The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations. $13 million is available nationally for 39 specific urban areas. The program provides grant funding of up to $75,000 specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations and seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies. The FY 2014 NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the National Preparedness Goal (NPG).

Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific FY 2014 UASI-eligible urban areas are required to provide their applications to their respective State Administrative Agency (SAA). The “New York City Urban Area” is the only area eligible in New York State, however, it includes the City of Yonkers, Counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester as well as New York City. Applicants are also required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA. Funding is prioritized for nonprofit organizations that are deemed at higher risk of a terrorist attack due to their ideology, beliefs, and mission.

VACs and VFDs in the New York City Urban Area (includes Cities of New York and Yonkers and Counties of Westchester, Suffolk and Nassau) are eligible for funding based on their 501(c)(3) status and public safety mission including their role in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks. Findings from numerous previously conducted risk assessments including threat or vulnerability indicate VACs & VFDs are potential terrorist targets because of the assets they possess that could be used in a terrorist attack. These include marked vehicles, uniforms, communications equipment and response plans. Target hardening funding may be requested for and expended on equipment for physical security enhancement equipment and inspection/screening systems. listed at https://www.llis.dhs.gov/knowledgebase/authorized-equipment-list-ael and may include:

- High strength doors
- Secure window systems
- High strength locks
- Offsite monitoring – fire, smoke, CO
- Audio alarms
- Perimeter lighting
- Fencing
- Backup power
- Video surveillance systems – cameras, monitors, recorders
- Access control systems – card, keypad, biometric (palm, iris), door buzzers
- Vehicle identification and protection, garage/shelter
The application submission deadline is 5/23/14. For more information on the grant program go to http://www.fema.gov/fy-2014-urban-areas-security-initiative-uasi-nonprofit-security-grant-program-nsgp and view the FY2014 NSGP Fact Sheet and Funding Opportunity Announcement and other information.

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