

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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If my nonprofit is applying for our church, could we also apply for our parsonage, which has a separate address?

Yes. Is it a nonprofit? Is the parsonage a part of the nonprofit? Or should I say the parsonage is under the nonprofit. Then yes, it would be 2 separate applications. And if you're going to apply for the one in December, then it's 2 separate applications with a maximum of 200,000 for each building.

Please explain again the difference between, the 1-million-dollar cap and the \$600,000.

Okay, so the \$600,000 cap is for a nonprofit organization. So, if a nonprofit organization has 2 or 3 buildings, and they could be at one location or multiple locations then the maximum amount that you can submit would be 600,000 and it would be 200,000 for each building. Now, if you have 3 buildings at one location, but they're detached, they're separate buildings, but they all have the same address, you could still submit for up to 600,000, 200,000 for each building. Now, if you have 3 buildings at one location, but they're detached. They're separate buildings, but they all have the same address, you could still submit for up to 600,000, 200,000 for each building. So, I hope that explains for the cap, 600,000. The consortium is where a nonprofit organization says I will be the lead nonprofit organization for multiple nonprofit organizations. They don't have to share the same building. They don't have to share the same location; they can be spread out across the city. But well, they will have to be if they're in Hampton Roads and it all have to be in Hampton Roads, and if they're in Northern Virginia, they have to be in North Virginia. If they're the state, then the state. So, they will still have to fall under that banner. But it can be multiple organizations submitting up to a million dollars. But it can be multiple organizations submitting up to a million dollars. To this one organization who will designate themselves as a project lead. So, say ABC is a nonprofit organization and they have relationship with other nonprofit organizations and the nonprofit organizations like say 4 or 5 of them and they're like, well, we want you to be the lead. We'll submit all of our paperwork to you. You'll get the funding, you'll distribute the funding to us and be our project manager, right? That's a consortium. And that's the 1-million-dollar

cap. It's not, limited to one nonprofit. It's 1 nonprofit submitting on the behalf of several other nonprofits.

For example, if this was full gospel okay, we are a nonprofit and we have churches under our full gospel umbrella that are non-profit. but our headquarters, would like to apply for that grant as the umbrella over those other entities under our umbrella?

Yes, that's a perfect example. I want to piggyback on what you just said. So even though full gospel as the example, full gospel is going to submit on the behalf of the churches under the full gospel up to a million dollars, right? Each building still has to have vulnerability assessment. So, they still have to have that vulnerability because you can't write an application if you don't know your vulnerabilities.

Does the grant cover roofs if it is a security threat?

No, and. I would need to probably do some digging, but I don't know. I don't think they would replace a roof. it has to be glaring on the vulnerability assessment because keep in mind the program is geared towards Anti-terrorism.

So, as we're talking about security and anti-terrorism. I do remember there was a slide in regard to the side, that said not allowable, but what does that mean if we have churches that are on the web. That have active websites that actively do things via web, meaning cybersecurity.

So, it depends on what you're looking to do. When you say cybersecurity, like have you had some type of exposure? Have you had someone penetrate your system? So, you're looking at like purchasing a security or some type of protective wear for your system, I think you'd have to really show, cause keep in mind this grant is physical security enhancements. Why cybersecurity? I think it's tied to the access controls. They would really have to define what is it that you want to spend money off for cybersecurity.

As far as training in that aspect, would that be something considered?

What do you mean like I said the active shooter training?

Some type of training that is and that will be maybe internal to, maybe their administration that are actively using the website and things of that nature or across the board?

I would invite Sissa to come in. And they will do it for free. That's the is our federal partner. They are cybersecurity infrastructure security agency. And that's what they do. They do cybersecurity, they do the physical.

How fast can the assessment be done? Is it possible to get it done before December 13? With the holiday season upon us?

It depends on who you get to do it. CISA is an option. Your local police department is another option and if you have somebody that's part of your organization that has a security background or training in security. They could do it on the behalf of the organization, but that all depends on how busy these resources are. I think the self-assessment would be the easiest, the quickest way to get it done as long you have somebody in your church who has some type of security, I mean, anybody can do it really. But someone with a security background would probably be preferable.

How old does the CISA Vulnerability assessment has to be? Mine was done in January of 2023.

It has to be done within the past 5 years.

Could grant funds be used to enhance the security of a non-profit facility that supports victims of domestic violence?

If you can tie it in through your vulnerability assessment how enhancing your nonprofit facility will support victims of domestic violence.

I am in the northern neck region. I assume we apply through Hampton Roads area?

Can you tell me exactly what locale you said northern neck? The eastern shore? Mechanicsville?

Lancaster

No, Lancaster is not apart of the urban area. So, Lancaster, you would submit your application just directly through our portal under the state.

Designation and that info is on our website too. So, it'll show you all the localities that fall under Hampton Roads.

Who will actually come in and do a free vulnerability assessment for you?

Now, let's talk about a vulnerability assessment. Before you can actually fill out the application, you have to have a vulnerability assessment and a vulnerability assessment is a security assessment of your building. It's where you or someone in your congregation, a local police officer, or we have a federal partner, CISA, which is the cybersecurity infrastructure security agency, that will actually come in and do a free vulnerability assessment for you. What that means is they will walk the building just like a police officer or someone in your organization who may have a security background, will walk through your building and they will assess the threats, the vulnerabilities and the consequences of those threats and vulnerabilities they've identified in your building.

