



Fiscal Year 2010 Transit Security Grant Program

Transportation Security Administration

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide \$288 million to the owners and operators of transit systems under the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. Transit systems include passenger rail, intracity and commuter bus networks, and ferry systems. Also included in the \$288 million for the TSGP is security funding to the National Passenger Rail Corporation (Amtrak) (\$20 million) and freight railroad industry (\$15 million). Separate guidance documents are available for each of these grant programs. The program provides funds to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

FY 2010 TSGP Highlights

Important changes and highlights in the FY 2010 TSGP include the following:

- **Eligibility** – Per the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-083) awards will be made directly to public transit agencies; the State Administrative Agency (SAA) is no longer the grantee. As such, transit agencies are responsible for submitting their own applications, including Investment Justifications and Detailed Budgets, through the *grants.gov* portal by the application submission deadline. However, the SAA is eligible as a sub-grantee to an eligible transit agency to facilitate regional planning and programs. Please refer to the guidance for the full list of eligible transit agencies.
- **Security Assessment or Security Plans Required** – As required by the “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007” (9/11 Act) (P.L. 110-53) and in order to be eligible for the FY 2010 TSGP, transit agencies must have a vulnerability assessment and security plan. To meet this requirement, transit agencies can either have undergone a security assessment conducted by DHS, such as the Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE) program security assessment performed by TSA Transportation Security Inspectors-Surface, or developed and/or updated their vulnerability assessment and security plan, within the last **three years**.
- **Investment Justifications and Detailed Budgets Required** – Applicants are required to develop an Investment Justification (IJ) and Detailed Budget that address each initiative proposed for funding. An IJ must demonstrate how each proposed project addresses gaps and deficiencies in current programs and capabilities, as identified in the security assessment or security plan.
- **Cost Share Requirement** – There is no cost share requirement for the FY 2010 TSGP.
- **Minimum Project Request Amounts** - There is no minimum project request amount.
- **Management and Administration (M&A)** - Management and Administration (M&A) has increased to five percent (5%) for grantees in FY2010.
- **Maintenance and Sustainment Costs** – Effective FY2010, maintenance and sustainment costs are allowable under all active and future grant awards. (See Information Bulletin 336 (IB#336) for details).

- **Operational Packages (OPacks)** – For FY 2010, eligible **Tier I** transit systems that have a dedicated transit security/police force, a transit security operations dispatch center, and a daily unlinked ridership of 200,000 or greater are eligible to apply for operational expenses. Also, certain law enforcement agencies that act as the primary transit security provider for large transit systems (as identified in Table 3 in the guidance) are eligible for these types of operational activities as sub-recipients of the transit systems. OPack funds may only be used for new capabilities/programs. Security service providers with unsworn law enforcement officers or guards are not eligible.
- **Fast Track Training** – The fast-track training matrix will no longer be used. Instead, applicants requesting training should complete a full Investment Justification and Detailed Budget, as with other project types.
- **Scoring Methodology** – The scoring methodology consists of five parts:
 - Agency's risk score
 - Project's effectiveness score
 - Potential risk mitigation of the project
 - Regional collaboration (where appropriate)
 - Presence of a match (where appropriate)

Priority Projects for FY 2010

For FY 2010, DHS has also identified priority project types and placed them into groups based on their effectiveness to reduce risk. Certain types of projects that are effective at addressing risk will be given priority consideration for funding. These activities (performed by either the transit agency or a principal transit security provider) include security training of frontline employees, operational deterrence initiatives, drills and exercises, public awareness programs, and designs for critical infrastructure remediation. Additional areas of emphasis include anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for underwater/underground infrastructure, high density elevated operations, multi-user high density stations and terminals, and protection of SCADA systems as well as interoperable communications, evacuation plans, and anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for low-density stations.

The grant guidance includes a list of potential project types; the sample project types are not comprehensive and projects not listed may be eligible for funding if they fall into one of the project effectiveness group descriptions. Allowable cost categories generally include: planning, operational activities, equipment acquisitions, training (courses and backfill/overtime costs), exercise development and execution, maintenance and sustainment and management and administration (M&A).

How to Apply for Grant Funding

Eligible transit agencies interested in applying for TSGP funding are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applicants should be aware that the process involves a number of steps, can take several weeks to complete, and can be fairly time-consuming. The basic registration steps (described in detail at www.grants.gov) include:

- **Obtaining a user password at www.grants.gov** – This is a one-time process. It could take three to five business days for the password to be confirmed.
- **Obtaining a DUNS Number** - Applicants must provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number with their application. This number is required to apply for Federal assistance. Organizations should verify that they have a DUNS number, or take the steps necessary to obtain one, as soon as possible. Applicants can receive a DUNS

number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at (866) 705-5711.

- **Creating a user profile with the Central Contractor Registration at www.ccr.gov** – It can take five to seven business days for the profile to be validated.
- **Registering with Operational Research Consultants** – The Federal government uses this credential provider to help safeguard electronic information.
- **Registering with www.grants.gov** – This includes identification of individuals who are authorized to submit grant applications, which could also take several days to confirm.

Applicants can download and begin filling out the grant application at any time, though the applications can be submitted only after the steps above are completed.

Important Application Dates

- **December 11, 2009** – DHS releases the grant guidance.
- **February 18, 2010** – Completed applications must be submitted electronically through ND Grants **no later than 11:59 PM EST, February 18, 2010**. Late applications will neither be considered nor reviewed.
- **May 10, 2010** – DHS will evaluate and act on applications within 60 days following close of the application period. Awards will be made on or before September 30, 2010.

For More Information

Below are sources of information to learn more about the TSGP and other surface transportation grant programs:

- **TSGP Conference Calls** –Conference calls will be held every week on Wednesdays at 1 PM EST starting December 16, 2009 through February 17, 2010 at 1-888-323-4702 (Participant Code “Wednesday”).
- **TSGP Workshops** – We will hold several workshops from December 15th- December 18th in San Francisco, Chicago, and Arlington, VA to discuss the FY 2010 TSGP in detail.
- **TSA Grants Website** – www.tsa.gov/grants
- **DHS Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID)** – Call 1-800-368-6498 or e-mail ASKCsid@dhs.gov.
- **Grants.gov website** – www.grants.gov