



# Community Partnerships

State Applications are due to DHS on  
April, 25, 2016

Contact your State Administrative Agency immediately for additional deadlines and information.

## February 29, 2016 Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Funding for State and Local Government Programs for Countering Violent Extremism

### Announcement

DHS announced the FY 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), a funding opportunity of nearly \$1 billion for state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism, other catastrophic events, and prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest security risk to the United States.

### Purpose

Since September 11, 2001, the changing nature of the terrorist threat has meant that lone offenders or small groups may be radicalized to violence without tripping the alarms that law enforcement and intelligence agencies have put in place. The use of the Internet and social media to recruit and radicalize individuals to violent extremism of all kinds, means that traditional counterterrorism activities are unlikely to identify all plots or aspirations to commit violence or travel to conflict zones. Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) consists of various prevention and intervention approaches to increase the resilience of communities to violent extremist recruitment narratives, provide non-violent avenues for expressing grievances, educate communities about the threat of online recruitment and radicalization to violence, and other innovative community-based approaches.

### Homeland Security Grant Program and CVE

As a national security priority, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has directed that CVE efforts be designated as a program priority of this year's HSGP, which includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), as well as the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP). DHS is interested in identifying CVE programs, projects, and initiatives that would be eligible for funding under SHSP, UASI, and THSGP. Those projects can involve law enforcement, municipal officials, public arts commissions, mental health providers, educators, community organizations, and engaged citizens.

As a designated program priority, DHS encourages HSGP recipients (i.e., states and territories) to consider allocating grant funding to support CVE-related programs or projects proposed by state and local governments, private sector organizations, non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education.

DHS and the Department of Justice recently announced the creation of a CVE Interagency Task Force that consists of 11 federal Departments and Agencies. DHS and the CVE Task Force members are available to provide technical assistance to DHS-funded CVE program initiatives to encourage coordination and efficacy. Due to the competitive nature of the THSGP, assistance to tribal governments would be provided after the awarding of grant funds.



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## Eligible Activities

A variety of CVE activities are eligible to receive funding under the FY 2016 HSGP. In addition to activities described below, DHS will consider funding proposals that contain innovative approaches to prevent violent extremism.

- Assist state and local governments with the development of community-based engagement plans to supplement efforts to build safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. Engagement plans may involve, the determination of roles and responsibilities for government agencies, community organizations, employers, families and others in recognizing and responding to radicalization to violence within a community and the development of strategies for preventing and protecting against the recruitment or incitement to violence of targeted individuals;
- Support the incubation of local public-private partnerships and educational efforts to address violent extremism, including the development of programs and curricula for law enforcement, community organizations, educators and other appropriate parties on the identification of indicators of radicalization to violence and strategies for effective prevention, intervention, counter-messaging and reporting.
- Assist local community groups in the development of CVE programs addressing prevention, intervention and diversion efforts, including training on roles of law enforcement and how to effectively partner with law enforcement;
- Develop and promote training specifically for law enforcement executives and frontline officers on potential behaviors and indicators of violent extremism and how to appropriately analyze and report them; officer engagement and partnership with diverse communities; and intervention strategies; and
- Support community and law enforcement engagement strategies and approaches such as table top exercises, roundtable events, town hall meetings, and peer to peer activities; the development of online platforms that improve connections between communities and local officials; funding for existing and expansion of community relations efforts, support for the development of community engagement plans and joint projects to increase the awareness of violent extremist threats and community mitigation solutions.

## Eligible Recipients and Timeline

State Administrative Agencies are the only entity eligible to apply for and receive SHSP and UASI funding and are responsible for determining which projects are proposed for funding in the state's application in any given year. While there is no guarantee that CVE projects will be included in any SHSP, UASI, or THSGP application, CVE programs proposed by state, local, territorial and tribal governments are eligible to receive awards or sub-awards under these programs. **The deadline for State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) and tribal governments to submit their FY 2016 applications is Monday, April 25, 2016.** Interested applicants should contact their SAA or tribal government immediately for information about how to apply and the internal state or tribal deadlines for project proposals. All 56 states and territories have been allocated a total of \$402 million through SHSP; and 29 urban areas have been allocated an additional \$580 million through UASI.

## For More Information

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For more information on Countering Violent Extremism: <https://www.dhs.gov/CVE>

Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.fema.gov/fiscal-year-2016-homeland-security-grant-program>

State Administrative Agency Contact Info: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28689>