



Mississippi Office of Homeland Security 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Funding Guidance



Schedule for FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program:

Key Announcements	Key Dates
Notice of Funding Release of FY25 Grant Funds	February 14, 2025
FY25 Grant Application Release	March 3, 2025
Grant Writing Sessions (Virtual)	March 10, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. March 19, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.
Application Deadline	March 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.
Application Review Period	April 2025-June 2025 Initial Risk/Financial Assessment Review (April) Peer Review (April) Executive Award Review (May)
Award Announcement	July 1, 2025 (Tentative)
Grant Orientation	August 2025
Grant Awards Released	At Implementation Meetings (Tentative)
Grant Packets Due and to be Returned to MOHS	October 15, 2025 (Tentative)
Grant Performance Period	September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026
Grant Closeout Deadline	November 1, 2026

Application packets will be available at the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security website <https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>. Grant Applications received after the due date **will not** be accepted for the allocation of funds but **may** be considered if funds become available within one (1) year.

Federal Award Overview:

Department of Homeland Security
 FY2025 Homeland Security Grant Program
 Assistance Listing Number (Formerly CFDA) 97.067
 Federal Grant Period: 9/1/2025-8/31/2028
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security>

Program Objective:

The objective of the FY2025 HSGP is to fund state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and prepare the Nation for threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

Program Purpose:

The key focus and requirement of the HSGP is to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to security of the United States, including risks along the Nation’s borders. HSGP supports investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions nationwide to:

- Prevent a threat or an actual act of terrorism.
- Protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.
- Mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events.
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident, and do so in a manner that engages the whole community while ensuring the protection of civil rights.

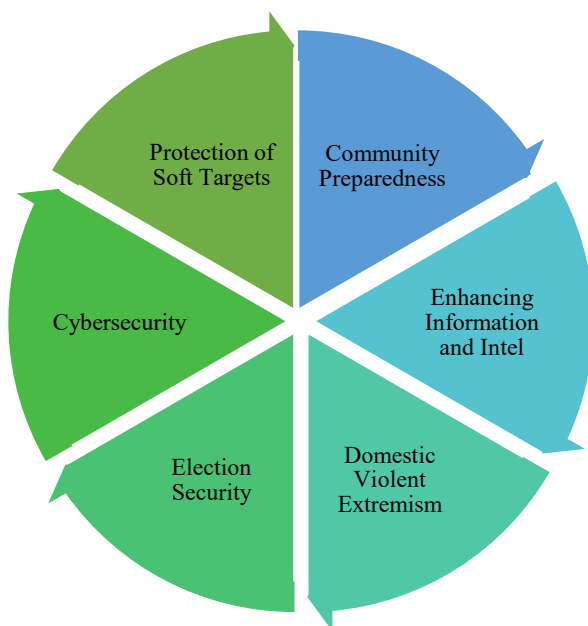
National Priorities:

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security in its capacity of the SAA, works collaboratively with the DHS/FEMA in targeting specific projects within the HSGP award to use Homeland Security grant funds most effectively.

For the FY25 grant cycle, the national priority areas will be prioritized for funding to align with the DHS/FEMA National Priority areas, set by the Department of Homeland Security. All Applicants should prepare Applications with national priorities in mind.

National Priorities Areas, Core Capabilities, Lifelines and Example Projects:

Below please see an example list of each of the national priorities with examples of possible projects for each.



National Priorities Areas, Core Capabilities, Lifelines and Example Project Types

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Enhancing Cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Supply chain integrity and security. • Risk management for protection programs and activities. • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems • Operational communications 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity risk assessments • Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments. • Improving cybersecurity of critical infrastructure to meet minimum levels identified by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework • Cybersecurity training and planning
Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/ Crowded Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational coordination • Public information and warning • Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures • Risk management for protection programs and activities. 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational overtime • Physical security enhancements • Closed-circuit television (CCTV) security cameras Security screening equipment for people and baggage Lighting Access controls Fencing, gates, barriers, etc. • Unmanned aircraft system detection technologies
Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fusion center operations (Fusion Center project will be required under this investment, no longer as a stand-alone investment) • Information sharing with all DHS components; fusion centers; other operational, investigative, and analytic entities; and other federal law enforcement and intelligence entities. • Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition, assessment, analysis, and mitigation. • Identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence.

