BAY AREA UASI

FY26 HSGP UASI Grant Project Proposal Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, January 6th, 2026
1:00 - 2:30 PM

by

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Agenda

- Housekeeping
- UASI Overview
- FY26 UASI Grant Funding
- Proposal Process
- WebGrants Demonstration
- Post-Submission Timelines
- Q&A
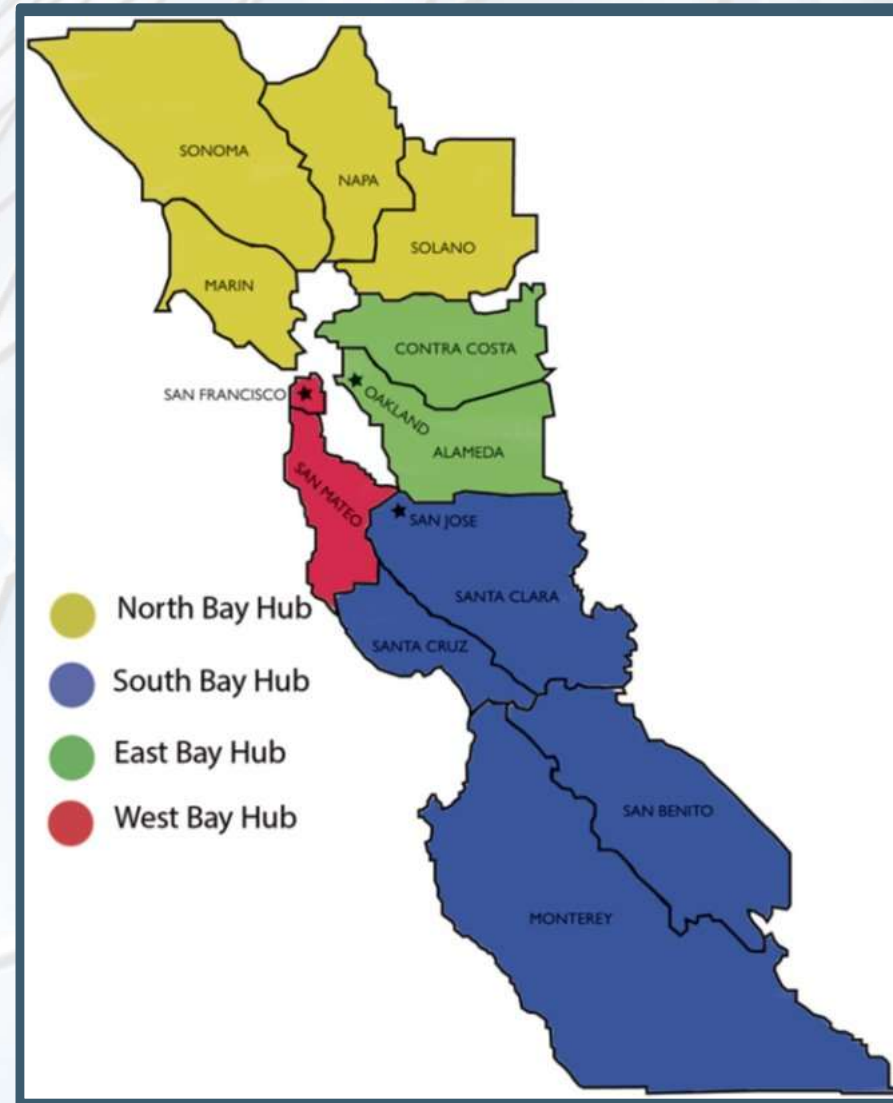
UASI Overview

Urban Areas Security Initiative

The Federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas in building and sustaining the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

- Homeland Security Grant Program (DHS FEMA) funding
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) applies for and receives UASI grant for entire state
- 6 UASIs in CA, including the Bay Area - each manages its own regional program to address unique security needs and enhance preparedness

Bay Area UASI Overview

- Twelve (12) operational areas/counties

- Three (3) Core Cities:
San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose

- Four (4) Hubs

- Bay Area UASI Management Team

- Approval Authority (board)

- CCSF is fiscal sponsor of UASI grant

FY26 Performance Period

» *Tentative* **Start Date:**
November 1, 2026

» *Tentative* **End Date**:
December 31, 2027

Circumstances Impacting FY26

💸 **Currently unknown how much HSGP funding will go to Bay Area**

! DHS FY26 federal budget has not been passed

! President's budget proposed 25% cut in UASI funding nationwide, 25% match requirement, 1 year performance period, new DHS terms and conditions

