



## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP?**

The ARRA is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges nationally. Funds received under this Act are intended to support these goals, and unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight, and accountability are required of the expenditure of Act dollars.

ARRA TSGP specifically will focus on the use of visible, unpredictable deterrence through the funding of Operational Packages for canine teams, mobile explosives detection screening teams, and Anti-Terrorism Teams both due to their effectiveness in reducing risk to transit systems and their potential for job creation. In addition, funding will be provided for capital projects including Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Key Operating Asset Protection, and Other Mitigation Activities.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP?**

The total amount of funds available under the ARRA TSGP will be \$150,000,000.

### **3. How does the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP guidance differ from the FY 2009 TSGP guidance?**

There are several notable differences from the FY 2009 TSGP around priorities, eligibility and reporting requirements (see below). One major difference is that the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP is a fully competitive grant program, without target allocations. Additionally, ferry systems are not eligible recipients of the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP.

### **4. What are the priorities for the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP?**

DHS has identified several different project types, and grouped them based on their effectiveness to reduce risk and alignment with Departmental priorities. There are three project priorities for ARRA TSGP, outlined in the tables below:

**Table 1: Priority 1 – Operational Packages**

| Project Description  | Project Types   |
|----------------------|---|
| Operational Packages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational Packages                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canine Teams</li> <li>○ Mobile Explosives Screening Teams</li> <li>○ Anti-Terrorism Teams</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

**Table 2: Priority 2 – Shovel Ready Capital Projects for Asset Hardening**

| Project Description          | Project Types   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Shovel Ready Asset Hardening | Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures, such as intrusion detection, visual surveillance with live monitoring, alarms tied to visual surveillance system, recognition software, tunnel ventilation and drainage system protection, flood gates and plugs, portal lighting, and similar hardening actions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunnel Hardening</li> <li>• High-Density Elevated Operations</li> <li>• Multi-User High-Density Stations</li> <li>• Hardening of Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems</li> </ul> |
|                              | Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High-Density Stations</li> <li>○ High-Density Bridges</li> </ul>   |
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Hardening/Security of Control Centers</li> <li>• Secure stored/parked trains, engines, and buses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bus/Rail Yards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintenance Facilities</li> </ul>   |

**Table 3: Priority 3 – Other Security Projects**

| Project Effectiveness Group Score | Project Effectiveness Group Description                | Project Types  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 4                                 | Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection  | Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures, such as intrusion detection, visual surveillance with live monitoring, alarms tied to visual surveillance system, recognition software, tunnel ventilation and drainage system protection, flood gates and plugs, portal lighting, and similar hardening actions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunnel Hardening</li> <li>• High-Density Elevated Operations</li> <li>• Multi-User High-Density Stations</li> <li>• Hardening of SCADA systems</li> </ul> |
| 3                                 | Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection | Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High-Density Stations</li> <li>○ High-Density Bridges</li> </ul>  |

| Project Effectiveness Group Score | Project Effectiveness Group Description | Project Types   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 2                                 | Key Operating Asset Protection          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Hardening/Security of Control Centers</li> <li>• Secure stored/parked trains, engines, and buses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bus/Rail Yards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintenance Facilities</li> </ul> |
| 1                                 | Other Mitigation Activities             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interoperable Communications<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for low-density stations</li> </ul>   |

**5. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 ARRA TSGP funds?**

With the exception of ferry systems, those eligible for the FY 2009 TSGP guidance and Amtrak are also eligible for FY 2009 ARRA TSGP funds.

Eligibility for Operational Packages (Priority 1) is determined based on the number of authorized sworn positions for transit agency police departments and law enforcement agencies with dedicated transit bureaus. Eligible transit agencies and request thresholds were determined by the following transit police force or law enforcement provider characteristics:

- Transit police forces or law enforcement providers must employ at least 100 authorized positions dedicated to transit security as of January 1, 2009;
- Funding requests are limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the force’s current authorized sworn positions and the associated support equipment requests are based on number of officers requested.

Law enforcement agencies with dedicated transit bureaus are eligible through the transit agency they provide security for; the transit agency itself is the grantee, and as such must apply on behalf of the law enforcement agency. Security service providers with unsworn law enforcement officers or guards are not eligible.

To qualify for a Priority 2 Project, Shovel Ready Capital Projects for Asset Hardening, applicants must certify that the project can begin within 90 days of the release of funds. Applicants must also certify that the project will be completed within 24 months of the release of funds date. This is intended to fund construction projects that can quickly create job opportunities. As part of this fast-tracked project, applicants must submit all required documentation at the time of application. Failure to provide the documentation will result in the project being considered under Priority 3.

*Ferry systems are not eligible recipients of the ARRA TSGP.*

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<sup>1</sup> Additional information on interoperable communications is included in the FY 2009 SAFECOM Recommended Guidance for Federal Grant Programs, which can be found on: <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/grant/default.htm>

**6. What are the eligible uses of FY 2009 ARRA TSGP funds?**

The following project types are eligible uses of FY 09 ARRA TSGP funds:

- **Priority 1a Operational Packages:** Hiring of transit law enforcement officers to enhance visible, unpredictable deterrence efforts in transit (e.g., K-9 teams, mobile screening teams, and Anti-Terrorism Teams)
- **Priority 1b Support and Equipment for Operational Packages:** Related support and equipment costs for new officers/capability
- **Priority 2 Shovel Ready Capital Projects for Asset Hardening:** Capital Projects including Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Key Operating Asset Protection, and Other Mitigation Activities that can certifiably begin within 90 days of release of funds and will be completed within 24 months from the release of funds date
- **Priority 3 Other Security Projects:** Capital Projects including Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Key Operating Asset Protection, and Other Mitigation Activities

**7. How will the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP funds be allocated?**

Up to \$100,000,000 will be available for Operational Packages, and at least \$50,000,000 will be available for capital projects.

**8. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP?**

The key milestones associated with FY 2009 ARRA TSGP are:

- May 29, 2009: ARRA TSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released.
- June 15, 2009: Completed applications for Operational Packages must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time.
- June 29, 2009: Completed applications for Capital Projects must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

**9. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP?**

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (Public Law 111-5) provides funding for this program.

**10. Where is the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?**

The FY 2009 ARRA TSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**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@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- To access application forms and instructions, please refer to <http://www.grants.gov>, the CFDA number for TSGP is 97.113. If you experience difficulties or have any questions, please call the [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via E-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**12. What is the FY 2009 ARRA TSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications why an extension is required.