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management for protection programs and activities • Interdiction and disruption • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Risk management for protection programs and activities 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint intelligence analysis training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS • Open-source analysis of disinformation and misinformation campaigns, targeted violence, and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats. • Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis • Execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists. • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting [SAR] indicators and behaviors) to help prevent radicalization. • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, SAR indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential instances of domestic violent extremism
Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Public Information and Warning • Community Resilience • Risk Management for Protection • Programs and Activities • Mass Care Services • Intelligence and Information Sharing • Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment • Long Term Vulnerability Reduction 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish, train, and maintain Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Teen CERT, with a focus on historically underserved communities, including procurement of appropriate tools, equipment, and training aids. • Local delivery of CERT Train-the-Trainer and CERT Program Manager to build local program training and maintenance capacity. • Provide continuity training, such as FEMA’s Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training, to faith-based organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, nonprofit medical providers, and senior care facilities to bolster their resilience to all hazards. • Partner with local school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other educational programming to guide students on how to create emergency kits and family communications plans. • Partner with key stakeholders to assist with completing the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit or a similar tool to bolster the disaster centric financial resilience of individuals and households. • Execute <i>You are the Help Until the Help Arrives</i> workshops in concert with community-based organizations to bolster individual preparedness. • Target youth preparedness using FEMA programming such as Prepare with Pedro resources and Ready2Help. • Promote community planning, coordination, and integration of children’s needs during emergencies through workshops like FEMA’s Integrating the Needs of Children • Community Mapping: identify community resources and characteristics to identify gaps in resources, identify hazards and vulnerabilities, and inform action to promote resilience. • Provide training and awareness programs with key stakeholders (e.g., through social media, community, and civic

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Enhancing Election Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems 	Safety and Security	<p>organizations) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns to increase individual and community resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical security planning support • Physical/site security measures – e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, etc. • General election security navigator support • Cyber navigator support • Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments. • Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection. • Distributed Denial of Service protection • Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain

National Preparedness Goal:

“A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

Mission Areas and Core Capabilities:

Applicants are encouraged to consider investments and projects that support local, regional, and national efforts to support the five (5) mission areas for Homeland Security:

1. Prevention- Prevent, avoid, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual act of terrorism.
2. Protection- Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
3. Mitigation- Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
4. Response- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
5. Recovery- Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.



Applicants are encouraged to also consider projects that meet the FEMA Core Capabilities within the National Preparedness goal. There are thirty-two (32) core capabilities that fit within the five (5) mission areas that help build, sustain and agencies capabilities, along with close identified gaps.

FEMA Core Capabilities:

Prevention

1. [Planning](#)
1. [Public Information and Warning](#)
2. [Operational Coordination](#)
3. [Intelligence and Information Sharing](#)
4. [Interdiction and Disruption](#)
5. [Screening, Search, and Detection](#)
6. [Forensics and Attribution](#)

Protection

1. [Planning](#)
2. [Public Information and Warning](#)
3. [Operational Coordination](#)
4. [Intelligence and Information Sharing](#)
5. [Interdiction and Disruption](#)
6. [Screening, Search, and Detection](#)
7. [Access Control and Identity Verification](#)
8. [Cybersecurity](#)
9. [Physical Protective Measures](#)
10. [Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities](#)
11. [Supply Chain Integrity and Security](#)

Mitigation

1. [Planning](#)
2. [Public Information and Warning](#)
3. [Operational Coordination](#)
4. [Community Resilience](#)
5. [Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction](#)
6. [Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment](#)
7. [Threats and Hazards Identification](#)

Response

1. [Planning](#)
2. [Public Information and Warning](#)
3. [Operational Coordination](#)
4. [Infrastructure Systems](#)
5. [Critical Transportation](#)
6. [Environmental Response/ Health and Safety](#)
7. [Fatality Management Services](#)
8. [Fire Management and Suppression](#)
9. [Logistics and Supply Chain Management](#)
10. [Mass Care Services](#)
11. [Mass Search and Rescue Operations](#)
12. [On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement](#)
13. [Operational Communications](#)
14. [Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services](#)
15. [Situational Assessment](#)

Recovery

1. [Planning](#)
2. [Public Information and Warning](#)
3. [Operational Coordination](#)
4. [Infrastructure Systems](#)
5. [Economic Recovery](#)
6. [Health and Social Services](#)
7. [Housing](#)
8. [Natural and Cultural Resources](#)

For more information on the core capabilities, please see the following link to FEMA Core Capability Development Sheets. https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ccds-all-sheets.pdf

Grant Funding Eligibility:

Only eligible Applicants may apply for the State Homeland Security Grant Program. Eligible Applicants include those defined in the Department of Homeland Security Act of 2002:

- Local Units of government: The term “local government means-
 - A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district,

intrastate district, council of government (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a non-profit under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government.

- An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization; and
 - A Rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.
- State Agencies: Under the SHSP, the State Administrative Agency (SAA) **may retain no more than 20 percent of funding** for expenditures made by the state on behalf of the local unit(s) of the government. Funding outside of the 20 percent may occur **only** with the written consent of the local unit(s) of government and the approval of DHS/FEMA.

The Mississippi Office of Homeland maintains all MOU’s indicating written consent of the local unit(s) of government. All MOU’s must be submitted to FEMA, approval and the award will be at the discretion of FEMA’s approval, if funding is allocated.

- Grant Application requests are **not** a guarantee for funding. Grants may be funded in the whole or partially funded. All funding considerations will be based on need and how the project fulfills the needs of the MOHS priorities and programs.
- The total amount of funding is limited to the amount received by FEMA, national priorities, and the requirements of the grant.
- Prioritize funding requests for items that **meet the needs** of the grant and applicant’s department. Awards will be given to projects with the needs identified in the Application.
- All funding requests must be reasonable and allowable.

What can I apply for?