! House and Senate bills removed these requirements and restore funding levels to FY23 amounts

📜 **Harder to predict future awards with confidence than in the past**

! Still unsure about FY25 award details

! Don't know when FY26 NOFO will be released (major delays with FY25 NOFO)

! State and local lawsuits

FY26 Kickoff delayed due to lack of concrete information from DHS/FEMA and CalOES

FY26 Bay Area UASI Funding

This year, UASI grant funds will be split into three separate "buckets" that you may apply for:

1. **Core City** (Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose only)

2. **Hub** (East, North, South and West)

3. **National Priority Area Project** - new option!

All grant-funded projects must fall within:

Planning | **O**rganization | **E**quipment | **T**raining | **E**xercise

Projects must benefit at least (2) two operational areas

POETE Reference Information

POETE	Description	Requirements
Planning	Covers a wide range of community preparedness & emergency management activities Examples: The development, review, or revision of THIRA, SPR, or continuity of operations plans. Consultants / contractors allowed.	▪ Positions are limited to a maximum of 14 months for each grant year. ▪ Each position must include a specific deliverable that clearly ties to a Homeland Security Goal Area ▪ Each position must be submitted individually as a project with its own proposal.
Organization	Personnel / Staff / Teams Examples: Program management or operational support; development of regional partnerships; structures and mechanisms for information sharing between the public and private sector; salaries and benefits for intelligence analyst personnel	
Equipment	Covers a wide range of public safety equipment – must be an allowable cost with an Authorized Equipment # and often has compliance requirements. Equipment purchases that do not require compliance approval can happen much easier/faster! All equipment should be competitively bid unless below micro-threshold. Piggybacking is allowed. Examples: Bomb squad suits; interoperable communications equipment; vision/hearing protection; trailers, etc	▪ Noncompetitive procurement approval required by CalOES for any equipment over $250K that receives only one bid or is only produced by a single source ▪ Include shipping and taxes ▪ Performance bonds required for any piece of equipment over $250K AND for any vehicles, watercraft or aircraft regardless of cost ▪ Environmental and Historic Preservation requirements (EHP) for any installed equipment (not for portable) ▪ Controlled Equipment? Work with Bay Area UASI Compliance Team
Training	Builds capabilities of personnel across various disciplines (law enforcement, fire, emergency management, etc.) to have the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their roles during an emergency or terrorist event – can be classroom-based or field-based. Examples: Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) training; Intelligence analyst training; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training; Public information and warning system training; Cybersecurity training	▪ Feedback # from CSTI required for every training ▪ Clear connection to closing capability gaps or sustaining existing capabilities identified through the jurisdiction's THIRA and SPR process. ▪ Noncompetitive procurement approval required by CalOES for any trainings that receive only one vendor bid, regardless of cost ▪ Documentation is important (sign-in sheets, flyer with dates/times, training agenda, etc) ▪ EHP approval from CalOES required for field-based trainings
Exercise	Activities that simulate real-world scenarios to test and improve emergency response plans and capabilities – can be table-top or field-based. Exercises allow jurisdictions to: validate strategies and procedures outlined in their plans; practice roles and responsibilities in a controlled environment; identity gaps before an actual incident occurs; and collaborate among various agencies. Examples: Active Assailant (tabletop and field-based); Supply Chain Challenges; Earthquake scenario	▪ Noncompetitive approval authorizations required for exercises over $250K that received only one bid ▪ EHP approval from CalOES required for field-based trainings ▪ Must adhere to the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidance.

