

Reminder for 2023, DHS/FEMA has determined that recipients should allocate a total of 30% of their SHSP and UASI award funds across the following six priority areas. As indicated below, five of the priorities have minimum spend requirements totaling 15% of SHSP and UASI awards and allow for the flexibility to allocate the remaining 15% across these priorities.

Enhancing the protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (Minimum spend requirement, 3%):

- Operational overtime
- Physical security enhancements
 - Closed-circuit television security cameras
 - Security screening equipment for people and baggage
 - Lighting
 - Access controls
 - Fencing, gates, barriers, etc.
- Unmanned aircraft system detection technologies

Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing (Minimum spend requirement, 3%):

- Fusion center operations (Fusion Center project will be required under this investment, no longer as a standalone investment)
- Information sharing with all DHS components; fusion centers; other operational, investigative, and analytic entities; and other federal law enforcement and intelligence entities
- Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition, assessment, analysis, and mitigation
- Identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence
- Joint intelligence analysis training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS

Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (Minimum spend requirement, 3%):

- Open-source analysis of disinformation and misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats
- Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis
- Execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists
- Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors) to help prevent radicalization
- Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential instances of domestic violent extremism

Enhancing Cybersecurity (No minimum spend requirement):

- Cybersecurity risk assessments

- Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
 - Improving cybersecurity of critical infrastructure to meet minimum levels identified by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the [National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework](#)
 - Adoption of cybersecurity performance goals ([Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals](#)| CISA)
 - Cybersecurity training and planning

Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience (Minimum spend requirement, 3%):

- Establish, train, and maintain Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Teen CERT, with a focus on historically underserved communities, including procurement of appropriate tools, equipment and training aides:
 - Local delivery of CERT train-the-trainer and CERT Program Manager to build local program training and maintenance capacity
- Provide continuity training, such as FEMA’s Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training, to faith-based organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, nonprofit medical providers and senior care facilities to bolster their resilience to all hazards
- Partner with local school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other educational programming to guide students on how to create emergency kits and family communications plans
- Partner with key stakeholders to assist with completing the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit or a similar tool to bolster the disaster centric financial resilience of individuals and households
- Execute [You are the Help Until the Help Arrives](#) workshops in concert with community-based organizations to bolster individual preparedness
- Target youth preparedness using FEMA programing such as Prepare with Pedro resources and Ready2Help
- Promote community planning, coordination, and integration of children’s needs during emergencies through workshops like FEMA’s Integrating the Needs of Children
- Community Mapping: identify community resources and characteristics in order to identify gaps in resources, identify hazards and vulnerabilities, and inform action to promote resilience
- Provide training and awareness programs with key stakeholders (e.g., through social media, community and civic organizations) to educate the public on misinformation and disinformation campaigns to increase individual and community resilience
- Support integrated and cross-jurisdictional preparedness planning that considers how the community develops networks of information-sharing and collaboration among community-based organizations and government institutions to enable a quicker recovery from multiple threats, including terrorist actions.

Enhancing Election Security (Minimum spend requirement, 3%):

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures – e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.

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- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial Of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services
- Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.