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**State Fiscal Year 2026  
Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**Report to the Massachusetts General Court**  
*Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means*

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## **Introduction**

### **Legislation – 8000-1127**

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is pleased to submit this report on the FY26 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.

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 \$279 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 the 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 FY26 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

### **Program Overview**

Pursuant to Fiscal Year 2026 General Appropriation Act, Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, OGR released an Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) inviting eligible nonprofit organizations at risk of a hate crime or terror attack to apply for funding to enhance security. The relevant appropriation language states:

*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 under 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; 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 2, 2026, 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: (a) the number of grant applicants; (b) successful grant applicants; (c) the criteria used to evaluate grant applications; and (d) the amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 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 the pilot program equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the commonwealth..... \$5,200,000*

Funding allocated by the Legislature was distributed through two programs as outlined in the statutory language: the Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CNSGP) and the Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program (CNSPGP).

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Massachusetts 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations were eligible to apply for both programs. A nonprofit was required to demonstrate that they face a high risk of a terror attack or hate crime to be eligible for funding. Only one application per nonprofit was accepted for consideration of funding. A nonprofit was permitted to submit separate applications seeking funds for multiple locations in separate communities.

### **Allowable Funding Purposes**

For the CNSGP, applicants were permitted to request funding for physical security enhancement equipment and/or inspection and screening systems. Eligible purchases included but were not

limited to exterior doors and door locks (with single secure entry points), surveillance video cameras, site alarms, internal public address systems, tourniquets or other emergency first aid equipment, security fencing, lighting, and access control systems.

Organizations seeking funds through the CNSPGP were permitted to request funding for qualified and trained security personnel. Funds could not be spent to purchase equipment, uniforms or other items for security personnel or for services provided by on-duty law enforcement personnel.

### **Allowable Costs**

Allowable costs for the CNSGP are limited to two cost categories:

- Physical Security Enhancement Equipment
- Inspection and Screening System

CNSPGP funding may only be used for contracted security personnel.

### **Application Process**

Competitive application processes for both grant programs were held according to the following schedule:

AGF Posted: September 19, 2025

Applicant Assistance Webinar (optional): September 30, 2025

Application deadline: October 30, 2025, no later than 4 p.m.

Award Notification: March 2026

Performance Period (CNSGP): March 2026 – August 31, 2026

Performance Period (CNSPGP): March 2026 – September 30, 2026

Applicant assistance webinars were held to provide nonprofits with guidance regarding the application process for each program. Recording of the webinars and copies of the presentations were made publicly available on OGR's website.

This year's application process was marked by a record number of applications for both programs, with more than double the number of applications received for CNSGP compared to the previous fiscal year. OGR received 274 eligible applications for the FY26 CNSGP. A total of 53 organizations applied for the FY26 CNSPGP.

### **Review Process**

These were competitive grants and subject to a peer review process consisting of two internal and one external reviewers assigned to each submission. Applications were reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:

- Clear and adequate responses in the Application Information;
- A thorough explanation of need, including relevant local data to demonstrate need and correlation to the requested services to be purchased that will address the stated need;
- A project description that clearly describes the benefits of security personnel to the nonprofit and community seeking funding;

- An implementation plan and timeline that is feasible and ensures all services will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period;
- A detailed, reasonable, and complete budget; and
- An overall assessment of applicant risk of hate crimes and terrorist incidents.

In addition to reviewer feedback and scoring, other factors such as geographic diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding were taken into consideration by OGR when making funding decisions.

Due to the volume of applications received, the review process took a longer period of time in FY26 than in previous years.

### **Awarded Funds**

Funds totaling \$4,465,000 were awarded to 142 organizations through the FY26 CNSGP. Of these recipients, 131 organizations received a partial award, meaning that they received some but not all of the funds they requested. This allowed OGR to distribute limited available to a greater number of organizations.

Funds totaling \$500,000 were awarded to 23 organizations through the FY26 CNSPGP. Of these recipients, one received a partial award and 22 received the full amount requested.

### **Contracting**

In March 2026, all grant recipients were sent a link to access contracting materials. These materials included a Standard Contract, Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing Form, OGR Subrecipient Grant Conditions, and additional materials.

Upon approval of the contracting forms, each grantee was sent a copy of its executed Standard Contract, its formal notification to begin incurring costs.

<b>CNSGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
African Community Economic Development of New England, Boston	\$39,360
African Community Education Program, Inc., Worcester	\$32,075
Agape Unlimited Church, Lowell	\$45,000
American Muslim Center, Everett	\$28,800
Anshe Sholom Chabad of Haverhill	\$31,000
Archdiocese of Boston, Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine, Wakefield	\$39,150
Arlington Street Church, Boston	\$36,350
Attleboro Norton YMCA, Attleboro	\$37,800
Bay Farm Montessori Academy, Inc., Duxbury	\$21,891
Belmont A.M.E Zion Church, Worcester	\$7,487
Bethany Health Care Center, Framingham	\$40,600
Blessed Sacrament School, Walpole	\$32,378
Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity, Florence	\$29,519
Boston Trinity Academy, Boston	\$31,146
Bradford Christian Academy, Inc., Haverhill	\$39,990

<b>CNSGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
Brandeis University, Waltham	\$30,000
Breaktime United, Inc., Boston	\$11,120
Cardinal Spellman High School, Brockton	\$40,564
Cathedral High School, Boston	\$20,720
Center of Hope Foundation Inc., Southbridge	\$43,390
Chabad of Newton	\$45,474
Chabad Watertown, Inc.	\$45,641
Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, Inc.	\$41,067
Cheverus Catholic School, Malden	\$40,000
Community Church of West Medway, Inc.	\$8,630
Community Teamwork, Lowell	\$36,728
Congregation Ahavas Achim, Newburyport	\$4,717
Congregation Beth El Atereth Israel, Newton	\$27,368
Congregation Beth Israel, Inc., North Adams	\$41,470
Congregation B'nai Brith of Somerville	\$28,500
Congregation B'nai Shalom, Westborough	\$49,000
Congregation Etz Chaim Inc., Sharon	\$45,000
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham	\$29,763
Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, Newton	\$34,598
Crispus Attucks Children's Center, Dorchester	\$22,843
Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Framingham	\$23,750
Emerson College, Boston	\$39,048
Encounter Church, Westwood	\$30,793
Fenway Community Health Center, Inc., Boston	\$38,964
First Baptist Christian School, Weymouth	\$21,030
First Baptist Church, Springfield	\$30,000
Free Christian Church, Andover	\$21,400
Friends of the Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield	\$30,000
Gann Academy, Waltham	\$45,000
Garden City Church of the Assemblies of God, Beverly	\$31,870
Gordon College, Wenham	\$44,676
Grace Chapel, Lexington	\$45,399
Greater Framingham Community Church, Framingham	\$36,441
Hebrew SeniorLife, Inc., Boston	\$25,812
Holbrook Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$11,165
Holy Name Parish School, West Roxbury	\$39,803
Holy Name School, Fall River	\$31,000
Holy Trinity School, Fall River	\$36,830
Immaculate Conception School, Lowell	\$18,532
Immanuel Baptist Church, Chelmsford	\$18,500
International Institute of New England, Boston	\$51,435
International Language Institute of Massachusetts, Northampton	\$12,534
It Takes a Village, Huntington	\$24,773
Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston, Newton	\$52,990

<b>CNSGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
Jewish Community Centre of Sharon, aka Temple Israel, Sharon	\$32,500
Jewish Enrichment Center of Greater Boston, Allston	\$60,000
Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts, Worcester	\$32,000
Kerem Shalom, Inc., Concord	\$4,624
La Colaborativa, Chelsea	\$30,000
Lander-Grinspoon Academy, Northampton	\$39,592
Latin American Health Alliance of Central Massachusetts, Inc., Worcester	\$39,950
Lawyers for Civil Rights, Boston	\$29,600
Lubavitch of Cambridge Inc., Cambridge	\$25,000
Maimonides School, Brookline	\$19,802
Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Presbyterian Church, Springfield	\$16,050
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Grammar School, Roxbury	\$43,000
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly	\$30,699
Motivation Church, Holbrook	\$15,152
Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Greater Springfield, Springfield	\$10,138
New Covenant Church Ministries, Inc., aka New Covenant School, Lexington	\$34,210
New England Hebrew Academy, Brookline	\$30,000
New England Hindu Temple Inc., Ashland	\$36,676
North Star Family Services, Leominster	\$41,740
Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School, Methuen	\$38,300
Old South Union Church, Weymouth	\$34,260
Our Lady of Hope Parish, Ipswich	\$37,346
Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Worcester	\$47,639
Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Boston	\$19,501
Pope Francis Preparatory School, Inc., Springfield	\$36,626
Restoration City Church, Dorchester	\$15,812
Diocese of Fall River, Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, Fall River	\$42,739
Diocese of Fall River, Parish of the Good Shepherd, Fall River	\$32,387
Safe Exit Initiative Sei Inc., Worcester	\$10,859
Saint Bridget School, Framingham	\$34,274
Saint Catherine of Siena School, Norwood	\$30,226
Saint Columbkille Partnership School, Brighton	\$15,460
Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, Milton	\$20,011
Saint Joseph School, Medford	\$23,488
Saint Mary of the Assumption, Brookline	\$38,400
Saint Michael School, Lowell	\$36,139
Saint Patrick School, Stoneham	\$38,204
Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus School, Somerville	\$44,355
Shaloh School Oholei Torah, Brighton	\$37,201
Shaloh School Oholei Torah of Stoughton	\$45,311
Sinai Temple Endowment Trust, Springfield	\$30,511
South Shore Chabad Lubavitch Inc., Duxbury	\$54,390
St James-St John/St Teresa of Calcutta School, New Bedford	\$42,581
St Paul's Church, Warren	\$37,500

