

United States Senate

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

I am writing to urge you to immediately address FEMA's delayed Fiscal Year 2025 notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) for its State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), and Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). FEMA was statutorily required to issue NOFOs for all five of these programs, which help sustain and improve state, local, tribal, territorial, and nonprofit capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies, by no later than May 14 and the deadline for eligible applicants to submit applications was June 3. The importance of the timely administration of these programs increased greatly following military strikes on three of Iran's nuclear facilities. I therefore urge you to publish these NOFOs as soon as possible without additional unnecessary requirements and expeditiously disburse these funds to ensure communities continue to receive support to address terrorism and other threats.

Each of these programs works differently; together they contribute to a multi-faceted approach to safer and more secure communities throughout our country. As stated on FEMA's website, SHSGP supports state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preventing, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from terrorist attacks and other hazards; the NSGP provides funding to nonprofits at risk of terrorist attacks, and UASI provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas. Similarly, the TSGP provides funding to eligible public transportation systems to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from terrorism, while the PSGP allocates funding to state, local, and private-sector partners to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism.

Unfortunately, the need for timely administration of these vital antiterror programs has never been greater. After the June 22 military strikes on Iran's Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan nuclear facilities, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin, which warned that the "ongoing Iran conflict is causing a heightened

threat environment in the United States[.]” and cautioned that the “likelihood of violent extremists in the Homeland independently mobilizing to violence in response to the conflict would likely increase if Iranian leadership issued a religious ruling calling for retaliatory violence against targets in the Homeland.”¹ Additionally, it is reported that Iran threatened the U.S. with sleeper-cell terrorist attacks prior to the bombings.²

Timely NOFO publication and the prompt issuance of HSGP, NSGP, UASI, TSGP, and PSGP dollars is thus vital to ensuring national security in this heightened threat environment. I am therefore urging you to immediately publish these NOFOs and award these much-needed funds as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

¹ *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin, June 22, 2025. <https://www.dhs.gov/ntas/advisory/national-terrorism-advisory-system-bulletin-june-22-2025>; See also, Jennifer Jacobs and Nicole Sganga, “Terrorism advisory bulletin warns of ‘heightened threat environment’ in U.S. after strikes on Iran,” *CBS News*, June 23, 2025. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/terrorism-advisory-bulletin-threats-us-iran-strikes/>

² Miriam Waldvogel, “Iranian ‘sleeper cells’: What to know about US warnings,” *The Hill*, June 26, 2025. <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/5369993-iranian-sleeper-cells-what-to-know-about-us-warnings/>