

# Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

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In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$15 million to enhance the ability of tribal nations to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

## Overview

The FY 2021 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks.

## Funding

In FY 2021, the total amount of funds under the THSGP, as a carveout of the FY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is \$15 million. FY 2021 THSGP funds are allocated based on self-certified tribal eligibility per section 2001 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, codified as amended (6 U.S.C. § 601), and the effectiveness of the applicant's THSGP Investment Justification (IJ), as determined through a federal review process.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to receive THSGP funding, recipients must be directly eligible tribes. Directly eligible tribes are federally recognized tribes that meet the criteria set forth in Section 2001 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 601). Among these eligibility criteria, a tribe can qualify as a directly eligible tribe if it is located on or near an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean or international waters, along with meeting other required criteria. For FY 2021, tribes located within 100 miles of an international border or a coastline bordering an ocean or international waters satisfy this criterion. This change was initiated in FY 2020 and is being continued in FY 2021. Previously, the limit was 50 miles.

Detailed eligibility information is provided in Section C.2 of the FY 2021 THSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).



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## Funding Guidelines

THSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following four national priorities in their IJs:

1. Enhancing cybersecurity;
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places;
3. Combating domestic violent extremism; and,
4. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], weapons of mass destruction [WMDs], etc.).

## Application Process

Applying for an award under the THSGP is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2021 THSGP NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the May 14, 2021 application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except federal holidays.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact [ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on May 14, 2021.

## THSGP Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the THSGP:

- The FY 2021 THSGP NOFO is located online at [www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants) as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
- The FEMA [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) is located online at [www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants).
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk, via e-mail at [ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov).