

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and
HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY
State of Georgia

**FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF COMMUNITIES (FPC)
GRANT PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM

The Funds for Protection of Communities (FPC) grant was created by the Georgia General Assembly in 2026 to address the growing problem of attacks on nonprofit organizations in communities in Georgia – which far too often have become targets of hate-motivated violence and threats, particularly houses of worship. The FPC grant provides funding for active security measures aimed at defending against and preventing hate crimes, acts of terrorism, and attacks by extremist groups, including the expenses borne by additional security personnel.

The FPC is a competitive grant, and all prospective applicants must develop a formal Investment Justification (“IJ”) that addresses each initiative proposed for funding via this FPC application. These IJs must demonstrate how proposed projects address gaps and deficiencies in current security programs and defensive capabilities. Additionally, IJs must demonstrate the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance set forth in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), available at <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/department-homeland-security-dhs-nsgp-notice-funding-opportunity-nofo-fiscal-year-2025>. Applicants must ensure that IJs are consistent with the guidelines outlined throughout this application.

Eligibility: Eligible organizations are registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits or otherwise are organizations as described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the IRC, and which have been disproportionately affected by a hate motivated violence and terroristic or violent extremism acts and threats. At the time of the application, the organization must demonstrate that it is a domestic (non-foreign) organization that can legally operate in Georgia, and the facility for which it seeks FPC grant funding is physically located in the State of Georgia. *More information on tax-exempt organizations can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations>.*

- This is a reimbursement grant. The period of performance is 15 June 2026 – 01 May 2027.
- An eligible organization may only apply for one facility/ location. The award cap per applicant is \$150,000.
- Funds will be allocated competitively based on risk analysis, effectiveness, and integration with broader State and local preparedness efforts. Applications will be reviewed by Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) security experts for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility and how well the described expenditures address identified risk.

The FPC grant mirrors the federal NSGP grant with some key differences:

- Emphasis is placed on houses of worship and their core operations and facilities which may include cultural landmarks and museums, pre-K, K-12 schools, after care programs, and senior living facilities.
- Unlike the federal NSGP grant, the FPC grant allows for the hiring of off-duty state, county, or municipal active law enforcement officers pursuant to the respective state and local regulations or security officers registered and licensed in the State of Georgia. Only costs for security personnel that fit the above description will be eligible for reimbursement under the FPC grant.
- Under special conditions, the use of security personnel may be used for off-site events within the geographic boundaries of the State of Georgia.
- Unlike the federal NSGP grant, an Environmental and Historical Preservation report need not be filed with the IJ. However, GEMA/HS will take into consideration the historical significance of any property to ensure any award under this grant does not negatively impact historical preservation and environmental laws of Georgia.
- Unlike the federal NSGP grant, institutions may not take 5% Management and Administration (M&A) costs as part of their award. All award costs must go toward essential security needs.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO GEMA/HS AS COMPLETED ADOBE PDF FILES **NO LATER THAN 11:59 P.M. ET ON MAY 22, 2026**. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED DUE TO THE HARD DEADLINE TO ENCUMBER FY26 FUNDS BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. Applicants should contact GEMA/HS at HSGrants@gema.ga.gov with any questions.

Does the applicant meet the eligibility requirements detailed above? Yes No

PART I. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION APPLICANT INFORMATION

Identify the following:

LEGAL NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

Please list the physical address of the facility.

STREET

One investment justification per facility.

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTY

Is the building owned, or are you leasing/renting?
 Leasing Renting (Please select all that apply)

If leasing or renting, do you have the owner's permission to make the proposed security enhancements? Yes No

At the time of application, is the organization actively occupying and functioning out of the location listed above? Yes No

Are you the only nonprofit operating in/from this facility/building? Yes No

Note: Only one nonprofit can apply per building/facility/physical structure/address. However, the request and subsequent security enhancements may benefit nonprofits who cohabitate/operate in/from the same location. Multiple requests for FPC funding from the same physical address/building/facility/structure will all be deemed ineligible.

If "No," please explain how the proposed security enhancements benefit both you and the other organization(s).

