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Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

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Introduction

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is pleased to present this summary of the FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP).

OGR is a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).

EOPSS is responsible for the policy development and budget oversight of the secretariat's agencies, independent programs, and several boards which aid in crime prevention, homeland security preparedness, and ensuring the safety of residents and visitors in the Commonwealth. The agencies that fall under EOPSS are:

- Massachusetts State Police
- Massachusetts Emergency management Agency
- Sex Offender Registry Board
- Department of Fire Services
- Department of Criminal Justice Information Services
- Department of Correction
- Parole Board
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- State 911 Department
- Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab
- Municipal Police Training Committee
- Massachusetts National Guard
- Office of Grants and Research

In addition to managing and administering state-funded criminal justice, homeland security, and traffic safety grant programs, OGR is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for federal grant funding received by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In total, the agency manages more than \$150 million in grant funds annually. Additionally, OGR's Research and Policy Analysis Division (RPAD), which houses the Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center, utilizes research and evaluation to promote public safety in the Commonwealth by informing criminal justice and public safety policy. The goals of OGR include:

- Improving community safety and local preparedness by providing resources to communities based on need;
- Investing in evidenced based innovative programs;
- Granting awards based on national and state priorities;
- Fostering collaboration across jurisdictions by delivering grant dollars with a regional approach;
- Making funding decisions based upon research, empirical data, and best practices; and

- Ensuring the grant awarding process is transparent and in compliance with federal and state guidelines.

This document serves as the report authored by OGR regarding the FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP).

Program Narrative

Pursuant to Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriation Act, Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2023, OGR released an Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) for eligible nonprofits meeting the criteria as detailed in the appropriation language below:

8000-1127 *For a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws; provided, that prioritization shall be given to nonprofit organizations that have experienced instances of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined in said section 32 of said chapter 22C; provided further, that: (i) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the eastern region of the commonwealth; (ii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the central region of the commonwealth; and (iii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the western region of the commonwealth; and provided further, that the grants shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner across the eastern, central and western regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2024, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of grant applicants; (ii) successful grant applicants; (iii) criteria used to evaluate grant applications; and (iv) amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended by the executive office for a security personnel program to be piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be at high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to such pilot program equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the commonwealth..... \$1,500,000*

CNSGP provides funding to 501(c)(3) organizations – such as faith-based institutions, medical and healthcare facilities, and other human service organizations – to enhance building safety and security. The purpose of this funding is to provide support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack or hate crime.

Application and Review Process

For FY24, the CNSGP was allotted \$3.5 million. OGR received 132 responses to the FY24 CNSGP solicitation. The total amount of funding requested by the applicants was \$7,500,990.01.

Each application was reviewed by three members of the review committee. In the application review meeting, the review team discussed the quality, feasibility, and

reasonableness of each application's: (1) definition of problem, (2) proposed strategy, and (3) budget. The review sheet provided to reviewers detailed specific items to be rated and the possible point allowance for each item. Each section was scored separately, and the total maximum score allowed was 100. At the end of the review sheet, reviewers were asked to provide a final review score by calculating the sum of each of the individual rated sections.

Recommendations provided by the review team were then cross-referenced with funding criteria listed within the FY24 CNSGP AGF. These criteria include:

1. Needs Assessment – Background, History, and Risk
2. Project Description – Proposed physical security enhancements activity/project
3. Implementation, Plan, and Timeline – The effective implementation and oversight of the project
4. Budget – Outline of budget and allowable items to purchase

The review team recommended that 66 applicants receive full or partial funding, totaling \$3,500,000. Due to limited resources, priority was given to first time applicants yet to receive a previous award from the OGR. The remaining 66 applicants were recommended for rejection.

Awarded Funds

One hundred percent of the approved award is rendered once a contract is executed and all contract documents are approved. To help ensure compliance with grant rules and regulations, OGR held a Technical Assistance Webinar with all the awardees to review quarterly programmatic and financial reporting.

CNSGP in Total

For FY24, \$3.5 million was awarded to the following 66 nonprofit organizations:

Grantee	Award Amount
Asian American Civic Association	\$75,000.00
Bishop Fenwick High School	\$73,663.00
Blessed Sacrament School	\$56,346.95
Boston Children's Museum	\$35,775.00
Boston College High School	\$73,000.00
Boston Healthcare for the Homeless	\$75,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester-Denney	\$44,512.00
Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester-Marr	\$15,784.00

Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester-McLaughlin	\$36,240.00
Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest	\$16,050.00
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association	\$15,995.00
Cathedral High School	\$45,867.00
Center for Human Development	\$55,714.00
Central Catholic High School	\$54,185.00
Chapel of New Hope	\$66,157.78
Cheverus Catholic School	\$50,000.00
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of NE	\$75,000.00
Christ Congregational Church, UCC	\$4,937.13
Church of the Covenant	\$74,651.49
Congregation Sha' Aray Shalom	\$38,964.20
Cristo Rey Boston High School	\$75,000.00
Drama Studio	\$9,400.00
East Boston Central Catholic School	\$35,000.00
First Baptist Church and Christian School	\$56,640.00
Greendale Avenue Worship Center	\$71,486.60
Holy Name Parish	\$25,000.00
Holy Name Parish School	\$75,000.00
Horizons for Homeless Children	\$40,110.84
Irish Cultural Centre, Inc.	\$35,100.00
Jewish Community Day School	\$75,000.00
Jewish Healthcare Center	\$67,989.14
Jewish Rehabilitation Center for the Aged of the North Shore	\$68,469.60
Lander-Grinspoon Academy	\$3,000.00
Lawyers for Civil Rights	\$37,500.00
LGBTQ Senior Housing	\$71,656.00
Lowell Catholic	\$71,590.00

