be submitted for the one NPA with a minimum spend requirement. All projects related to the minimum spend for the NPA must be included in the IJ. For the NPAs with no minimum spend requirement, DHS strongly encourages recipients to make investments in those areas as they are of critical national concern.

- Enhancing cybersecurity (no minimum spend requirement)
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (no minimum spend requirement)
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis (no minimum spend requirement)
- Comating domestic violent extremism (no minimum spend requirement)
- Enhancing community preparedness and resilience (no minimum spend requirement)
- Enhancing election security (3% minimum spend)

In addition to these national priorities, DHS/FEMA has also identified a number of enduring security needs including effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; equipment and capital projects; and exercises.

There are 21 allowable equipment categories listed on the Authorized Equipment List. These include, among other things, Interoperable Communications Equipment, Information Technology (e.g., notification and warning system, computer-aided dispatch systems, software for data gathering and analysis, artificial intelligence tools), Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment, Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment (e.g., law enforcement surveillance equipment), and Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (e.g., video surveillance, warning, and access control).

**Emergency Communications:** All emergency communications investments must describe how such activities align with their Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP). Recipients must coordinate with their Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIG) and/or Statewide Interoperability Governance Body (SIGB)/Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) when developing an emergency communications investment prior to submission to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems. The investment name must include the words "emergency communications" to easily identify any emergency communications investments.

The FY24 HSGP includes more specific guidance around emergency communications projects that may be found on pp. 62 & 81-82 of the HSGP NOFO. Among other things, all states and territories are required to update their SCIPs by the period of performance end date, with a focus on communications resilience/continuity, to include assessment and mitigation of all potential risks identified in the SCIP. In addition, all entities using Homeland Security Grant Program funding to support emergency communications investments are required to comply with the SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants.

**Maintenance and Sustainment:** Maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees are allowable, but the coverage period of stand-alone contracts or extensions to an existing one must not exceed the performance period of the grant. The only exception is if the maintenance contract or warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment, then coverage may exceed the performance period.

**Communications Towers:** Construction of communications towers is permitted subject to compliance with all applicable Environmental and Historical Preservation requirements.

**Real-Time Crime Centers:** Activities eligible under the LETPA set-aside include those outlined in the National Prevention Framework, one of which is real-time crime analysis centers. Investments in real-time crime information and analysis centers must be coordinated with the state or major urban area fusion center.

**Cybersecurity:** Applicants are required to include at least one investment that focuses on cybersecurity projects that support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to terrorism preparedness. Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2024 grant awards will be required to complete the 2024 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review, enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture.

**Security Cameras and Access Controls:** These type of solutions are identified as examples of the type of projects that would satisfy the requirement to invest in enhancing protection of soft targets/crowded places and eqipment and capital projects.

**Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Equipment or Services:** Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds for certain telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see p. 64 of the HSGP NOFO and pp. 13-14 of the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual. Grant funds may be used to procure replacement equipment and services impacted by this prohibition, provided the costs are otherwise consistent with program requirements.

**Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects:** Grant recipients planning to use award funds for infrastructure projects must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act unless they obtain a waiver from FEMA. For more information see pp. 121-123 of the HSGP NOFO and consult your legal department.

## Application deadline

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) must submit the full application by **June 24, 2024, 5 pm ET**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline in order to have enough time to submit the full application to FEMA GO.

## Motorola Solutions offers a proven basis for your application

We offer a wide range of solutions to promote safety and security, increase operational efficiency and connect officers to help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **Cybersecurity Services** — Secure and protect your critical infrastructure by always knowing your cyber security risk posture. Motorola Solutions Cybersecurity Professional Services offer a comprehensive assessment of an agency's attack surface profile by applying the best practices of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Detailed remediation recommendations can then guide the agency to an appropriate solution, such as Security Monitoring or Security Update Services.

- **Land Mobile Radio Communications** — Communications in urban areas can be enabled or augmented with Project 25-compliant, mission-critical-grade infrastructure to provide expanded coverage, reliability, capacity and security for emergency responders. Mobile and portable radios are designed specifically for the needs of first responders and provide interoperability on Project 25 networks, legacy Smartnet/Smartzone or conventional networks, and across multiple frequency bands for unparalleled interoperability through a single device. Connectivity between disparate or neighboring standalone communications networks can be achieved via IP-based gateways, consolidated P25 networks or hosted cloud solutions.

- **Body-Worn** and **In-Car Cameras** — Motorola Solutions provides mobile video solutions for law enforcement, supplying in-car video systems and body-worn cameras along with evidence management software to approximately one-third of all law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada.

- **Digital Evidence Management System** — Combine all of your digital evidence and management workflows with CommandCentral Evidence. Preserve evidence confidently and easily manage large quantities of content by storing all of it together in a single, secure place. Leverage smart data correlation from across systems to automatically organize content so that people and cases keep moving.

- **Community Engagement Solutions** — Begin to foster a more transparent and accessible relationship with the public you serve with CommandCentral Community. Collaborative applications inspire partnership and empower community members to help shape public safety and improve quality of life. Give your community an easier way to communicate while boosting accessibility and promoting partnership with a single public touchpoint.

- **Voice & Computer-Aided Dispatch Solutions** — Computer-aided dispatch solutions suite enhances incident management by automating workflows and data retrieval from the PSAP to the field. Coordinate your team with a seamless flow of information from the moment a call comes in, to when responders arrive - enabling the quickest, safest response

- **CommandCentral Software** — Our command center software features end-to-end solutions that provide users with a unified, intuitive experience and intelligent capabilities designed specifically for the needs of public safety and schools. It includes integrated software solutions from call to case closure, including emergency call management, dispatch, real-time intelligence, field response & reporting and records & evidence management solutions.

- **WAVE PTX Broadband Push-to-Talk Communications** — Create simple, secure, and reliable Push-To-Talk communications between radios and devices outside the radio system, such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops.

- **Video Security & Access Control** — Motorola Solutions offers fixed video, access control and software solutions to help you find, analyze and share information so you can respond to events with speed and decisiveness to keep your people and property safe. Our fixed video security systems include Avigilon, IndigoVision, Ava, and Pelco. Our access control systems and security include Openpath.

- **License Plate Recognition (LPR)** — Motorola Solutions offers an LPR platform with powerful analytics that help complete the investigative triangle of person, plate and location. All of the data and analytics received from LPR detections across the nation are stored in Vigilant's Cloud, LEARN, to help law enforcement develop leads and close cases.

- **Mass Notification and Critical Incident Management** — Enable organizations and communities to quickly and effectively send emergency alerts and share critical information to their entire audience through multiple channels including, SMS, email, voice, desktop, IPAWS, push notifications, social media and more. Supercharge notifications with tactical incident management for both planned and unplanned events to make sure every task is completed using automated communications, dynamic task management, event-specific resources and extensive reporting

- **School Safety & Protection** — Comprehensive and customizable mobile solutions for school safety, including emergency notification functionality, a one-click panic button, anonymous tip reporting, 9-1-1 integration, drill management and more to enable quick and efficient emergency response and coordination.

## How to apply

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through www.grants.gov. The full application package should be submitted to the FEMA GO portal at https://go.fema.gov/.

Applicants should refer to the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual for more information on submitting an application.

FAQs may be found here.

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts here. Applicants should take note of the application evaluation criteria on pp. 103-105 of the HSGP NOFO.

## We can help you

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at PoliceGrantsHelp.com. Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

Additional information and resources can be found on our website: www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants.

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