Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is the purpose of the FY 2020 PSGP?**

   The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. PSGP provides funds to state, territorial, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism.

2. **What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2020 PSGP?**

   Section 102 of the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002,* Pub. L. No. 107-295) (codified as amended at 46 U.S.C. § 70107). PSGP funding was appropriated by Congress in the *Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act, 2020,* Pub. L. No. 116-93.

3. **How much funding is available under the FY 2020 PSGP?**

   The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2020 PSGP will be $100 million.

4. **What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?**

   The FY 2020 funding level for the PSGP is the same as the FY 2019 level.

5. **Where is the FY 2020 PSGP NOFO located?**

   The FY 2020 PSGP NOFO is located online at http://www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. **Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 PSGP funds?**

   All entities subject to an Area Maritime Security Plan as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, port authorities, facility operators, and State and local government agencies. A facility operator owns, leases, or operates any structure or facility of any kind located in, on, under, or adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Examples of facility operators include, but are not limited to, terminal operators, ferry systems, bar/harbor pilots, and merchant's exchanges.

7. **How will the FY 2020 PSGP applications be submitted?**

Applying for an award under the PSGP is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the final application submission through the grants.gov portal at http://www.grants.gov. Applicants needing grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the Non Disaster (ND) Grants System. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

8. **What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 PSGP?**

- February 14, 2020: Release date for FY 2020 PSGP NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 PSGP due to FEMA.

9. **How will the FY 2020 PSGP funds be allocated?**

PSGP recipients will be selected for funding through a competitive review process as outlined in the FY 2020 PSPG NOFO. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing the Cybersecurity national priority in their Investment Justifications (IJs).

10. **What is the FY 2020 PSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. **What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.