Lowell Community Health Center	\$57,905.00
Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Community Presbyterian Church	\$68,800.00
Masjid Al-Quran	\$75,000.00
Nativity Preparatory School of Boston	\$72,424.00
Old South United Methodist Church	\$57,712.81
Saint Catherine of Siena School	\$47,168.46
Saint Columbkille Partnership School	\$75,000.00
Saint John the Baptist School	\$75,000.00
Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish and School	\$71,391.13
Saint Theresa of Avila School	\$47,333.00
St. Ann's Home, Inc.	\$50,376.12
St. James Church-Our Lady of Grace Parish	\$55,762.98
St. Joseph Church and Our Lady of Grace Recovery	\$71,480.48
St. Mary's Academy	\$75,000.00
St. Michael the Archangel Parish	\$45,139.52
St. Augustine School	\$10,471.00
St. Peter's San Pedro Episcopal Church	\$73,666.30
Temple Beth Shalom	\$60,000.00
Temple B'nai Abraham	\$67,768.00
Temple Shir Tikvah	\$74,704.00
Temple Sinai – Brookline	\$75,000.00
The Boston Home	\$35,158.73
The Maimonides School	\$75,000.00
The Rashi School	\$75,000.00
The Torah Center of Greater Worcester, Inc.	\$21,210.00
United American Muslim Association of NY, Inc. (UAMA) Boston Branch Selimiye Mosque	\$46,028.72
Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts	\$29,339.76
Whitinsville Christian School	\$12,112.07

Young Israel of Brookline	\$75,000.00
YWCA Central Massachusetts, Inc.	\$23,263.19

Due to limited resources, the following 66 applicants were not recommended for awards. These organizations requested a total of \$3,543,740 in grant funding.

Applicant Name	Amount Requested
2Life Communities	\$40,820.00
Ar-Raheem Academy	\$75,000.00
Attleboro-Norton YMCA	\$75,000.00
Bnai Jacob Synagogue	\$17,490.00
Boston Dialogue Foundation	\$75,000.00
Building Audacity	\$37,500.00
Camp Ramah	\$75,000.00
Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of N. Central MA	\$15,994.25
CCF Ministries, Inc.	\$39,580.10
Chabad Lubavitch Center of Greater Milford	\$21,600.00
Community Healthlink	\$74,090.47
Congregation Agudath Achim	\$8,500.00
Congregation Beth Israel Anshei Litte	\$35,000.00
Congregation Temple Emanuel of Andover, Inc.	\$75,000.00
Daniels New Bethel Church of God in Christ	\$20,000.00
Epstein Hillel School	\$36,223.00
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ	\$54,756.00
Friends of the Franklin County Fairgrounds	\$43,470.00
Gann Academy	\$75,000.00
Gordon College	\$74,994.50
Greenfield Community College Foundation	\$74,978.00
Hebrew College	\$72,888.00
Holbrook Jewish Community Center	\$21,350.00

Immaculate Conception School	\$65,000.00
Islamic Society of Framingham	\$75,000.00
Islamic Society of Greater Haverhill (Masjid) Inc.	\$75,000.00
Islamic Society of Greater Milford	\$72,220.00
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest	\$17,517.60
La Colaborativa	\$62,196.00
Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts	\$75,000.00
Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center, Inc.	\$69,456.00
Mestiva of Greater Boston	\$75,000.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$61,591.00
Motivation Church	\$8,359.76
National Yiddish Book Center, Inc.	\$16,565.88
Open Pantry Community Services	\$43,585.00
Pleasant St. Church CRC	\$32,801.00
Sacred Heart Parish	\$41,805.49
Sacred Heart School System	\$7,846.00
Saint Agnes Parish	\$43,336.90
Saint Agnes School	\$46,000.00
Saint Camillus Parish	\$46,977.18
Saint Francis Xavier School	\$75,000.00
Saint John the Evangelist Parish	\$29,128.37
Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish	\$21,821.38
Saint Mary Parish	\$75,000.00
Self-Realization Fellowship Church	\$75,000.00
Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative	\$75,000.00
St. Joan of Arc School	\$75,000.00
St. Mary of the Hills School	\$63,200.00
St. Brigid Parish	\$75,000.00
Temple Beth Am	\$73,000.00

Temple Emanuel Newton	\$75,000.00
Temple Emanuel Sinai	\$36,861.29
Temple Shalom of Newton	\$72,700.47
The Boys and Girls Club of Boston	\$73,985.00
The Center After School Program	\$75,000.00
The Merrimack Valley Islamic Academy	\$33,398.70
The Wang Center for Performing Arts	\$74,625.00
Torah Academy	\$75,000.00
Trinity Christian Academy	\$75,000.00
Uxbridge Church of the Nazarene	\$32,964.00
Webster Emergency Medical Services	\$34,863.93
Worcester Jewish Community Center	\$70,500.00
World Royal City Ministries	\$72,267.78
Young Israel of Sharon	\$29,932.75

Management and Administration: In accordance with appropriation language, no more than 5% of total awards was set aside for administrative costs. The total amount set aside for OGR administration was \$175,000.