

**Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Nonprofit Security Grant Program State (NSGP)
Application Kit
State Overview and Guidelines**

Overview and Eligibility

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) is soliciting applications for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). **Applications are due by 11:59 pm, Friday, May 31, 2024.** DHS&EM serves as Alaska's State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the NSGP.

The NSGP is a reimbursable, federally funded pass-through grant program that assists local nonprofit organizations' facilities at risk of terrorist or other extremist attacks with physical security enhancements and other security-related activities.

The FFY 2024 target allocation for Alaska is \$1,282,500. The application award date will be no later than September 30, 2024, and the performance period is anticipated to be 36 months, from September 01, 2024, through August 31, 2027.

The complete FFY 2024 FEMA NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available on the DHS&EM website at [DHS&EM | Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\) \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/eas-s&em/programs/nsgp).

Nonprofit organizations who are eligible as subapplicants for this program must meet the definition of a nonprofit organization described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986 and be exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations, such as churches, mosques, and synagogues, to apply for and receive a recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. Such organizations are automatically exempt if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3). These organizations are not required to provide recognition of exemption. For organizations that the IRS requires to apply for and receive recognition of exemption under 501(c)(3), the state will require recognition of exemption.

AND: Be able to demonstrate, through application, that the organization is at high risk of a terrorist attack.

AND: Be located outside of an FY 2024 UASI-designated high-risk urban area (all nonprofits physically in Alaska meet this requirement);

AND: The organization must agree to comply with the standards, regulations, and requirements applicable to subrecipients receiving pass-through subawards found in 2 CFR Part 200—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=dcda7ff3275e13d43b34534d456521d7&mc=true&n=pt2.1.200&r=PART&ty=HTML>).

Financial and program management standards in 2 CFR include, but ARE NOT limited to, requirements of financial management systems, established internal controls, procurement standards procedures for determining costs, property management standards, acceptance of audit applicability, programmatic and financial reporting requirements, and record-keeping requirements.

If, in review with successful applications, it is determined a subapplicant may have difficulty meeting the subrecipient requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, a state-managed award may be available. This will be determined through discussion after award notifications are made.

If you feel your organization would have difficulty meeting any of the grant requirements, please contact DHS&EM.

Funding Priorities and Objectives

The NSGP is an assistance program that provides funds to build and sustain capabilities at the state and local levels to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and respond to terrorist or other extremist attacks. The NSGP goal is to improve and increase the physical/cybersecurity and facility/target hardening of nonprofit organizations' facilities at risk of terrorist or other extremist attacks, ultimately safeguarding the lives and property of the American people. All NSGP activities must be linked to enhancing the security and safety at the physical site of the nonprofit organization.

DHS/FEMA priorities for FY 2024 NSGP are:

- Enhancing the protection of soft/targets/crowded spaces
- Effective planning
- Training and awareness campaigns; and
- Exercises

The State of Alaska directs that the 2024 NSGP works towards target hardening projects and projects related to security training for nonprofit staff, planning-related costs, and exercise-related costs, in addition to allowable target hardening equipment.

The NSGP objectives for nonprofit organizations are:

- Enhance physical and cybersecurity and other security-related activities
- Integrate preparedness activities with state and local preparedness efforts
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places
- Close gaps identified in vulnerability assessments

The NSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (<https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-system>) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities (<https://www.fema.gov/core-capabilities>) through eligible activities.

Core capabilities require the combined effort of the whole community rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The NSGP allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas (<https://www.fema.gov/mission-areas>) and encourage whole community involvement in project development.

Project Eligibility

Each nonprofit subapplicant may apply for up to \$150,000 in the form of an Investment Justification (IJ). The funding may be requested for multiple sites, but the organization must submit a complete, individual IJ for each site. The IJ must describe each investment proposed for funding and all of the following:

- Be for the location(s)/physical address(es) (NOT P.O. Boxes) that the nonprofit occupies at the time of application
- Address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, regardless of whether it is submitted for similar projects at multiple sites
- Demonstrate the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by DHS/FEMA
- Be both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed
- Be able to be fully completed within the two-year period of performance
- Be consistent with all applicable requirements outlined in the NOFO, this guidance, and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual

Allowable Costs and Activities

Below is not an all-inclusive list. Please review the FFY 2024 DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual for additional information.

