



FIFA World Cup 2026 Subrecipients Webinar

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Summary

In support of this effort, FEMA is offering the FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP) to provide the Host City Committee Task Forces in the 11 host cities with \$625 million for security and planning related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Investments under this program will include projects that build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities needed to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to safety concerns during and related to the FIFA World Cup events.

The FWCGP makes funds available to the Host City Committee Task Forces through governor-designated State Administrative Agencies (SAA)/GEMA/HS. To carry out the extensive security activities required to protect players, staff, attendees, venues, and critical infrastructure across the host cities, strengthening them against potential terrorist attacks, the Host City Committee Task Force in each of the 11 host cities will then make subawards to local units of government.

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Milestones

Critical Dates

Investment Justifications Due to ARC

11/25/25

FEMA Date for Application

12/5/25

Anticipated Funding

12/18/25

Anticipates Award Date

1/30/26

Projected Performance Period Start Date

7/4/25

Projected Performance Period End Date

8/31/26

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Applicants

The SAA is the only entity eligible to submit FWCGP applications to DHS/FEMA

Sub-applicants

Sub-applicants and subawards are allowed.

SAAs distribute FWCGP funds through subawards to the Host City Committee Task Force. The Host City Committee Task Force will then make subawards to local units of government. These organizations, called subrecipients, use the funds for enhancing safety and security for the World Cup matches in their cities.

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Allowable Project Types

Allowable costs for the FWCGP generally fall into five main categories: ***planning***, ***organization***, ***equipment***, ***training***, and ***exercises*** (POETE). All projects funded under the FWCGP must demonstrate a clear connection to building capabilities that safeguard FIFA World Cup events.

All costs must have a demonstrated nexus to achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism

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Examples of FWCGP Allowable Activities by Category

Planning

- Developing and enhancing plans and protocols
- Conducting assessments
- Developing related terrorism and other catastrophic event prevention activities
- Development, review, and revision of continuity of operations plans
- In accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.447, reasonable costs of general liability insurance that subrecipients pay or that are required or approved and maintained by the terms and conditions of the federal award

Organization

- Development of whole community partnerships
- Tools, resources, and activities that facilitate shared situational awareness between the public and private sectors
- Operational overtime associated with increased security measures associated with FIFA World Cup 2026 events, including the match venues, practice venues, fan zones, team hotels, dignitary movements, public transportation nodes, etc.
- Operational overtime associated with increased intelligence and information sharing and analysis needs during the conduct of FIFA World Cup 2026

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Examples of FWCGP Allowable Activities by Category

Equipment

- Chemical Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives (CBRNE) operational search and rescue equipment
- Personal protective equipment
- Cybersecurity enhancement equipment
- Physical security enhancement equipment
- Inspection and screening services
- Critical emergency supplies
- Power (e.g., generators, batteries, power cells)
- Terrorism incident prevention equipment
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Equipment for detecting and tracking UAS

Training

- Development of whole community partnerships
- Training workshops and conferences
- Travel and supplies
- Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending DHS/FEMA-sponsored and approved training classes

Exercises

- Development of whole community partnerships
- Design, conduct, and evaluate a HSEEP-compliant exercises
- Full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants
- Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending HSEEP-compliant exercises

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Investment Justification Development

Each Investment Justification begins with an overview that aligns the proposed investments with the program's goals.

Investments

Each investment represents a strategic area of focus and should include:

- **Investment Name:** A clear title that reflects the focus area.
- **Description:** An explanation of how the investment supports planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises.
- **Alignment:** Identification of goals and objectives that the investment supports.

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Investment Justification Development *(continued)*

Projects

Each investment contains one or more projects detailing specific activities. For each project, the Investment Justification requires:

- **Project Name and Description:** A concise title and summary of the project's purpose and activities.
- **Subrecipient Information:** Details about any subrecipients involved, including their names and whether they are state or local entities.
- **Location:** The primary location's zip code where the project will be implemented.
- **Shareability and Deployability:** Information on whether the project's activities can be shared with or deployed to other jurisdictions.

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Investment Justification Development *(continued)*

Funding Details

The Investment Justification must specify the funding amount for each investment and project, ensuring alignment with program guidelines.

Capability Gaps and Outcomes

Applicants should describe existing capability levels, identify gaps the investment intends to address, and outline the expected outcomes and improvements resulting from the proposed projects.

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State Review

The SAA is the sole entity authorized to submit FWCGP applications to FEMA on behalf of the subrecipients. The SAA reviews subaward applications to ensure they meet the legal, financial, and programmatic requirements set forth by FEMA and the state's guidelines before submitting on behalf of the state to DHS/FEMA. As part of the review for the FWCGP, the SAA must:

- Conduct an eligibility review;
- Coordinate with the Host City Committee Task Force(s), then prioritize projects that align with the NOFO requirements;
- Submit investment justifications that are recommended for funding to DHS/FEMA; and,
- Submit all investment justifications received and not recommended for funding, including incomplete investment justifications and investment justifications from subapplicants deemed ineligible to DHS/FEMA.

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Subrecipients (Local Governments & others) – Milestones

- Attend IJ training Session
- Develop IJs
- IJs are submitted to ARC no later than 11/25/25 (wcinvestments2026@atlantaregional.org)
- Attend Compliance training framework (invoice submittal, procedures, and compliance)
- Execute MOA/Contract with Atlanta World Cup Host Committee Inc./ ARC for subaward
- Develop and execute contracts for any subaward
- Perform procurement for any subaward
- Invoice ARC for allowable expenses under the subaward
- Ensure invoice guidance is followed

Questions?

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