Based on your mission statement, please summarize your organization's mission, ideology, and/or beliefs.

What is the primary organization type?

Please select one of the following Ideology-based/ Spiritual/ Religious organizations: Houses of Worship, K-12 Schools, Community Non-Profit, or Other.

If "Other," please describe the type of organization below.

Please select the function that best describes the organization:

Please select one of the following: (1) Houses of Worship, (2) Community Center, (3) Pre-School, (4) K-8 Elementary/ Middle Schools, (5) High School, (6) Other Type of Education, or (7) Social Services.

Please select the organization's primary affiliation:

Please select one of the following: (1) **Jewish**, (2) **Christian**, (3) **Islamic**, (4) **Hindu**, (5) **Sikh**, (6) **Buddhist**, (7) **Other**, or (8) **None/ Unaffiliated**.

Note: Please select the main religious affiliation that describes your organization. If the organization is a denomination of an affiliation, please select the corresponding affiliation from the provided list instead of "Other." If your organization has NO religious affiliation, please select "None/ Unaffiliated." There is NO scoring preference given to certain affiliations or lack thereof.

If "Other," please describe affiliation.

Does the organization have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number? Yes No

If "Yes," please provide the UEI Number for the organization: _____

*A nonprofit organization does not need to have a valid UEI at the time of application but **must** have a valid UEI at the time grants are awarded in order to receive FPC funds.*

State funding requested under the NSGP:

PART II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (20 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 100)

Please describe (if applicable) this location's symbolic value as a highly recognized local or historic institution/ landmark that renders the site as a possible target of terrorism or other extremist attack. (10 Points)

Is the nonprofit entity affiliated with a house of worship or otherwise defined as an ideological/spiritual/religious organization?
Yes/No (5 points)

Will the FPC grant be utilized for the protection of the house or worship or their core operations and facilities which may include pre-K, K-12 schools, after care programs, and senior living facilities? Yes/No (5 points)

PART III. RISK (60 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 100)

GEMA/HS defines risk as the product of three principal variables: **Threat, Vulnerability, and Consequence**. In the space below, describe the risk(s) faced by your organization specifically in terms of the A) Threats, B) Vulnerabilities, and C) Potential Consequences of an attack.

A) **Threat:** Defined as an “action that has or indicates the potential to harm life, information, operation, and property.” In considering Threat, the applicant should discuss the identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks specifically against the organization for which this application seeks to support, to include closely related organizations by either type, location, or shared ideology. Prior threats and attacks of closely related organizations may include those that are located inside of the State, nationally, or internationally.

Descriptions should include findings from an independent threat assessment or risk assessment; police reports from any material security incidents that were reported; and any insurance claims specific to the location being applied for including dates of specific threats.

Please describe the current, ongoing, or recent event(s) within the past 3 years in which your organization has been disproportionately affected by a material increase in illegal acts of hate-motivated violence and terrorist or violent extremism acts and threats based both on events abroad and domestically, including, but not limited to, increased number of credible bomb threats, physical assaults, vandalism, and forms of illegal harassment creating a fear for safety and well-being. (10 points)

Please detail whether the organization has received a specific threat to the organization via mail, email, social media or phone calls. (10 points)

Please detail whether a hate crime or hate motivated act has been taken against the organization which has negatively impacted its security in the past 3 years. (10 points)

B) Vulnerabilities: Defined as “physical features or operational attributes/practices that render an organization open to threat”. Please describe the organization’s susceptibility to destruction, incapacitation, or exploitation by a terrorist or other extremist attack. (20 points)

Describe the organization’s security-focused Emergency Operation Plan with an overview of elements of the plan. The plan may be requested in its entirety as part of the application review process.