<b>CNSGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
St Theresa's Parish, North Reading	\$39,696
St. Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church, Arlington	\$57,404
St. Brigid Parish, Lexington	\$24,048
St. Francis Church, Belchertown	\$33,485
St. John The Evangelist Parish, Townsend	\$30,000
St. Mary of the Annunciation School, Danvers	\$41,034
St. Mary of the Hills School, Milton	\$30,000
St. Mary Parish School, Westfield	\$30,099
St. Mary's School, Lee	\$25,323
St. Michael Parish, North Andover	\$21,876
St. Michael School, Fall River	\$29,500
St. Patrick Parish, Lawrence	\$29,103
St. Theresa of Avila School, Boston	\$22,872
Striar Hebrew Academy, Sharon	\$30,000
Temple Aliyah, Needham	\$37,439
Temple Beth Am, Framingham	\$40,000
Temple Emanuel, Newton	\$30,000
Temple Emanuel Cemetery Association, Lawrence	\$23,339
Temple Israel of Boston	\$40,600
Temple Israel of Greenfield	\$31,610
Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody	\$30,000
The EcoTarium, Worcester	\$39,000
The First Congregational Church of Wareham United Church of Christ, Wareham	\$26,800
The Islamic Society of Boston, Cambridge	\$10,500
The Satanic Temple, Inc., Salem	\$2,000
The Wang Center of Performing Arts, Boston	\$13,008
Transhealth, Florence	\$35,386
Trinity Catholic Academy, Inc., Brockton	\$31,524
Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod, Inc., Barnstable	\$24,940
United Church of Christ Congregation, Norwell	\$40,725
United Church of Christ, Pittsfield	\$41,030
United Parish of Brookline	\$40,524
Ursuline Academy, Dedham	\$26,857
Venerini Academy, Worcester	\$41,603
Worcester Jewish Community Center, Worcester	\$21,970
YMCA of Greater Westfield, Westfield	\$36,250
Young Israel of Brookline	\$10,500
Young Israel of Sharon	\$20,625
YWCA Central Massachusetts, Inc., Worcester	\$9,163

<b>CNSPGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah, Orleans	\$7,109
Bais Yaakov of Boston, Brighton	\$20,468

<b>CNSPGP Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>
CCF Ministries, Lowell	\$39,987
Chabad Cape Ann, Gloucester	\$9,311
Chabad Lubavitch, Inc., Newton	\$5,945
Chabad of Brookline, Inc.	\$12,750
Congregation Eitz Chayim, Inc., Cambridge	\$6,810
Congregation Temple Emanuel, Andover	\$10,237
Jewish Community Day School, Inc., Watertown	\$31,050
LightWorks Collective, Holyoke	\$17,500
MetroWest Jewish Day School, Framingham	\$19,215
New England Sikh Study Circle, Inc., Westborough	\$7,020
North End Community Health Committee, Inc., Charlestown	\$35,000
Ruach Israel, Needham	\$4,600
Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, Boston	\$40,000
Springfield Jewish Community Center, Springfield	\$40,000
St. Anthony Shrine, Boston	\$40,000
Temple Ahavat Achim, Gloucester	\$5,700
Temple Beth David of Dedham-Westwood, Inc., Westwood	\$26,943
Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline	\$39,999
The Arthur J. Epstein Hillel School, Marblehead	\$31,200
The Rashi School, Dedham	\$9,970
Union for Reform Judaism, Great Barrington	\$39,990

### **Disbursement**

The full award amount will be rendered to each organization once their contract is executed and all contract documents approved. To help ensure compliance with grant rules and regulations, OGR scheduled a Technical Assistance Webinar with all the awardees to review quarterly programmatic and financial reporting.

A total of \$235,000 was initially set aside for OGR administration but subsequently reduced to \$183,000 through mid-year cost saving efforts.