Planning: NSGP funds may be used for security or emergency planning expenses and the materials required to conduct planning activities. Planning must be related to the protection of the facility and the

people within the facility and should include consideration of access and functional needs considerations as well as those with limited English proficiency. Planning should be flexible enough to address incidents of varying types and magnitudes.

Equipment: Allowable costs are focused on facility hardening and physical security enhancements. Funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in the prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. The allowable equipment categories and equipment standards for FY 2024 NSGP can be found in the FY2024 NSGP NOFO or on the DHS&EM website. Unless otherwise stated, equipment must meet all mandatory regulatory and/or FEMA-adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using these funds, including the American Disabilities Act. In addition, recipients will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment. Installation and training on the equipment should be included in the cost of the equipment.

The use of FEMA preparedness grant funds for maintenance contracts, warranties, repair or replacement costs, upgrades, and user fees is allowable under all active and future grant awards unless otherwise noted. Federal guidance (FEMA Policy 205-402-125-1) also provides guidance on the support of equipment previously purchased with both federal grant and non-federal grant funding. While these activities may be submitted, they are not a priority for the state. General maintenance and repairs are not allowable.

Recipients using NSGP funds to support emergency communications equipment activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants, which includes provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications. This SAFECOM Guidance can be found on the Funding and Sustainment page on [CISA.gov](https://www.cisa.gov).

Certain equipment installations may require Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP). Please refer to the EHP sections in the FY 2024 NSGP NOFO and the Preparedness Grants Manual for more information. Additionally, some equipment installations may constitute construction or renovation. Please see the Construction and Renovation section.

For additional information on allowable equipment costs, please see the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

Training: Allowable training-related costs under NSGP include:

- Employed or volunteer security staff to attend security-related training within the United States;
- Employed or volunteer staff to attend security-related training within the United States with the intent of training other employees or members/congregants upon completing the training (i.e., “train-the-trainer” type courses);
- Nonprofit organization’s employees, or members/congregants to receive on-site security training.

Training conducted using NSGP funds should address a gap identified through the submitted Vulnerability/Risk Assessment. Allowable training-related costs under the NSGP are limited to attendance fees for training and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Allowable training topics are limited to protecting critical infrastructure key resources, including physical and cybersecurity, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness. Overtime, backfill, and travel expenses are **not** allowable costs.

For additional information on allowable training costs, please see the FY 2024 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Exercises: Funding may be used to conduct security-related exercises. This includes costs related to planning, meeting space and other meeting costs, facilitation costs, materials and supplies, and documentation. Exercises afford organizations the opportunity to validate plans and procedures, evaluate capabilities, and assess progress toward meeting capability targets in a controlled, low-risk setting. All

shortcomings or gaps, including those identified for children and individuals with access and functional needs, should be identified in an improvement plan. Improvement plans should be dynamic documents with corrective actions continually monitored and implemented as part of improving preparedness through the exercise cycle. Exercises must be managed and executed per the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), be NIMS compliant, and validate existing capabilities.

For additional information on allowable exercise costs, please see the DHS FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

Personnel Activities: Contracted Security Personnel are allowed under this program only as described in the FY 2024 NSGP (NOFO) Notice of Funding Opportunity and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual. The recipient must be able to sustain this capability in future years without NSGP funding. Contractual services will be allowed for project-based specific activities only.

Additionally, NSGP recipients and subrecipients may not use more than 50% of their award to pay for personnel activities unless a waiver is approved by FEMA. For more information on the 50% personnel cap and applicable procedures for seeking a waiver, please see FEMA Information Bulletin IB 441 and [IB 421b: Clarification on the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act of 2008 \(Public Law 110-412 - The PRICE Act\) \(fema.gov\)](#).

Management and Administration (M&A): The state allows subrecipients to use funds for M&A, but it should be included in the project's total cost.

Construction and Renovation: The use of NSGP funds for construction and renovation is generally prohibited except as outlined below. Such construction and renovation shall be strictly limited and allowable only when they are necessary components of a security system at critical infrastructure facilities.

