STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

Connecticut 2024 Nonprofit Organization Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program
(CT NSGP)

Frequently Asked Application Questions

Question: **How do we apply for the Connecticut 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT NSGP)?**

Answer: The application period will be open from January 5, 2024 - March 1, 2024. Application materials can be found on the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Website: CT-NSGP (ct.gov)
Note: The State grant period is retroactive. Applicants can apply for (and may be awarded for) eligible expenses /projects completed on or after _July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2027_.
The application is two parts, a fillable PDF (found on website) and an on-line survey completed via Survey Monkey: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024CTNSGP**
BOTH parts must be submitted to be considered for funding.

Question: **What organizations are eligible to apply for the Connecticut 2024 Nonprofit Organization**

Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program?

Answer: A 501(c) (3) organization that owns property in Connecticut that the DESPP commissioner determines is at heightened risk of a terrorist attack, hate crime, or violent act.
PLEASE NOTE: _applicant must OWN the facility they are applying for. They cannot rent or lease the facility._

Question: **What is the maximum amount of funds an organization can apply for?**

Answer: $50,000.00 per facility (applications should not exceed a $50,000 budget).
Please note: these funds cannot be used to duplicate efforts funded by the Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program or the State School Safety Competitive Grant Program; there is no grantee match requirement; and each facility must have its own unique physical address.

Question: **What activities are allowable for funding?**

Answer: Allowable activities include security infrastructure improvements to enhance security and target hardening of eligible nonprofit buildings based on security assessments.

Question: **What types of equipment are allowable?**

Answer: Examples of eligible equipment (not all inclusive*):

Installing surveillance cameras	Ballistic glass and/or blast-resistant film
Solid core doors	Double door access
Computer-controlled electronic locks	Access control systems
Entry door buzzer systems	Penetration-resistant vestibules
Panic alarms/buttons	Metal detectors
Lock enhancements	Bollards

Real time interoperable communications and multimedia sharing infrastructure

*Please reach out to DEMHS.NSGP@ct.gov if you would like to propose a project NOT on this list.

Question: **How does an organization assess the physical security infrastructure gaps?**

Answer: As part of the application process (Part II of the application), organizations are required to complete and submit a Security Self-assessment. This self assessment was based on the CISA Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment but was modified for all nonprofits. Part II can be found here: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024CTNSGP**
This survey may be completed with the assistance of law enforcement (not required). Applicants should select the answer that best represents the security level of the facility/ grounds.

Question: **Who can conduct the Security Self-Assessment?**

Answer: This can be a self-assessment, or you can request Local Law Enforcement, "a qualified individual", a Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor, or private security firm assistance. The intent is to get the best assessment possible to identify gaps and possible solutions. (Note: If you are applying for projects which have already been completed answer the Security Self-Assessment questions as if those items are not in place).

If you have any questions not covered in this document feel free to contact DEMHS.NSGP@ct.gov.