If Applicants have questions regarding the allowable or unallowable use of funding or need assistance in completing the Application, please contact mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness>

Allowable Grant Items:

Please see the FY25 Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity for additional information on allowable grant costs. The list below is not exhaustive, therefore, if Applicants have any additional questions, please reach out to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness>

Allowable Costs may include:

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of: Security Risk Management Plans Threat Mitigation Plans Continuity of Operations Plans Response Plans

Priorities	Core Capabilities	Lifelines	Example Project Types
Training & Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management for protection programs and activities. • Risk and disaster resilience assessment. • Threats and hazards identification • Operational coordination • Community resilience 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to strengthen governance integration between/among regional partners. • Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS. • Cybersecurity training and planning • Revision of existing plans to strengthen community resilience in underserved communities
Equipment & Capital Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Situational assessment • Community resilience 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active shooter training • Intelligence analyst training • SAR and terrorism indicators/behaviors training • Security training for employees • Public awareness/preparedness campaigns • Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS. • Cybersecurity training and planning • Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information • Targeted outreach and preparedness training for underserved communities in conjunction with community-based organizations
Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Infrastructure systems • Operational communications • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures 	Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of high-risk, high-consequence areas or systems that have been identified through risk assessments. • Physical security enhancements • Security cameras (CCTV) • Security screening equipment for people and baggage • Lighting • Access Controls • Fencing, gates, barriers, etc. • Enhancing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and/or improvised explosive device (IED) prevention, detection, response, and recovery capabilities. • Chemical/Biological/Radiological/ Nuclear/Explosive (CBRNE) detection, prevention, response, and recovery equipment

Equipment-Allowable Costs: All awarded equipment must be listed on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The FEMA AEL may be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>. Equipment not listed on the AEL will not be awarded.

Additional Required Justifications for Specific Equipment:

Please provide additional information and justification for the items listed below. If additional justification is not provided for the items listed below, items **will not** be considered for review. **Please provide justification, as an additional attachment with the Application submission.**

- Radios/Communication Devices:
 - Radio/communication devices **must** be compatible with the MSWIN Interoperable Communication System. Radios that are not compatible with the MSWIN system will not be considered at this time.
 - Due to the large cost range of radio/communication device amounts, the MOHS will allow **up to \$3,000.00 per MSWIN radio.**
 - Exceptions **may** be requested by an agency for radios with a cost of \$3,000.00 or more, **ONLY** with detailed justification. Please include the following details in the justification:
 - Cost per radio
 - Quantity requested.
 - Where will the radios be used and/or installed?
 - Why does the agency need additional upgrades/costs from the standard radio.
 - If any agency requests radios above \$3,000.00 **without** justification for additional costs, the request will be denied. If awarded, radios will be allowed at \$3,000.00 cost pr radio.
 - **Modifications for radio cost increases at the time of the award will not be allowable for 2025 grants.**
- License Plate Readers:
 - Requests for License Plate Readers will be considered for jurisdictions that apply, but jurisdictions that are in areas of need will be a **priority.**
 - **Stationary/Fixed LPR systems are preferred and recommended.** Mobile LPR's **are unlikely to be considered** for awards.
 - LPR systems **must** be accessible with the Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC).
 - Awarded LPR systems **must** be available for information and intelligence sharing with the MSAIC.
 - The MOHS does not partner or establish preferences for any vendor or product. MOHS does require that data and information is shareable and accessible to the MOHS/MSAIC.
 - Contractual services used for LPRS are for (1) one year of service, which coincides with the period of performance of the grant. All time periods for the equipment and/or products should be for (1) year of services. Multiple years for services for more than (1) one year **will not be** considered.
 - **Modifications for LPR changes from stationery/fixed to mobile at the time of the award will not be allowable for 2025 grants.**
- **NEW-Camera/Surveillance Systems:** Due to the increase in requests for city/area wide camera/surveillance systems to monitor violent crimes, MOHS requires a justification plan **to be considered:**
 - Monitoring Plan-Who, what, When and Where will the cameras/surveillance systems be monitored?
 - Does the Applicant currently have a camera system in place?
 - Provide specific and detailed data to back up crime/terrorism statistics in area.
 - Detailed description on how crime is considered terrorism and how these cameras will reduce the terrorism component in the area.
 - Map(s) of where cameras/surveillance systems will be located and an assessment of why cameras/surveillance systems s will be placed where selected.
 - Provide detailed information on the video feed and recording of data can and will be shared with other partners for the reduction of terrorism.

- **NEW-Vehicles/ATV/Other Types of Motorized Vehicles:** Due to the increase in requests for vehicles/ATV/other motorized types of vehicles, the MOHS requires additional justification for all requests **to be considered**.
 - How will this type of equipment increase the Homeland Security mission in your area?
 - How will this type of equipment reduce terrorism in your area?
 - Will this equipment be replaced by the currently available same type of equipment? Yes or No.
 - Who will be assigned to the equipment?
- **NEW-Items requested over \$75,000.00.** Any items requested over \$75,000.00 will require additional justification **to be considered**. Provide the following:
 - How will this item increase the Homeland Security mission in your area?
 - How will this item reduce terrorism in your area?

Additional FEMA Approval: Some equipment requests may require additional approval from FEMA. MOHS may require additional information and detailed justifications for the request.