Project construction and renovation are limited to security systems and critical infrastructure facility enhancements. These types of projects may need to be submitted to FEMA for compliance review under federal EHP laws and requirements prior to initiation of the project. The following types of projects are considered to constitute construction or renovation and must be submitted through DHS&EM to FEMA for compliance review under EHP laws and requirements prior to initiation of the project:

- Construction of and renovation to guard facilities
- Renovation of and modifications, including the installation of security and communication equipment, to buildings and structures that are 50 years old or older
- Security enhancements to improve perimeter security or any other construction or renovation efforts that change or expand the footprint of a facility
- Physical security enhancements including but not limited to:
 - Lighting
 - Fencing
 - Closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems
 - Motion detection systems
 - Barriers, doors, gates, and related security enhancements

Subrecipients requesting construction and renovation projects limited to security systems and critical infrastructure facilities will be required to complete a FEMA EHP Screening Form and Statement of Work at [DHS&EM | Grants Section Documents \(alaska.gov\)](#).

Unallowable Costs and Activities

Below is not an all-inclusive list. For additional information, please review the DHS FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity and FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual.

The following projects and costs are considered ineligible for award consideration:

- Organization costs and operational overtime costs

- Hiring of public safety personnel
- General-use expenditures
- Overtime and backfill
- Initiatives that do not address the implementation of programs/initiatives to build prevention and protection-focused capabilities directed at identified facilities and/or the surrounding communities
- The development of risk/vulnerability assessment models
- Initiatives that fund risk or vulnerability security assessments or the development of the IJ
- Initiatives in which federal agencies are the beneficiaries or that enhance federal property
- Initiatives which study technology development
- Proof-of-concept initiatives
- Initiatives that duplicate capabilities being provided by the Federal Government
- Organizational operating expenses
- Reimbursement of pre-award security expenses
- Per FEMA policy, the purchase of weapons, weapons accessories, and weapons-related training is not allowed with DHS funds
- Knox boxes
- Salaries and personnel costs of planners, equipment managers, exercise coordinators, and/or training coordinators
- Construction and renovation (except for those items listed on page 4)
- Supplanting any expense already budgeted
- Indirect costs
- Cameras for license plate readers/license plate reader software
- Cameras for facial recognition software
- Equipment purchased for permanent installation and/or use beyond the scope of exercise conduct (e.g., electronic messaging signs)
- Reimbursable training and related travel costs not pre-approved by DHS&EM
- Contracts and procurements over \$10,000.01 not pre-approved by DHS&EM
- Sole source contracts and procurements not pre-approved by DHS&EM
- Stand-alone working meals
- Expenditures not supported with appropriate documentation when submitted for reimbursement. Only properly documented expenditures will be processed for payment. Unsupported expenditures will be returned for resubmission
- Drawdown of funds prior to expenditure (reimbursement advances with strict guidelines can be requested from DHS&EM)

Application Submission Requirements and Application Coversheet

Each sub-applicant may apply for up to \$150,000 in the form of an Investment Justification (IJ). The funding may be requested for multiple sites, but the organization must submit a complete individual IJ for each site. The IJ must describe each investment proposed for funding and all of the following:

- Be for the location(s) that the nonprofit occupies at the time of application
- Address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability, and the consequence of the risk
- Demonstrate the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by DHS/FEMA
- Be both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed
- Be able to be fully completed within the two-year period of performance
- Be consistent with all applicable requirements outlined in the NOFO, this guidance, and the FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual

Sub-applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$150,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$450,000 per sub-applicant. If a sub-applicant applies for projects at multiple sites, regardless of whether the projects are similar in nature, it must include an assessment of the vulnerability and risk unique to each site.

Complete application packages consist of:

1. Investment Justification Application Form found at [DHS&EM | Grants Section Documents \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/easysupport/grants/section-542)
2. Vulnerability Assessment/Risk Assessment specific to the facility being applied for

3. Mission Statement
Each sub-applicant must include its Mission Statement and any mission-implementing policies or practices that may elevate the organization's risk. SAAs will use the Mission Statement along with information provided in the sub-applicant's IJ in order to validate that the organization is one of the following types: 1) Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious; 2) Educational, 3) Medical, or 4) Other.
4. Signatory Authority Form (available at [DHS&EM | Grants Section Documents \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.alaska.gov/dhs/em/grants-section-documents) with required three (3) signatures for organization
5. Organization's procurement policy, electronic copies are acceptable
6. If applicable, any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to inter-agency projects

Applications are due by 11:59 pm, Friday, May 31, 2024

Applications must be submitted electronically in PDF format with complete signatures or by mail or fax to:

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Attn: Homeland Security Grants Administrator
PO Box 5750
JBER, Alaska 99505-5750
Fax : (907) 428-7009
Email: mva.grants@alaska.gov Phone : (907) 428-7000, 1-800-478-2337

Project Review and Selection Process

DHS&EM will review subapplicant submissions to determine application completeness and eligibility based on state and federal program guidance adherence. DHS&EM will also review an organization's previous performance history, if applicable.

