



Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 HSGP?

A core mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance the ability of state, territory, local and tribal governments to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The HSGP is a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. The HSGP is comprised of four interconnected grant programs: the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and the Citizen Corps Program (CCP). Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises and management and administration. Per the 9/11 Act and the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329), states are also required to ensure that at least 25 percent of their SHSP award funds and 25 percent of their UASI award funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

2. How much funding was available under the FY 2009 HSGP?

The total amount of funding distributed under the FY 2009 HSGP was over \$1.7 billion.

HSGP Programs	FY 2009 Funding
State Homeland Security Program	\$861,137,000
Urban Areas Security Initiative	\$798,631,250
Metropolitan Medical Response System	\$39,831,404
Citizen Corps Program	\$14,572,500
Total	\$1,714,172,154

3. What is the priority for the FY 2009 HSGP?

Priorities for FY 2009 continued to focus on the risk-based funding and capability-based planning process that DHS began four years ago. FY 2009 HSGP focuses on the objectives below as its highest priorities.

Priorities for all programs in HSGP:

- Addressing Capability Requirements and Measuring Progress in Achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines

- National Priority: Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities - *Strengthening Preparedness Planning*

SHSP Priorities:

- National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities - *Maximizing Information Sharing via the National Network of Fusion Centers*
- National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis - *Developing and Enhancing Health and Medical Readiness and Preparedness Capabilities*

UASI Priorities:

- National Priority: Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities - *Strengthening IED Attack Deterrence, Prevention, and Protection Capabilities*
- National Priority: Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities - *Strengthen Preventive Radiological/Nuclear Detection Capabilities*
- National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities - *Maximizing Information Sharing via the National Network of Fusion Centers*
- National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis - *Developing and Enhancing Health and Medical Readiness and Preparedness Capabilities*

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Priorities:

- National Priority: Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities - *Strengthening IED Attack Deterrence, Prevention, and Protection Capabilities*
- National Priority: Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities - *Strengthen Preventive Radiological/Nuclear Detection Capabilities*
- National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities - *Maximizing Information Sharing via the National Network of Fusion Centers*

At least 25 percent of FY 2009 HSGP funding (State Homeland Security Program [SHSP], Urban Areas Security Initiative [UASI], Metropolitan Medical Response System [MMRS], and Citizen Corps Program [CCP]) must be collectively allocated to the Strengthening Preparedness Planning Priority noted above through planning, training, and exercise activities.

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 HSGP funds?

The Governor of each state and territory was required to designate a State Administrative Agency (SAA) to apply for and administer the funds awarded under HSGP. The SAA was the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for HSGP funds. Specifically, eligible applicants for the four programs were:

- **SHSP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- **UASI.** The 62 highest risk urban areas were eligible for funding under the FY 2009 program.
- **MMRS.** As in previous years, 124 cities were eligible for MMRS funding.

- **CCP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

5. How were FY 2009 HSGP allocations determined?

The allocation methodology for HSGP was based on risk analysis and the anticipated effectiveness of the applicants' proposed Investments. In FY 2009, DHS provided all states and urban areas with targeted allocations based on the Department's relative risk assessment in advance of the Investment Justifications for SHSP and UASI funding. The purpose of this information was to increase grantee program management effectiveness by identifying funding availability in the initial stages of the grant process as well as to increase grantee accountability.

States and urban areas were directed to focus their Investments based on the targeted allocation and submit applications for up to 110 percent of the targeted allocation. After a review of the Investments, DHS increased or decreased the targeted SHSP and UASI allocations by up to 10 percent based on the results of the effectiveness analysis.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 HSGP?

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2009 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the period of performance for the FY 2009 HSGP?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.