- **Environmental and Historical Preservation Compliance:** All projects that may have potential impact to the environment **will require** a FEMA Environmental Historic Preservation form. For more information, please see FEMA Policy 108-023-1.
 - Ground disturbances, new construction, modification/renovation of buildings (including the addition of cameras, security doors, etc.) will require an EHP form to be submitted.
 - Renovation of and/or modification including installation of security and communication equipment to buildings or structures that are fifty (50) years old or older.
 - Installation of security features such as doors, cameras, security locks, etc., will also require an EHP submission for FEMA approval.
 - Security enhancements to improve perimeter security or any other construction or renovations that change or expand the footprint of the facility.
 - Physical security enhancements including, but not limited to:
 - Lighting
 - Fencing
 - Closed Circuit Televisions
 - Motion Detection
 - Stationary/fixed License Plate Readers
 - Barriers, doors, gates, and related security enhancements.

Unallowable Grant Costs:

The following items are considered unallowable by FEMA and/or the Mississippi Department of Homeland has deemed the items not permissible for funding. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below, <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness>

- **Supplanting:**
 - Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or recipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.
- **FEMA Approval:**
 - Grant funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment not approved by DHS/FEMA. Grant

funds must comply with IB 426 and may not be used for the purchase of the following equipment: firearms; ammunition; grenade launchers; bayonets; or weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind with weapons installed.

- Weapons, Ammunition and Other Equipment:
 - Per FEMA policy, the purchase of weapons and weapons accessories, including ammunition, is not allowed with HSGP funds.
 - Body worn cameras.
- Maintenance Contracts:
 - Maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are only allowable in the following circumstances:
 - The use of DHS/FEMA preparedness grant funds for maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees are allowable, as described in FEMA Policy FP 205-402-125-1 under all active and future grant awards, unless otherwise noted. Except for maintenance plans or extended warranties purchased incidental to the original purchase of the equipment, the period covered by maintenance or warranty plan must not exceed the POP of the specific grant funds used to purchase the plan or warranty.
- Unauthorized exercise-related costs include:
 - Reimbursement for the maintenance or wear and tear costs of general use vehicles (e.g., construction vehicles), medical supplies, and emergency response apparatus (e.g., fire trucks, ambulances).
- Equipment:
 - Equipment/ supplies that are purchased for permanent installation and/or use, beyond the scope of the conclusion of the exercise (e.g., electronic messaging sign)
- In-Direct Costs for Agency operational expenses are considered unallowable.
- Personnel, Overtime and Backfill costs:
 - Hiring of sworn public safety officers or supplant safety positions and responsibilities.
 - Salaries and personnel costs of planners, equipment managers, exercise coordinators and/or training coordinators.
 - Please note that overtime and backfill for training and exercise are **only allowable** in the following circumstances:
 - Training:
 - Overtime and backfill for emergency preparedness and response personnel attending DHS/FEMA-sponsored and approved training classes only.
 - Overtime and backfill expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA training only.
 - Exercises:
 - Overtime and backfill costs, including expenses for part-time and volunteer emergency response personnel participating in DHS/FEMA exercises.
- The following are common requests that are unallowable and/or unfunded:
 - Requests for equipment for **routine/general use**.
 - All SHSP equipment requested must assist recipients and subrecipients in achieving core

capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.

- For more information refer to “Explain how Applicants proposed project supports terrorism preparedness” the of this RFP.
- Tactical law enforcement protective equipment for routine use or riot suppression. Items in this category are allowable only to supplement normal stores, to provide the surge capacity necessary for CBRNE terrorism response.
- Vehicles:
 - While certain vehicles are allowable, Applications for vehicles will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis based on need, use, and justification.
 - General purpose vehicles (patrol cars, executive transportation, fire trucks and tactical/assault vehicles, etc.)
 - Reimbursement for the maintenance and/or wear and tear costs of general use vehicles, medical supplies, and emergency response apparatus.
- MOHS Unallowable Grant Equipment/Commodities or Supplies:
 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Aerial Vehicles/Drones: The MOHS will not consider unmanned aerial systems/aerial vehicles and/or drones, as part of eligible equipment for the HSGP Application. Unmanned aerial systems/aerial vehicles and/or drones will not be awarded during the FY25 HSGP award.
 - General Use Items: The MOHS will not consider general use items that could be used for activities outside the grant. Example: Laptops, computer equipment, etc.
 - PPE: The MOHS will not consider PPE for that is **not required** for specialized grant activities. Examples such as: Static-free PPE for Bomb Teams. **General use PPE such as pants, boots, t-shirts, BDU clothing, will not be considered. PPE is for specialized activities and programs only.**

When Are Applications Due?

All HGSP Applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security offices by **March 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. CST.** Applications may be submitted before the deadline and encouraged. Applications received after this date and time may not be considered eligible for consideration.

To facilitate processing, please submit Applications and supporting documentation via email to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

What Do I Need to Do to Apply?

- The applicant must be eligible for funding.
- The applicant must not be listed on the suspended and debarred list.
- The applicant must not be listed on the Denied Parties List.
- The applicant must be NIMS compliant with NIMS Courses (100, 200,700 and 800). Applicants will be

requested to show compliance, if awarded.

