



Non-Profit Security Grant Fund Fall 2024

Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker (Updated August 20, 2024)

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [2024 Non-Profit Security Grant](#) funding announcement and initial request process, which opened on July 23, 2024. Responses will be provided as staff are able to process questions through August 27, 2024.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-CD-NPSEC-GRANT@pa.gov.

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1. Application Process

1.1. Who is our current personal contact (phone and name please) for questions?

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of this funding announcement, specific staff are not available for assistance during the application process. If you have questions, please email RA-CD-NPSEC-GRANT@pa.gov. Staff will personally email you the response prior to the Q&A document being posted on PCCD's website.

1.2. Is there any difference in this year's policy, guidelines for this grant?

Answer: The main policy and guidelines for this year's solicitation are the same as last year's solicitation; however, there have been some minor wording changes for clarification purposes. Please refer to the funding announcement listed on [PCCD's NPSGF Website](#). Any fiscal policies or guidelines that would need to be followed can be found [here](#). If your organization is recommended to move forward and complete a final application, PCCD will provide you with additional fiscal guidance.

1.3. We have a PEMA NSGP grant pending and will not be notified of decision before this deadline. Can we mirror part or all of that application?

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of these grants, PCCD cannot weigh in on allowable projects or expenses. Please note, if awarded, only those items listed within your Survey Monkey application will be supported.

1.4. I am writing because I was advised that this grant is on a first come first serve basis. Is that accurate? Or are applications accepted through the entire application period?

Answer: PCCD accepts and reviews all applications received during the application period.

1.5. We are about to apply for the 2024-25 Nonprofit Security grant funding and the application deadline date is August 27th. Can you tell me when approval notifications are normally sent out after the grants are submitted?

Answer: Awards should be announced by the end of September 2024. Recommended applicants will be notified at that time to create their final application in PCCD's Egrants system.

1.6. Are there any special guidelines for applicants for the PCCD NSGP that have also applied for or received funding from the PEMA NSGP grant program?

Answer: There are no special guidelines for PEMA applicants or awardees under the PCCD solicitation. PCCD's Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program is state-funded and is separate and distinct from PEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Fund program. Please refer to our website for guidelines about PCCD's solicitation.

1.7. Do you have any recommendations or best practices for strengthening our application to increase our chances of securing the grant?

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of this grant, PCCD is not able to provide guidance on completing the grant application.

1.8. Are there any additional requirements or documentation we should be aware of when reapplying for this grant?

Answer: All requirements and information related to this solicitation can be found on PCCD's Nonprofit Security Grant Fund [website](#).

2. Eligible Applicants

2.1. I wanted some clarity to ensure that we are eligible to apply for this grant. Our agency operates a place in Old City Philadelphia. The building is actively used for worship in addition to hosting a variety of programming for at risk individuals including the homeless and survivors of domestic violence in addition to being open for public visitation.

Answer: Only [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) nonprofit organizations based in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible applicants for Nonprofit Security Grant Program funding. This also extends to an organization that meets the definition of a church as described in IRS Publication 1828 and claims an automatic exemption from applying for and obtaining recognition of 501(c)(3) status. Other types of 501(c) nonprofit organizations are not eligible to make application. It is incumbent upon the applicant to determine if they are an eligible applicant. PCCD will not make that determination for you.

2.2. I am working on a proposal to the upcoming NSGP deadline and had a quick question about the project eligibility. If our nonprofit operates at two different sites that are a couple of miles away from each other, can we include both locations in our request? Or do we need to submit separate requests/pick one location?

I see in the FAQs that multiple buildings are eligible, but just wanted to be sure whether that applied to multiple locations.

Answer: Yes, if all buildings fall under the oversight of the 501(c)(3), the organization can submit an application for each location.

2.3. I am working with an organization that rents a building out from another non-profit organization. Our non-profit uses the building M-F morning, Saturday night and Sunday, and the other non-profit uses the building when we are not there on Friday night and Saturday day. The synagogue using the building on Friday night and Saturday wants to apply for guard coverage during that time, and we want to apply for building improvements to secure the building for the rest of the week.

We are separate 105(c)(3) organizations. Can we both apply for \$25k for our different needs?

Answer: Yes, each organization can submit their own application.

2.4. Our organization is interested in applying for the Nonprofit Security Grant. We are a non-profit organization with campus sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and DC. Our Pennsylvania site is

located in Mechanicsburg, PA. However, we our headquarters is based in Windsor Mill, MD. Are we eligible to apply for this grant funding?

Answer: Yes, you are eligible to apply for projects to be implemented at the Pennsylvania-based location.

2.5. I wanted to inquire about the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and who is eligible. I am working with a few public and private schools on school safety improvement projects and was curious if public schools would fall under the eligibility criteria. Please let me know when you can.

Answer: Act 83 states that only [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) nonprofit organizations based in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible applicants for Nonprofit Security Grant Program funding. The 501(c)(3) designation is assigned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Other types of 501(c) nonprofit organizations are **not eligible** to make application. It is incumbent upon the applicant to determine if they are an eligible applicant. PCCD will not make that determination for you.

Public school are not eligible for funding under this solicitation. PCCD anticipates to release school safety and security funding for public school entities in the near future.

2.6. On behalf of my agency, I would like to apply for the security grant. Since we have not been a victim of a hate crime are we still eligible?

Answer: Applicants are not required to be a victim of a hate crime to apply under this solicitation. However, due to the high interest in the grant program and the limited availability of funding, priority consideration in the application review process may be given to those nonprofit organizations that indicate that their organization or membership was the victim of a hate-crime and clearly describe a credible hate-crime threat to their organization.

2.7. I am completing the security grant application for, a Jewish organization, and I have a question for you. An agency is our fiscal partner, and they are a 501C3 (incorporated in NY). Our organization is not a 501C3. Should I complete the application in our name, and clarify the operating relationship? Or complete it in the fiscal agent's name?

Answer: Per Act 83, the only eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with a 501c3. A recipient agency would also need to be a nonprofit organization with a 501c3.

3. Program Implementation

3.1. What we really need most are under \$25k project management (technical work supervisor/contractor) to vet vendors and supervise work if we get awarded the NSGP grant which includes window, door, bullet proof glass installation, bollards, and security officers for FY25 - 27. Would this be allowed for part or all of PCCD grant period?

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of these grants, PCCD cannot weigh in on allowable projects or expenses.

4. Total Award Amount/Budget-Related

4.1. Is it possible to apply for Non-Profit Security grant funds towards expenses previously paid for enhanced security in 2023?

Answer: No. Grant funds cannot be used to support expenses prior to the start date of the award.

4.2. Can we reapply for the FY25 Security Grant to cover the remaining funds for this ongoing project?

Answer: Yes, an applicant can apply for expenses to complete an existing project. However, funding cannot be used to support expenses incurred prior to the start of the grant, October 1, 2024.