



## TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDS AVAILABLE

# \$88 MILLION

APPLY BY MAY 14, 2021

### GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides funds to eligible public transportation systems (which include intra-city bus, ferries, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience.

A cost share/match is not required under this program. The performance period is three years.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Agencies eligible for the TSGP are determined based upon daily ridership and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions.

In order to be eligible, transit agencies must have developed and/or updated their security plan within the last three years. Entities providing transit security (e.g. city/county police department, transit agency's own police department) for a public transportation agency must approve the security plan. Each public transportation agency receiving funds through this program must also participate in a Regional Transit Security Working Group.

A list of eligible transit agencies may be found on pages 8-12 of the [TSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Eligibility does not guarantee grant funding.

### FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ALLOWABLE COSTS

FEMA has identified three national priorities for which TSGP applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores if one or more of these priorities are addressed in their Investment Justifications:

- Enhancing cybersecurity
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (e.g., security cameras, access controls)
- Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction, unmanned aerial systems, etc.)

Second-tier priorities addressing enduring security needs include: effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; equipment and capital projects; and exercises.

Priority projects under the Equipment and Capital projects category include Top Transit Asset List risk remediation and protection of other high-risk, high consequence areas or systems that have been identified through system-wide risk assessments. These include:

- Projects related to physical security enhancements at rail and bus stations in UASI jurisdictions including security cameras, security screening equipment for people and baggage, and access control.
- Projects related to cybersecurity of access control, sensors, security cameras, badge/ID readers, ICS/SCADA systems, process monitors and controls, etc. or passenger/vehicle/cargo security screening equipment support. Cybersecurity assessments are allowable.

A comprehensive listing of all allowable equipment categories may be found on [Authorized Equipment List](#). The categories of equipment for which TSGP funds may be used include, among others, Interoperable Communications Equipment, Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment, and Physical Security Enhancement Equipment.

**Emergency Communications:** Grantees and sub-grantees using TSGP funds to support emergency communications activities must comply with the most recent [SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants](#).

**Maintenance and Sustainment:** Maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees are allowable, but the coverage period of stand-alone contracts or extensions to an existing one must not exceed the performance period of the grant. The only exception is if the maintenance contract or warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment, then coverage may exceed the performance period.

**Communications Towers:** Construction of communications towers is permitted subject to compliance with all applicable Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation requirements.

**Cybersecurity:** Applicants are encouraged to propose projects to aid in implementation of all or part of the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Equipment or Services:** Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds for certain telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see pages 21-22 of the TSGP NOFO and page 19 of the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual. Grant funds may be used to procure replacement equipment and services impacted by this prohibition, provided the costs are otherwise consistent with program requirements.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Eligible applicants must submit completed applications by **May 14, 2021, 5 pm ET**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline.

## MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OFFERS A PROVEN BASIS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

We offer a wide range of solutions to improve transportation infrastructure and help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **Interoperable Two-Way Radios and Networks** — Project 25-compliant, mission-critical infrastructure supports daily operational communications with transportation department fleets, bus fleets and rail cars while enabling direct interoperability with local law enforcement and fire services in an emergency. Standards-based land mobile radio networks provide a high availability network for voice and GPS location services. These give transit operations personnel the ability to communicate with and track fleet status via a single network. Two-way radio solutions also enhance the performance of Intelligent Transportation Solutions to support Automatic Vehicle Location for bus operations, making residential and business district route schedules more reliable in areas where multi-modal mass transit is critical.

- **CommandCentral Software** — CommandCentral is an end-to-end software suite that provides users with a unified, intuitive experience and intelligent capabilities designed specifically for the needs of public safety and schools. It includes integrated call handling, command and control and records and evidence solutions.
- **Cybersecurity Professional Services** — Motorola provides network security monitoring, pre-tested software security updates, risk assessments and other security services to protect against cyber threats to mission-critical radio networks and real-time information sources, particularly as such information is shared across agencies.
- **WAVE PTX: Broadband Push-to-Talk** — Create simple, secure, and reliable Push-To-Talk communications between radios and devices outside the radio system, such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops.
- **Video Security & Analytics** — Avigilon, part of Motorola Solutions, offers advanced video surveillance and analytics solutions, from high-definition cameras to artificial intelligence and machine learning software.
- **Access Control** — The Avigilon access control platform scales to the changing needs of your business, with flexible solutions that range from our Access Control Manager (ACM) enterprise system to our entry-level ACM Embedded Controller™ system.
- **Radio Alert** — Instantly receive video analytic and access control alerts directly to your two-way radio via text message and text-to-voice alert including license plate recognition, breaches, loitering and presence detection.
- **CBRS Private LTE (NITRO)** — Private broadband to share multimedia and data across facilities using a private data network managed via a cloud-based portal.
- **License Plate Recognition (LPR)** — [Vigilant Solutions](#), part of Motorola Solutions, offers an LPR platform with powerful analytics that help complete the investigative triangle of person, plate and location. All of the data and analytics received from LPR detections across the nation are stored in Vigilant's Cloud, LEARN, to help law enforcement develop leads and close cases.

## HOW TO APPLY

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The full application package, including investment justifications (IJ), detailed budgets and associated Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)/Memoranda of Agreement (MOA), should be submitted via the Non-Disaster Grants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Agencies may submit IJs for projects related to law enforcement providers that are not part of the public transportation agency. Law enforcement providers may only submit projects that support a transit system's operational security capability and capacity.

Applicants should refer to the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on submitting an application. This Manual includes an Investment Justification template as well as Supplemental Emergency Communications Guidance.

Other program documents, including FAQs, may be found [here](#). Applicants should take note of the application evaluation criteria on pp. 26-28 of the TSGP NOFO and Question 8 of the FAQs on what makes a strong IJ.

## WE CAN HELP YOU

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at [PoliceGrantsHelp.com](http://PoliceGrantsHelp.com). Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

Additional information and resources can be found on our website: [www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants](http://www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants).