The project applications (IJs) will be scored using FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Investment Justification (IJ) Scoring Worksheet. The FY 2024 version of this scoring tool is available for review here: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Grants/NSGP>.

As prescribed by the federal program guidance, DHS&EM (the SAA) will review applications and recommend to DHS/FEMA which nonprofit organizations should be selected for funding. As part of the state's review, the SAAs must:

- Conduct an eligibility review
- Verify that the nonprofit is located outside a current fiscal year UASI-designated urban area
- Review and score all **complete** application packages (including vulnerability assessments and mission statements) using the NSGP Scoring Criteria provided by DHS/FEMA
- Validate the self-certified organization type listed in the IJ by assessing the central purpose of the organization described in the Mission Statement as either 1) Ideology-based/Spiritual/Religious, 2) Educational, 3) Medical, or 4) Other
- Prioritize all NSGP IJs by ranking each IJ. Each IJ will receive a unique rank (#1 [one] being the highest ranked through the total number of applications the SAA scored)
- Submit the state review results along with complete applications from eligible subapplicants to DHS/FEMA using the SAA Prioritization Tracker
- Submit nonprofit organization application details for applications received but not recommended for funding (including incomplete applications and ineligible subapplicants), as well as justification as to why they are not being recommended for funding to DHS/FEMA using the SAA Prioritization Tracker
- Retain the mission statements and vulnerability assessments submitted by each nonprofit organization

The SAA will base its recommendations on the SAA's subject matter expertise and discretion with consideration to the following factors:

- Need: The relative need for the nonprofit organization compared to the other subapplicants; and,
- Impact: The feasibility of the proposed project and how effectively the proposed project addresses the identified need.

The SAA reviewers will score each question in the IJ according to the scoring matrix in Appendix A of the DHS FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Federal Review and Final Score

The IJs submitted by each SAA will be reviewed by a panel made up of DHS/FEMA federal staff. As a part of this review, federal staff will verify that the nonprofit organization is located outside of an FY 2024 UASI-designated urban area. Federal reviewers will review each IJ to check for the following:

- Eligibility (e.g., that a potential subrecipient meets all the criteria for the program);
- Allowability of the proposed project(s); and,
- Any derogatory information on the organization applying per Section E.1.d "Security Review"

To calculate an application's final score, the sum of the subapplicants' SAA score will be multiplied:

- By a factor of three for nonprofit groups that are at a high risk of terrorist or extremist attacks due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission;
- By a factor of two for medical and educational institutions; and,
- By a factor of one for all other nonprofit organizations.

Subapplicants who have never received an NSGP award will have 15 points added to their score. To advance equity considerations in awarding NSGP grant funding, FEMA will add 10 additional points to the scores of organizations located within a disadvantaged community and demonstrate how they serve that community or population. FEMA will apply the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) to each subapplicant using the address of their physical location.

Subapplicants will be selected from highest to lowest scored within their respective state/territory until the available state target allocation has been exhausted. In the event of a tie during the funding determination process, priority will be given to nonprofit organizations that are located in disadvantaged communities, then those that have not received prior year funding, and then those prioritized highest by their SAA.

Should additional NSGP funding remain unobligated after reviewing all state submissions, FEMA will use the final scores, in part, to determine how the remaining balance of funds will be allocated. Submissions will be selected for funding until the remaining balance of funds is exhausted.

DHS/FEMA will use the final results to make funding recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

All final funding determinations will be made by the Secretary of Homeland Security, who retains the discretion to consider other factors and information in addition to DHS/FEMA's funding recommendations.

Additional Award and Program Information

If your organization is successful in receiving an award, the following are required:

- Subrecipients must have a UEI number. If you have questions regarding this requirement, contact the Grants Section.
- Subrecipients must complete an Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review on any ground-disturbing activities, communication towers, or modification/renovation of existing buildings or structures. Additional information on EHP Reviews can be found below.
- Subrecipients must have a fiscal and programmatic representative attend the 2024 DHS Grant Award Kick-off meeting in Fall 2024.
- Subrecipients must follow procurement processes and documentation.
- Subrecipients must complete an annual inventory review of grant-funded equipment, if applicable.

