

FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP) Application and Instructions

The FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP), administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), provides federal funding to enhance security and preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup events in the United States. This standalone grant program supports the safe execution of the largest sporting event in history, co-hosted with Canada and Mexico, which is expected to attract over five million international visitors and generate tens of billions of dollars in economic activity across 11 U.S. host cities over 38 days. The program addresses significant security challenges, with all U.S.-based matches designated as Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) I and II events, building on historical federal support for major events like the Olympics.

The FWCGP will make funds available to the Atlanta Host City Committee Task Force through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS). To carry out the extensive security activities required to protect players, staff, attendees, venues, and critical infrastructure, strengthening them against potential terrorist attacks, the Atlanta Host City Committee Task Force will make subawards to local units of government and to state agencies to support security and preparedness activities for the FIFA World Cup.

Allowable Project Types: Allowable costs for the FWCGP fall into five main categories: planning, organization, equipment, training and exercises. All projects funded under the FWCGP must demonstrate a clear connection to building capabilities that safeguard FIFA World Cup events. Specifically, all costs must have a demonstrated nexus to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism in accordance with 6 U.S.C. 609(a) and 605(a). Please see the Appendix A to these instructions for Allowable Costs.

- Applications may be submitted for operational overtime costs and surge personnel within the period of performance.
- Indirect costs (facilities and administration) are allowable costs. Please see the FWCGP Notification of Funding for guidance. All indirect costs must be included as separate line items on the application.

Eligible Subapplicants: This application must be submitted to the Atlanta Host City Committee Task Force by a current employee, official, or leader of a state, county, or local agency who is authorized to apply for the award on behalf of the entity at the time of submission. Consultants or contractors are not authorized to submit applications.

Application Period: 13 November – 24 November 2025

Anticipated Award Date: No later than 30 January 2026

Period of Performance: 4 July 2025 – 31 August 2026

All applicants to the FWCGP must submit this application to the Atlanta Host Committee Task Force for review and recommendation.

Instructions:

1. **Fill out the form electronically** and save it as a **Microsoft Word file** with a title that includes the grant name, entity type (state/county/city), entity name, and project number (for example: "***FWCGP-City-Atlanta-Atlanta Fire-1.doc***"). Once complete, finalized, and approved, save the application pages only (remove these instructions) and save as a PDF.
2. Applicants should type answers in the gray-colored blocks that appear when they open this file on a computer or check the required checkboxes. The gray-colored blocks will expand as words are typed into them.
3. **As some projects may only be partially funded, if possible and appropriate, the items in the Line-Item Cost Section should be listed in the order of descending priority, with the most important item first, then second most important next, and so on. Costs for individual items should be rounded to the nearest even amount.**
4. The **deadline for the submittal** of the Application is 11:59 p.m. on **24 November 2025**.
5. Please complete all sections of the following form. Please be sure to fill in the boxes at the top of the cover page, above. The gray boxes will expand to accommodate the words as they are typed in the form.
6. Completed applications and budgets must be sent to the Atlanta Host City Committee Task Force. Please contact the Atlanta Host City Committee Task Force for their application intake process.

All potential sub-recipients must send in an application!

If you encounter difficulty in utilizing this form or uploading the document, please contact
HSGRANTS@gema.ga.gov

County (State Applicants list "State"):

Agency/Department Responsible:

Total Dollar Amount Requested:

FIFA WORLD CUP GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Contact Information

Name and type of Agency applying for funding:

Jurisdiction (State or name of county/city):

Agency DUNS Number: (usually obtainable from your Finance section)

Information for the chief executive who has the authority to sign contracts: (Usually the County Commissioner, Mayor, or Sheriff)

Name:

Phone: office mobile

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Zip Code: - (Zip Code + 4 required)

Information for the Point of Contact who will manage the grant locally. This individual must be an employee of the jurisdiction and not a contractor or consultant.

Name:

Phone: office mobile

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Zip Code: - (Zip Code + 4 required)

Project Information:

Total Project Budget Requested: \$

Summarize the proposed project. The proposed project must meet one of the below criteria and must be directly related to terrorism prevention for the FIFA World Cup:

- Activities associated with developing and enhancing plans, protocols, and assessments.
- Activities associated with partnerships between the public and private sector or *operational overtime associated with World Cup events*.
- Allowable equipment.
- Allowable training (workshops, conferences, travel, supplies, etc.).
- Allowable exercises.
- Indirect costs (as appropriate)

Explain how planned or completed activities will address the necessary security measures and strengthen counter-terrorism capabilities during World Cup matches.

What type of project is this?

☐ Building New Capability ☐ Sustaining Existing Capability

Will these funds supplant other funding for this project (example: SPLOST or other local funds already planned for use to do this project)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Estimate the amount of the funding you are requesting that will be used to strengthen each Solution Area addressed by the project:

Solution Areas (POETE)	Amount of Proposed Funding
Planning	\$
Organization	\$
Equipment	\$
Training	\$
Exercises	\$
Total:	\$

Line-Item Costs:

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Provide up to four major milestones and their associated completion dates that will be required to complete the project:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Appendix A: FWCGP Allowable Activities Category

Example Activities

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

- 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

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 prevention equipment • Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) • Equipment for detecting and tracking UAS
Training	• 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	• Design, conduct, and evaluate a HSEEP-compliant exercises • Full- or part-time staff or contractors and consultants • Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending HSEEP-compliant exercises