- Applicants must have a current and active Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number.
- Applicants must read and comply with 2 CFR 200.318 to 2 CFR 200.327 regulations.
- Applicant must have written procurement standards per 2 CFR 200.318(a).
- Applicant must have written conflict of interest standards per 2 CFR 200.318(c).
- Applicant read and understand that certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment are prohibited from being purchased using grant funds. See 2 CFR § 200.216 and 2 CFR § 200.471.
- Applicants must take necessary steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used, when possible, per 2 CFR 200.321.
- The applicant agrees that this federal funding does not supplant (replace) state, local, and agency monies in their organization's budget for the requested items in this Application.

The following items must be submitted at the time of the Application, or the Application will be considered incomplete.

- Complete FY25 HSGP Application
- Agency Signatures
- UEI Certification, showing Active Date and UEI Number
- Most Recent Audit, if Applicable.
- Copy of NIMS Certification for (1) one member of the agency, to include 100, 200, 700 and 800 certifications.
- Additional Justification, if applicable for the following items:
 - Radios over \$3,000.00
 - Camera/Surveillance Systems
 - Vehicles/ATV/Other Types of Motorized Vehicles
 - Items are over \$75,000.00

What If I Have Questions about the Grant Application?

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security is always available to answer any questions regarding the Application packet and/or any grant questions.

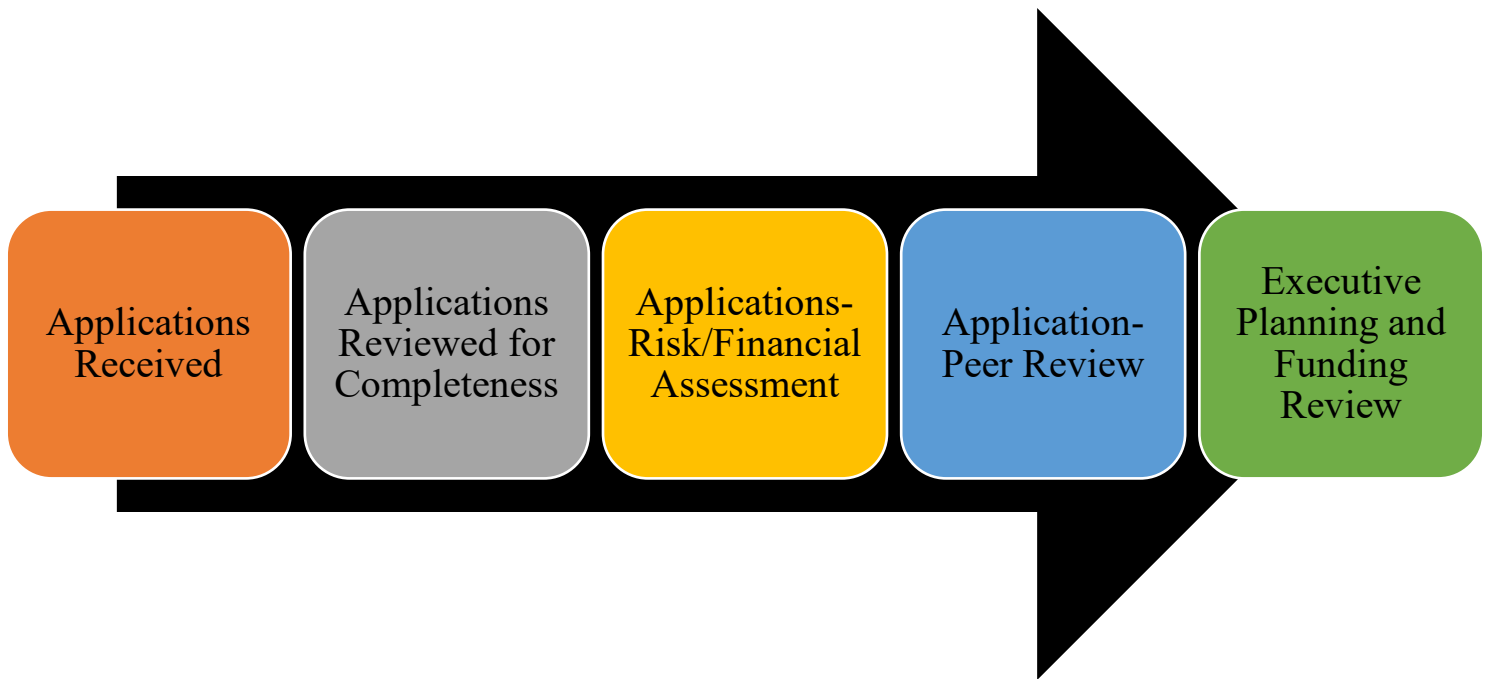
Grant Writing Sessions:

The MOHS will hold two (2) grant writing sessions to provide program updates, answer questions and assist in the development of the Applications.

Grant Writing Sessions for the Homeland Security Grant Program	
March 10, 2025	March 19, 2025

What Happens After the Application Is Submitted?

