



State and Federal Grants for Target Hardening of Jewish Community Facilities

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is pleased to support our Jewish communal institutions in securing funds to support the target hardening of Jewish facilities. This document describes two potential grants—the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Nonprofit Security Grant Fund (PCCD) and the Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). We anticipate the PCCD will be announced after December 1, 2020. The Federal NSGP should be announced in early 2021.

These two grant opportunities allow for different investments in security measures for your facility. Understanding the requirements and allowable expenses in each grant will enable you to plan efficiently for these grant applications and to determine your course of action. It may be beneficial to apply for one or both of these grants. The Federation recommends that communal organizations begin planning now for the upcoming grant cycle.

This guide will help you navigate both grant options and prepare the documentation needed to submit grant applications. The Federation will offer strategic grant writing support to assist you. This will include providing examples of suggested language to use and a review of your grant application upon request. Please contact Erin Wyland, ewyland@jfedpgh.org to request grant writing assistance.

PCCD Nonprofit Security Grant Fund (State Grant)

This information is based on information from the 2020 process and is subject to change. The 2020 guidance can be found here: <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/Non-Profit-Security-Grant-Fund.aspx>

Allowable Expenditures in the PCCD Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program

- Safety and security planning
- Purchase of safety and security equipment
- Purchase of security-related technology, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - Metal detectors
 - Protective lighting
 - Surveillance equipment
 - Special emergency communications equipment
 - Electronic locksets
 - Deadbolts
 - Trauma kits
 - Theft control devices
- Safety and security training
- Threat awareness and response training
- Upgrades to existing structures that enhance safety and security
- Vulnerability and threat assessments

- Specialty-trained canines
- Any other safety or security-related project that enhances safety or security of the non-profit organization

Note: The PCCD grant allows for the purchase and installation of intercom systems that broadcast over telephone lines. The Federal grant does not.

Maximum Allowable Budget

Projects budgets cannot exceed \$150,000. Budgets over \$25,000 will require matching funds.

- Budgets between \$25,001 and \$75,000 require a 33% match. The cost to the applicant will be \$8,250-\$24,750
- Budgets between \$75,001 and \$150,000 require a 50% match. The cost to the applicant will be \$37,500 - \$75000.

Best practices to prepare for the PCCD grant application

- Determine the target hardening measures you wish to request and seek board approval. If you have questions about priorities, contact Shawn Brokos for guidance.
- Contact vendors for bids for proposed work. You will need this to complete the budget section of the grant application. Please contact Erin Wyland, ewyland@jfedpgh.org for a list of vendors previous used in our community.
- If your project budget will exceed \$25,000, determine your sources for the required matching funds and secure necessary approvals from your Board. This will save you critical time when the grant period opens.
- Draft a description of your organization, emphasizing how you serve the Jewish community. Include a description of the populations you serve, and the number of people you engage each year. Your goal is to demonstrate the vulnerability to potential hate crimes (1,000 character limit)
- Draft a narrative that describes the security enhancements you are seeking, and the justification for hardening the facility, including threats to similar facilities. Federation will provide suggested language to be included in this section (5,000 character limit).

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

- This is a federal grant through the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA.
- This grant is administered at the state level by PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency). PEMA provides the Investment Justification template (grant application) and sets the due date, which can be as little as two weeks from the grant announcement.
- In 2020, grant awards were up to \$100,000, no match.
- You must have a recently updated Threat Assessment. This document informs your application. Only target hardening activities identified in the Threat Assessment may be included in your grant application.

General Allowable Expenditures in the Nonprofit Security Grant Program

- **Equipment:** Funding is limited to target hardening and physical security enhancements. This includes the acquisition (purchase or possible leasing) and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment is limited to select items within two categories on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL):
 - Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Section 14)
 - Inspection and Screening Systems (Section 15)
 - The details about the eligible equipment may be found at: www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list.

Note: Be sure to search only Categories 14 and 15. No other equipment types will be allowed under the NSGP program.

- **Personnel:** Beginning in the FY 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity, contracted security personnel or off-duty law enforcement are allowed under this program. FEMA advises that the recipient be able to sustain this capability in future years without NSGP funding.

Best Practices for the NSGP Application

- Determine the target hardening measures you intend to request and seek necessary approvals.
- This grant is scored on a point system. A successful grant is written to ensure each section will score the maximum points.
 - Draft your application as a word document, paying careful attention to the character count limits in each section. Then copy and paste into the Investment Justification template provided by PEMA.
 - Minimize extraneous verbiage and focus on relaying the substance as concisely as possible.
 - Responsiveness and completeness of the application is scored. Make it easy for the reader to score your application.
- Use a PC to complete the grant application. (Apple computer users have experienced technical problems with the application software)
- If you are unfamiliar with the Investment Justification template, please contact Erin Wyland, ewyland@jfedpgh.org for a copy the 2020 template.

The Federation will provide sample language for these grants at a later date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawn Brokos, Director of Community Security, sbrokos@jfedpgh.org, 412.992.5229.