

Application period for Homeland Security Grant Program opens Feb.

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(ATLANTA) – The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency announces the opening of the application period for the Homeland Security Grant Program Monday, February 14.

The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2022 HSGP grant is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events, and to prepare the nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The deadline to apply for the grant is April 1, 2022.

“Our community continues to handle ever-increasing threats in areas such as cyber security, active shooters and terroristic attacks,” said GEMA/HS Director Chris Stallings. “The Homeland Security Grant Program allows agencies the opportunity to obtain funding for assistance in potentially eliminating their dealings with these threats.”

Georgia agencies are eligible for funds in the following FY 2022 grant programs:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP): SHSP assists state, local, tribal and territorial efforts to build, sustain and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against and respond to acts of terrorism. For example, SHSP funds can be utilized for enhancing cybersecurity and intelligence and information sharing through cybersecurity risk assessments, training and planning.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI): UASI assists high-threat, high-density urban areas efforts to build, sustain and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against and respond to acts of terrorism. UASI funds can be used in part, for physical security enhancement for the protection of soft targets/crowded places by funding things like operational overtime, security cameras and security screening equipment.

Applications will only be accepted on-line via the **Georgia EMGrantsPro Manager (<https://ga.emgrants.com/index.cfm>)**. GEMA/HS is the state Administrative Authority for this program. Applicants needing grant support should contact the GEMA/HS Preparedness Grants Department at (404) 635-7095, or by email at **hsgrants@gema.ga.gov** (**<mailto:hsgrants@gema.ga.gov>**).

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As part of the Office of the Governor, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency collaborates with local, state and federal governments in partnership with private sector and non-governmental organizations to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. GEMA/HS's *Ready Georgia* website and preparedness campaign provides Georgians with the knowledge needed to effectively prepare for disasters. Go to **gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia** (**<https://gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia>**) for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.