Each Application will go through a series of reviews for completeness, risk assessment, peer review, scoring and an executive planning and funding session. Please see below the stages of review for each Application that is received.



Please Remember:

- **Grants are based around the terrorism nexus, not natural disasters. You must show terrorism related threats and hazards.**
- **Funding is limited and grants are competitive.**
- Please prioritize projects and requests. Awards will be made on the need of identifying how the need will assist the State in the MOHS mission and if funds are available.
- Fill out each section of the Grant Application in its entirety. Do not leave blank sections.
- Projects may be funded as a whole or partially funded.
- Please apply for what the agency NEEDS, not WANTS. If awarded, the Award will be made from approved items submitted with the Application. MODIFICATIONS will be limited during FY25.

All Applicants will receive a Notice of Award or Notice of Non-Approval. All non-approval Applications will be kept on file for (1) one year if funds become available. If funding becomes available, MOHS staff will contact the agency to discuss opportunities.

If awarded during the review process, the applicant will then become a sub-grantee and receive notice of an upcoming Grant Orientation meeting. The MOHS will provide updates of the grant, award packet information, grant forms, information on required reporting and closeout. A grant award packet will be sent to the sub-grantee for the review and the attainment of signatures from all authorized signatory officials.

Grant funds cannot be spent or requested until the subgrantee has submitted all required award documentation. Costs/Expenses purchased before the executed agreement will be disallowed. Contracts entered before the period of performance begins will be disallowed.

Completing the Grant Application



Agency Applicant Information:

Applicant Details:

- Date: Date of Application Submission
- Name of Agency: Full name of the Agency.
- Mailing Address: Full mailing address of the Agency
- County of Agency: Name of the county where the Agency resides.
- Agency Contact Name: Name of the person that is responsible for filling out the Application.
- Agency Contact Phone Number: Phone number that can best reach the agency contact.
- Agency Contact Email Address: Email Address that can best reach the agency contact.
- Signatory Authorized Official Name: Name of the Mayor, Board President, Commissioner or Head of Agency.
- UEI Number: Twelve (12) Numeric and Digit code set up in SAMS.gov. Check with the finance clerk for this number.
- UEI Expiration Date: Date that the UEI Number is set to expire for the year.
- Congressional District: Congressional district where the agency resides.

DATE OF APPLICATION							
NAME OF AGENCY							
MAILING ADDRESS							
CITY				ZIP CODE			
COUNTY							
AGENCY CONTACT NAME							
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER							
CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS							
SIGNATORY AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL							
<i>(Name of Mayor, Board President, Commissioner, Head of Agency, etc.)</i>							
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL EMAIL							
UEI NUMBER				EXP DATE			
<i>* Please provide a copy of UEI number and current status, as shown in SAM.gov.</i>							
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT							

Grant Applicant funding Request by Cost Category:

- Contractual Services: List of the total amount requested for contractual services.
- Equipment: List of the total amount of equipment requested.

- Commodities/Supplies: List of the total amount requested for commodities/supplies.
- Other: Any expenses that fall outside the other categories, should be included in the “Other” category.
- Total Grant Amount Requested: Add all sections for the total grant amount requested.

GRANT APPLICANT FUNDING REQUEST BY COST CATEGORY	
COST CATEGORY	AMOUNT REQUESTED
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$0.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
COMMODITIES/SUPPLIES	\$0.00
OTHER	\$0.00
TOTAL OF GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$0.00

**Problem Identification & Description:
Agency Demographic Information:**

- Number of Square Miles: List Number of square miles where the agency is located. Ex. City of New York-15 miles or County of Yorktown-180 miles.
- Population: List of the number of the population where the agency is located.
- Number of Agency Staff: List of the number of officers and/or staff that work in the agency.

Agency Type:

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & DESCRIPTION	
AGENCY DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF SQUARE MILES	
POPULATION	
NUMBER OF AGENCY STAFF	

Mark the the type of agency that best fits the Applicant.

AGENCY TYPE					
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAW ENFORCEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRE SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY SERVICES/EMA
<input type="checkbox"/>	CITY/COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	SCHOOL DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER

**II. Agency’s Top Terrorism Threat & Terrorism Hazard:
Terrorism Threat:**

Each applicant should provide a detailed description of the top terrorism threat for the areas in which the applicant services.

TERROISM THREAT is a technological or human caused occurrence by a individual, entity, or action that has or will cause potential to harm to life, information, operations, the environment and/or property.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE AGENCY'S TOP TERRORISM THREAT

Terrorism Hazard:

Each applicant should provide a detailed description of the top terrorism hazard for the areas in which the applicant services.

TERROISM HAZARD is a potentially dangerous or harmful threat that can create unwanted outcomes. Hazards can include threats of terrorism, bomb scares, bombings, use of chemical, nuclear, and radiological weapons. A hazard is an intent to cause mental or physical injury or death for the purpose of advancing a person, organization, or agenda of extreme fear and intimidation.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE AGENCY'S TOP TERRORISM HAZARD

Preparedness Gaps:

Each applicant should provide detailed descriptions for each of the questions below. **This section will carry**

substantial weight for the awarding of program funds. Each applicant should be able to demonstrate a preparedness gap and be able to provide how that gap was identified, how the funding will increase capability and how the project will support preparedness and response in the event of terrorism.

