



## OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT

FUNDS AVAILABLE

# \$90 MILLION

APPLY BY APRIL 15, 2020

### GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

A cost share/match is not required for this grant program. The performance period is three years.

### WHO CAN APPLY

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for OPSG funds. Funds for OPSG will be allocated competitively based on risk-based prioritization. The eligible sub-recipients under OPSG are local units of government at the county level or equivalent and federally-recognized tribal governments in states bordering Canada or Mexico and states and territories with international water borders. Subrecipients eligible to apply for a subaward directly from the SAAs are divided into three tiers based on their proximity to such borders.

### FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ALLOWABLE COSTS

DHS/FEMA has identified two national priorities which OPSG applicants are required to address: enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS; and addressing emergent threats, such as transnational criminal organizations.

OPSG is intended to support U.S. border States and territories in accomplishing the following objectives:

- Increase intelligence and operational capabilities to prevent, protect against and respond to border security issues.
- Increase coordination and collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Continue the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection.
- Provide intelligence-based operations through U.S. Border Patrol Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities.
- Support a request to the governor to activate, deploy or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of state law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement elements operational activities.

- Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Enhance the sharing of threat information and intelligence between Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- Develop and sustain a capable workforce of analysts

OPSG funds must be used to provide an enhanced law enforcement presence and to increase operational capabilities of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within border states and territories.

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize the acquisition and development of regional projects on the borders to maximize interoperability and coordination capabilities among federal agencies and with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. Such regional projects include communications equipment, radio systems and repeaters, and situational awareness equipment (license plate reader networks, visual detection and surveillance systems, sensor systems, and radar systems).

All emergency communications investments must comply with the [SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants](#) and must be aligned with the Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP).

Equipment allowability is based on the [Authorized Equipment List](#).

Maintenance and sustainment costs (e.g. maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees) are allowable, but the coverage period must not exceed the performance period of the grant. The only exception is if the maintenance contract or warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment, then coverage may exceed the performance period.

OPSG funds may not be used for any construction.

**Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment:** Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds provided in FY2020 or previous years for certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see pages 17-18 of the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) must submit the full application by **April 15, 2020**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline.

Applications will be reviewed by the SAA and CBP/Border Patrol Sector Headquarters for completeness and adherence to programmatic guidelines as well as operational content prior to submission to FEMA.

## MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OFFERS A PROVEN BASIS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

We offer a wide range of solutions to promote safety and security, increase operational efficiency and connect officers to help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **Interoperable Two-Way Radios and Networks** — Communications in border regions can be enabled or augmented with Project 25-compliant, mission-critical-grade infrastructure to provide expanded coverage, reliability, capacity and security for emergency responders. Mobile and portable radios are designed specifically for the needs of first responders and provide interoperability on Project 25 networks, legacy Smartnet/Smartzone or conventional networks, and across multiple frequency bands for unparalleled interoperability through a single device. Connectivity between disparate or neighboring standalone communications networks can be achieved via IP-based gateways, consolidated P25 networks or hosted cloud solutions.

- **Dispatch Solutions** — Computer-aided dispatch solutions enhances incident management by automating workflows and data retrieval from the PSAP to the field. Coordinate your team with a seamless flow of information from the moment a call comes in, to when responders arrive - enabling the quickest, safest response.
- **CommandCentral Software** — CommandCentral is an end-to-end software suite that provides users with a unified, intuitive experience and intelligent capabilities designed specifically for the needs of public safety and schools. It includes integrated call handling, command and control and records and evidence solutions.
- **WAVE Work Group Communications** — Create simple, secure, and reliable Push-To-Talk communications between radios and devices outside the radio system, such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops.
- **Video Security & Analytics** — Avigilon, part of Motorola Solutions, offers advanced video surveillance and analytics solutions, from high-definition cameras to artificial intelligence and machine learning software.
- **License Plate Recognition (LPR)** — Vigilant Solutions, part of Motorola Solutions, offers an LPR platform with powerful analytics that help complete the investigative triangle of person, plate and location. All of the data and analytics received from LPR detections across the nation are stored in Vigilant's Cloud, LEARN, to help law enforcement develop leads and close cases.

## HOW TO APPLY

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The full application package should be submitted via the Non-Disaster Grants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Applicants should refer to the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on submitting an application.

Other program documents, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity and FAQs, may be found [here](#).

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts [here](#).

As part of the OPSG application process, each eligible local unit of government at the county level or federally-recognized tribal government must develop their Operations Order in coordination with state and federal law enforcement agencies, to include but not limited to CBP and Border Patrol.

## WE CAN HELP YOU

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at [PoliceGrantsHelp.com](http://PoliceGrantsHelp.com). Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

Additional information and resources can be found on our website: [www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants](http://www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants).