C) Potential Consequences: Defined as the “effect of an event, incident, or occurrence.” Please describe the potential negative effects on the organization’s assets, systems, and/or function if damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist or other extremist attack. Make note of when the consequences would be of greatest concern (specific times of the week, month, or year, or high-profile events) where additional security personnel would be most needed. (10 points)

PART IV. IMPACT - USE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL (15 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 100)

In Section IV-A, please answer the following about the use of existing security personnel	Yes	No	N/A
Does the facility have a security force or security team to conduct daily security operations?	Yes	No	N/A
Are security personnel armed?	Yes	No	N/A
Does the facility provide security personnel with security-related training?	Yes	No	N/A
Are security personnel trained in identifying suspicious objects, substances, and people?	Yes	No	N/A
Are security personnel equipped with communications equipment?	Yes	No	N/A
Do security personnel have direct lines of communication with local law enforcement serving the facility’s jurisdiction	Yes	No	N/A
Do security personnel have Standard Operating Procedures formalizing roles and responsibilities?	Yes	No	N/A
Does the facility increase security for large events or mass gatherings?	Yes	No	N/A
Are entry points to your facility/business physically supervised by security personnel?	Yes	No	N/A
Are all incoming delivery vehicles inspected before receiving access to the facility by security personnel?	Yes	No	N/A
Does the organization have a security gate with controlled access by security personnel for visitors when they enter the facility at all hours of operation?	Yes	No	N/A

Section IV-A: In the section, describe how personnel are currently used as part of the overall strategy to provide security for the organization’s facility, personnel, and visitors. This section requests an overview of the current security personnel’s primary duties, including the number of hours worked each week, the rate per hour, the total cost, and how the security team integrates with the staff of the organization.

For the responses below, please provide the name/ address/ contact person/ and contact information for all municipal agencies or private security contractors utilized by organization.

CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT or PRIVATE SECURITY	LOCATION POSTED/ CHIEF DUTY	HOURS/ WEEK	WEEKS/ YEAR	AVERAGE RATE	TOTAL COST
				TOTAL	

Section IV-B: In this section, describe how FPC funds will be used for: (1) the hiring of new, or additional, off-duty state, county, or municipal active law enforcement officers pursuant to the respective state and local regulations; or, (2) security officers registered and licensed in the State of Georgia. The use of other personnel for security purposes that do not fit the above description is ineligible for this program, particularly the use of security personnel for municipally required traffic control services in and out of the organization's facility.

Each row (below) should represent the use of "1" resource whether it is full time or part time.

For the responses below, please provide the name/ address/ contact person/ and contact information for the municipal agency (or agencies) that would be utilized with the awarded FPC grant funds. The information provided in this section shall be used as the "approved provider(s)".

NEW/ ADDITIONAL	VULNERABILITY TO BE ADDRESSED	HOURS/ WEEK	WEEKS/ YEAR	AVERAGE RATE	TOTAL COST
				TOTAL	

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Who will manage the project? Include the name, phone number, email address, and experience of the project manager(s).

Please assess your project management plan/approach. Assessment could include challenges to the effective implementation of this project and the coordination of the project with State and local homeland security partners.

PART VI. IMPACT (5 POSSIBLE POINTS OUT OF 100)

Please describe the measurable outputs and outcomes that will indicate that this Investment is successful at the end of the period of performance.

FUNDING HISTORY AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

If the nonprofit organization has previously received funding through the federal NSGP, provide the funding amount, funding year, and the investment type.

Has the organization received federal NSGP funding in the past? Yes No

NOTE: The fact that an organization previously received federal NSGP funding will not prohibit that organization from receiving FPC funding, but it will be used to ensure that the organization is qualified for and has received prior vetting for security funding from other organizations or a government entity. A prior history of misuse of federal grant funding will result in a 15-point deduction on the overall grade of this application and if the misuse was severe may result in disqualification.

Please provide the MOST RECENT fiscal year in which the nonprofit received federal NSGP funding: _____

If "Yes," please list the year(s), amount(s), and Project(s)/Investment(s). (Example: FY20 / \$150K / CCD Camera System and Lighting.)

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

This application was completed by:

By clicking this box, I certify that I am an employee or affiliated volunteer on behalf of the nonprofit organization or have been hired by the nonprofit organization to apply on their behalf for the Funds for Protection of Communities Grant Program.

FULL NAME

POSITION/TITLE

EMAIL

WORK PHONE