PREPAREDNESS GAPS
<i>Provide a detailed description of any preparedness gaps that hinder your agency's ability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards. Include in the following information in your response:</i>
1. A clear identification of the Agency <u>PREPAREDNESS GAP(s)</u>, include operational or resource(s) deficiencies of the agency.
2. The process or method used to identify the <u>PREPAREDNESS GAP(s)</u> (e.g., specific real-training events, training exercises, threat assessment, or after-action reports). Use specific data and provide examples to illustrate how these <u>PREPAREDNESS GAP(s)</u> have impacted your agency's operations.
3. Describe how the requested funding, resources, training, or equipment will increase your agency capabilities to address these <u>PREPAREDNESS GAP(s)</u>.
4. Explain how this project will support TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS and RESPONSE for the agency?

National Priority:

Please select the national priority(s) that best address the Applicants need for assistance. *National Priorities are subject to change based on the final FEMA Notice of Funding.

1. Community Preparedness: Enhancing community preparedness in the event of a terrorism incident.
2. Cyber Security: Enhancing Cyber Security
3. Election Security: Enhancing Election Security in the event of terrorism incidents.
4. Information and Intelligence Sharing: Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including MOHS and Department of Homeland Security
5. Soft Targets/Crowded Places: Enhancing the protection of soft targets in crowded places.
6. Violent Extremism: Addressing violent extremism in Applicants' area.

NATIONAL PRIORITY			
<i>Please mark which National Priority that the Agency will support with funding received.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS	<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE SHARING
<input type="checkbox"/>	CYBERSECURITY	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOFT TARGETS/CROWDED PLACES
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTION SECURITY	<input type="checkbox"/>	VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Mission Area:

Please select the Mission Area(s) that best addresses the applicant's area that will be supported with funding, if awarded.

1. Prevention: Prevent, avoid, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual threat of terrorism
2. Protection: Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive
3. Mitigation: Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
4. Response: Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an incident.
5. Recovery: Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by an incident.

MISSION AREA			
<i>Please mark which MISSION AREA that the Agency will support with funding received.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PREVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	RESPONSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROTECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	RECOVERY
<input type="checkbox"/>	MITIGATION		

Grant Budget Request:

Each applicant should review the Terrorism Threat, Terrorism Hazard and Preparedness Gaps to request the budget fund requests that will be fit the agencies **NEED**. Funding is **VERY** limited and should be requested based on need and priority of the request. All information provided in the Grant Budget Request sections is a request.

There are no guarantees for funding. Funding may be partial or adjusted to coincide with grant funding available. All items requested MUST be justifiable by the terrorism threat, terrorism hazard and preparedness gaps.

Contractual Services: Include a detailed assessment of contractual services within the program area in which Applicants will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all contractual needs (rental, shipping costs, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. **One (1) year of funding is allowable. Multiple years for services will not be considered.**

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES			
<i>Contractual Services should be requested for one (1) year of service only. All expenses must be in accordance to current state and federal guidelines. Agency should be prepared to be able to continue contractual services, if future awards or services are not approved.</i>			
Type of Contractual	Amount of Service	Quantity of Service	Total
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES			\$0.00

Equipment: All Equipment must be allowable, reasonable and must be essential to the closing the preparedness gap. All equipment must be included on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List. Unallowable equipment: Guns, Ammunition, Body Cameras, and Drones. (See guidance above for more information). AEL Numbers **must be included** in the Application. Funding must be tied to terrorism threats, terrorism hazards, and preparedness gaps. Equipment must be essential to the program.

The FEMA AEL List can be located at the following link: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>

*If Equipment requires additional justification for consideration, please provide the Application at the time of submission. If equipment requires additional justification and is not provided, the items may not be considered or items may be awarded at reduced program allocations, such as mobile radios.

**If additional spaces are needed for equipment, please add an additional page to the Application.

EQUIPMENT				
<i>All equipment must be on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL). You can find the AEL at https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list. Equipment MUST be for terrorism based programs and activities. (See Funding Guidance for more information).</i>				
FEMA AEL Number:	Description of Equipment:	Item Cost	Quantity	Equipment Total:
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
TOTAL COST OF EQUIPMENT				\$0.00

Commodities/Supplies: Include a detailed assessment of commodity/supply expenses within the program area in which Applicants are applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all additional grant expenses (gloves, traffic safety cones, flashlights, reflective safety vests, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. Items are not identified as equipment and are not considered general use items, such as office supplies.

COMMODITIES/SUPPLIES			
<i>Include a detailed assessment of other grant expenses within the program area in which you applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all additional grant expenses (e.g., gloves, traffic safety cones, flashlights, reflective safety vest, triage kits, etc.) All expense must be in accordance to current state and federal guidelines. These items are disposable and not equipment.</i>			
ITEM	ITEM COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
TOTAL COST OF COMMODITIES/SUPPLIES			\$0.00

Other Expenses: Include a detailed assessment of additional needs within the program area in which Applicants will be applying. Additional items listed in this category must have a detailed justification for requests. All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines.

