



STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide guidance for submitting grant applications to be included in Indiana's FFY26 State Homeland Security Grant application. IDHS will receive and review the sub-applications to ensure the sub-applications submitted as part of the state application align with the FFY2026 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) project scope. This guidance will be applicable to both National Priority projects and Enduring Needs projects.

SOLICITATION

To qualify for FFY2026 SHSP funding, applicants must demonstrate the terrorism nexus to preventing, preparing for, protecting against and responding to acts of terrorism. Candidates should prioritize the use of grant funds to increase capability for high-priority core capabilities with low capability levels, to maintain/sustain current capabilities and to validate capability levels. Projects should address one of the National Priorities of:

1. Enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places
2. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and fusion centers
3. Enhancing and integrating cybersecurity resiliency
4. Enhancing election security
5. Supporting border crisis response and enforcement

Projects may also address local gaps under the Enduring Needs project choice.

Applicants:

- Must fill out the application form completely.
- All projects requested are capped at **\$150,000.00**. Project requests may be less than the cap.
- Budgets should be as accurate as possible with no overestimation. Partial funding might be granted.
- Budgets should be detailed and specific.
- **Limited to two (2) per organization** with a focus on local law enforcement. Maximum of one (1) National Priority project application and one (1) Enduring Needs project application may be submitted.

- Projects submitted should only address a single National Priority or be an Enduring Needs project.
- Must be a local governmental entity – public schools are ineligible entities.
- Must have an active SAM.gov registration and a Unique Entity Identifier.

Projects submitted should only address a single priority. For consistency, if an EMA is applying on behalf of another entity or organization and puts that entity as the organization, all future paperwork, including Grant Management System accounts and reporting, will be required to identify as written on the application as the entity or organization's name (i.e., police departments).

All applicants submitting **projects including emergency communications** must certify the organization has coordinated with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) when developing this project **prior to submission** to ensure the project supports the statewide strategy to improve emergency communications and is compatible and interoperable with surrounding systems and explain how the proposed project aligns with needs identified in the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan.

Please coordinate with:

Andrea Baughn, Deputy Director, Integrated Public Safety Commission
Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
at AnBaughn@ipsc.in.gov or 317-518-6678.

Please note: Applications lacking certification of coordination will not be considered for funding.

Mass communication tools are a priority this funding cycle.
For radio projects, applicants who are new entrants to the State system will have higher priority.
Applicants who are new entrants to the State system and further demonstrate that they are collaborating with their community or are providing local matching funds will have highest priority.

If an organization is awarded, a detailed application and budget will need to be entered into the Grant Management System.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

Grant Application Submission Deadline:

July 9, 2026 at 4 p.m. EDT

All proposals/budgets must be submitted through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grants Management email at grants@dhs.in.gov by **July 9, 2026 at 4 p.m. EDT**. All fields within the funding investment application are required to be complete and must include the correct Authorized Equipment

List (AEL) numbers for the purchase of all equipment. The FEMA AEL list can be found online at <https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

Application submission or approval does not guarantee funding.

IDHS will review applications that align with funding priorities of agency. IDHS then will submit the projects to FEMA for review. Final award amounts will be based on U.S. DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of proposed investments and projects.

Public schools are ineligible for this funding cycle due to funding overlaps and larger funding opportunities with other grants.

UAS or sUAS (drone) and Counter-UAS projects are allowable for this funding cycle but may have a lower priority than other projects due to the complex regulatory framework.

QUESTIONS

For grant specific questions and technical assistance, please submit a grants support ticket at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/grants-management/grants-management/>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further grant specific information can be found on the IDHS website in the [Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Grant Program \(HSGP\) Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) and FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual, Aug. 2025.

Please be sure to read all the terms and conditions in the Notice of Funding Opportunity as they will be included in all award letters and grant agreements if awarded.

IDHS CORE CAPABILITY PRIORITIES

IDHS relied on the following reports to prioritize core capabilities for FFY 2026 SHSP grant funding:

- 2025 State Preparedness Report; and
- 2025 Core Capability Assessments
- Based on a review of the 2025 Core Capability Assessment and the 2025 State Preparedness Report, the list below categorizes projects and its associated core capability based on priority level. **Note:** There are some core capabilities that will not be able to be funded during the FFY 2026 SHSP grant cycle. See **Figure 1.1** for a visual table.

HIGH FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Planning (Prevention/Protection/Mitigation/Response/Recovery)
- Public Information and Warning (Prevention/Protection/Mitigation/Response/Recovery)
- Operational Coordination (Prevention/Protection/Mitigation/Response/Recovery)
- Cybersecurity (Protection)
- Intelligence and Information Sharing (Protection)
- Physical Protective Measures (Protection)
- On-Scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement (Response)
- Infrastructure Systems (Response/Recovery)
- Screening Search and Detection (Prevention/Protection)
- Access Control and Identity Verification (Protection)
- Public Health, Healthcare and EMS (Response)
- Operational Communications (Response)
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management (Response)
- Mass Care Services (Response)
- Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction (Mitigation)
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment (Mitigation)

MEDIUM FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Forensics and Attribution (Prevention)
- Interdiction and Disruption (Prevention/Protection)
- Mass Search and Rescue (Response)
- Supply Chain Integrity and Security (Protection)
- Fatality Management Services (Response)
- Environmental Response, Health & Safety (Response)
- Community Resilience (Mitigation)
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities (Protection)
- Threats and Hazards Identification (Mitigation)
- Situational Assessment (Response)
- Critical Transportation (Response)
- Economic Recovery (Recovery)
- Health and Social Services (Recovery)

CORE CAPABILITIES NOT CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING DURING FFY2026

- Fire Management and Suppression (Response)
- Housing (Recovery)
- Natural and Cultural Resources (Recovery)

To assist in prioritization efforts, IDHS aggregated the FFY 2026 SHSP funding priorities into **Figure 1.1** on the next page.

IDHS CORE CAPABILITY PRIORITIES

PREVENTION	PROTECTION	MITIGATION	RESPONSE	RECOVERY
Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning
Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning
Operational Coordination	Cybersecurity	Operational Coordination	Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Services	Operational Coordination
Intelligence and Information Sharing	Physical Protective Measures	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	Infrastructure Systems	Infrastructure Systems
Screening, Search, and Detection	Screening, Search, and Detection	Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction	Operational Communication	Health and Social Services
Forensics and Attribution	Operational Coordination	Community Resilience	Operational Coordination	Economic Recovery
Interdiction and Disruption	Intelligence and Information Sharing	Threats and Hazards Identification	On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement	Housing
	Access Control and Identity Verification		Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Natural and Cultural Resources
	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities		Mass Care Services	
	Interdiction and Disruption		Environmental Response, Health, and Safety	
	Supply Chain Integrity and Security		Fatality Management	
			Mass Search and Rescue Operations	
			Situational Assessment	
			Critical Transportation	
			Fire Management and Suppression	