Reporting: Each subrecipient must report quarterly progress in Performance Progress Reports on the timelines, milestones, and related project activities. This information is captured as a statewide report used to assess overall program effectiveness, impact, and to report results to Congress.

Quarterly Performance and Financial Progress Reports are required by the 20th of the month following each calendar quarter. Narrative Reports must describe, clarify, and support the expenditures submitted in the Financial Report for reimbursement. NSGP Report forms are available on the DHS&EM website at [DHS&EM | Grants Section Documents \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-em-grants-section/documents) and are updated as needed or required. Instructions and compliance information are included on the back of both report forms. Organizations are encouraged to use the updated forms from the website each quarter to ensure the most updated information is used. Use of incorrect or outdated forms will be returned and cause payment reimbursement delays.

Each quarterly report should show activity toward the completion of grant-funded projects. Failure to do so may result in the de-obligation of funds. A Final Performance Progress Report is required within 45 days after the end of the performance period. It serves as a summary detailing all project accomplishments, achievements, impacts, challenges, unmet goals, and the reasons why, etc., throughout the entire grant award period. The Final Performance Progress Report does not replace the last Quarterly Performance Progress Report. More information on final reporting can be found on the DHS&EM website.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance: All DHS projects that may have a potential impact on the environment require a FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review per the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). Ground-disturbing activities, new construction, including communication towers, or modification/renovation of existing buildings or structures, must undergo a FEMA EHP review. For more information on the PEA, see FEMA Information Bulletin (IB) 345 [Grant Programs Directorate Information Bulletins | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/fonsi.pdf) and <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/fonsi.pdf>.

The following activities would not require the submission of the FEMA EHP Screening Form: planning and development of policies or processes; management, administrative, or personnel actions; classroom-based training; tabletop exercises; and acquisition of mobile and portable equipment (not involving installation). While an EHP Screening Form may not be required, an EHP Statement of Work may be required for the items above,

especially training, exercise, and mobile/portable equipment. The state reserves the authority to request a review of any approved projects that could potentially fall closely out of these areas.

For more information on FEMA's EHP requirements, grant recipients should refer to DHS&EM's webpage at <http://ready.alaska.gov/Grants/EHP>. Additional information and resources can also be found in FEMA Policy 108-023-1, which is located at <https://www.fema.gov/grant-programs-directorate-policy>.

Subrecipient Monitoring: DHS&EM will monitor organizations to ensure that project goals, objectives, timeliness, budgets, and other related program criteria are being met. Monitoring will be accomplished through a combination of office-based and on-site monitoring visits. DHS&EM is responsible for providing assurance to FEMA that awards are compliant with federal and state requirements, including but not limited to the accomplishment of project goals, accounting of receipts and expenditures, cash management, maintenance of adequate financial records, and the refunding of expenditures disallowed by audits.

Pass-Through Requirements: The state shall pass-through 100 percent of the total NSGP funding available to local units of government within 45 days of the receipt of its state award.

Memorandum of Understanding Requirements/State-Managed Awards: The State may retain part of the pass-through funding for expenditures made by the State on behalf of the organization.

Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure

a. Build America, Buy America Act

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA), which was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act §§ 70901-70927, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (2021); and Executive Order 14005, Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. See also 2 C.F.R. Part 184 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.

None of the funds provided under this program may be used for a project for infrastructure unless the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in that infrastructure are produced in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For FEMA's official policy on BABAA, please see FEMA Policy 207-22-0001: Buy America Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure available at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_build-america-buy-america-act-policy.pdf. To see whether a particular FEMA federal financial assistance program is considered an infrastructure program and thus required to include a Buy America preference, please see Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov. and https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_build-america-buy-america-act-policy.pdf

b. Waivers

When necessary, recipients (and subrecipients through their pass-through entity) may apply for, and FEMA may grant, a waiver from these requirements.

A waiver of the domestic content procurement preference may be granted by the agency awarding official if FEMA determines that:

- Applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest.
- The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality.
- The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

For FEMA awards, the process for requesting a waiver from the Buy America preference requirements can be found on FEMA's website at: "Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov.

c. Definitions

For BABAA specific definitions, please refer to the FEMA Buy America website at: "Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov."

Please refer to the applicable DHS Standard Terms & Conditions for the BABAA specific term applicable to all FEMA financial assistance awards for infrastructure.

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Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Attn: Nonprofit Security Grant Administrator

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