OTHER EXPENSES			
<i>Additional items listed in this category must have detailed justification for requests. These items do not fall within any of the above listed categories.</i>			
Type of Expense	Item/Description	COST	TOTAL
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES			\$0.00
ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER EXPENSES			

Total Amount Requested: Please include a total of all budget sections for a total of the funding being requested.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED		\$0.00
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Prior Grant Experience:

Please mark Applicants' responses by a Yes or No response. Complete all sections.

PRIOR GRANT EXPERIENCE		
<i>Please answer YES or NO to the following questions.</i>		
	YES	NO
Has your agency received federal and/or state grants similar to the MOHS Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your agency have at three (3) years of receiving federal grant funds? Does not have to be MOHS related.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your agency received MOHS Grant funds within the past three (3) years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your agency ever received any corrective actions from a Audit Report?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the agency administration remained unchanged during the 2024 grant year? For example: (Chief, Sheriff, SGA, Financial Officer, Program Staff)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can this project be completed by August 30, 2026?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Agency Audit:

Non-federal organizations, which expend \$1,000,000.00 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year, will be required to have an audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. Applicant **MUST** provide a copy of their Applicants latest audit report, if applicant meets the funding threshold. If an agency is applying as a sub-agency of a municipality or county, please include the municipality or county's latest audit report. Attach a copy of the latest audit at the time of the Application submission.

If an agency is required to submit an audit, but is not submitted with the Application, the Application will be considered incomplete.

AGENCY AUDIT	
Non-federal organizations, which expend \$1,000,000.00 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year, will be required to have an audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. Applicant MUST provide a copy of their latest audit report, if Applicant meets the funding threshold. Attach a copy of the latest audit to this Application.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I certify that the Applicant's associated city/county/organization does NOT expect, to be required to have an audit performed under 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, for the above listed program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I certify that the Applicant's associated city/county/organization, WILL BE required to have an audit performed under 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. A copy of the audit report MUST be attached at the time of Application submission.

NIMS Compliance Form

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guides all levels of government, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents. NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with shared vocabulary, systems, and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. As recipients and subrecipients of federal preparedness (non-disaster) grant awards, jurisdictions and organizations must achieve, or be actively working to achieve, all the NIMS Implementation Objectives. The objectives can be found on the NIMS webpage at: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

Under Executive Order #932, Mississippi established NIMS as the standard for incident management within the State. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance provides that accepting grant funding is conditioned upon NIMS compliance. This jurisdiction attests that we continue to strive toward NIMS compliance, as provided under federal and State NIMS guidance.

This jurisdiction understands receiving and/or using U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant funds remains conditional upon NIMS compliance. Non-compliance of NIMS can result in funds being withheld or reallocated from our jurisdiction because of ineffective NIMS support and participation.

As part of the FY25 HSGP Application, the MOHS requests that each applicant provide a copy of the NIMS compliance certifications to confirm that at least (1) member of the applicant’s agency is NIMS compliant. A copy of the 100, 200, 700 and 800 should be included at the time of the Application submission. If an agency is does not submit NIMS compliance documetation, the Application will be considered incomplete.

NIMS COMPLIANCE
As part of the Grant Application process, each agency <u>MUST</u> provide a copy of the NIMS Compliance certifications. This includes NIMS Certifications 100, 200, 700, 800, for a one (1) member of the agency. If a member of the agency needs to complete this training they can go to: https://training.fema.gov/nims/ . Documentation <u>MUST</u> be attached at the time of Application submission.

Application Submission Compliance/Applicant Contact:

Please read the following statement if the applicant agrees with the submission of the FY25 HSGP Grant Application, please have the person completing the Application fill out the following:

APPLICATION SUBMISSION COMPLIANCE/APPLICATION CONTACT			
I certify that I am an employee of the aforementioned agency or have been hired by the agency to apply on their behalf for the Grant. All parties have knowledge and approved of the contents of this Application, Budget Request and all information provided within.			
APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE	
APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		APPLICANT TITLE	



BEFORE SUBMITTING THE FY25 HSGP APPLICATION: Have you included:



- **FY25 Homeland Security Grant Application:**
 - All sections of the Application must filled be out. No blank spaces.
 - Double checked AEL/Equipment list and include allowable AEL Numbers.
 - Cost estimates will cover all areas of the budget request.

- **Required Documentation is Provided at the time of the Application submission:**
 - Unique Entity Identification Number
 - UEI Confirmation. As shown in Grants.gov
 - UEI Number
 - Current Status
 - Latest Audit (If Applicable)
 - NIMS Compliance Certifications, for (1) member of the Applicants Agency.
 - 100
 - 200
 - 700
 - 800

- **Additional Justification, if applicable for the following items:**
 - Radios over \$3,000.00
 - Camera/Surveillance Systems
 - Vehicles/ATV/Other Types of Motorized Vehicles
 - Items are over \$75,000.00

- **Once completed and double checked.**
 - Email the mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov, on or before March 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

The MOHS will provide an Approval or Non-Approval Letter to each Applicant on or before July 1, 2025.