Core City and Hub Funding

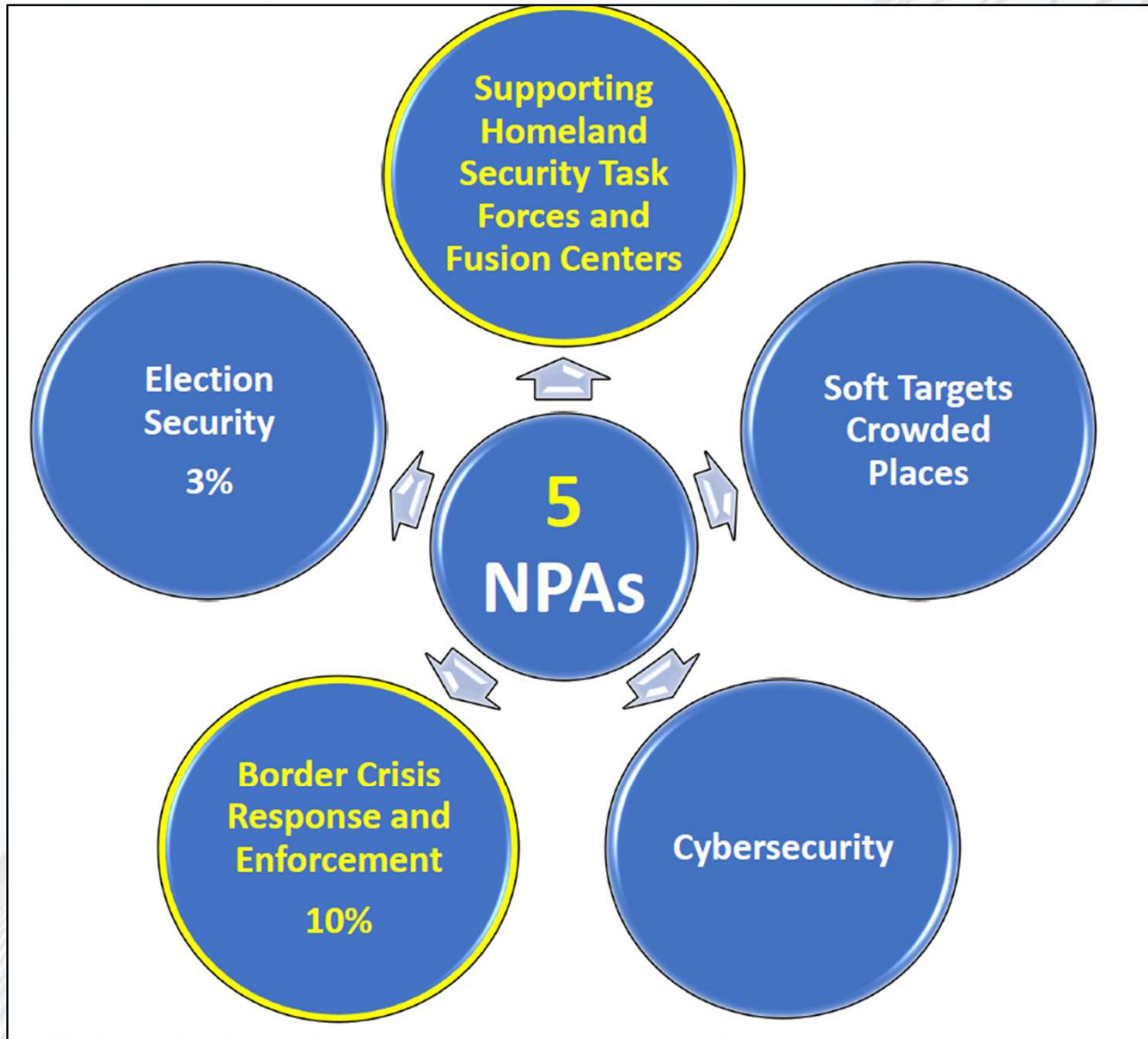## FY26 *Estimated* **Hub** Funding Allocations

East Bay	$1,557,737
North Bay	$553,198
South Bay	$1,624,895
West Bay	$2,657,652

Core Cities San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland each receive an additional $1,000,000

National Priority Area Funding

FY25 *National Priority Areas*:

- Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers
- Election Security 3%
- Soft Targets Crowded Places
- 5 NPAs
- Border Crisis Response and Enforcement 10%
- Cybersecurity

FY26 NPA *Estimated* ALLOCATION: **$ 8,051,263**

- ✓ Nearly impossible to modify projects
- ✓ More scrutiny by FEMA when reviewing and approving projects
- ✓ Be *very sure* that you can manage and implement the project

Homeland Security Goal Areas

10 "Investment Justification" Goal Areas that projects can fall under, including National Priority Area Goals:

Goals 1-4, 10
National Priority Areas

Supporting Fusion Center

Soft Targets

Cyber Security

Border Security

Election Security

NPAs eliminated by current Administration (for FY25):

- Domestic Violent Extremism
- Community Preparedness and Resilience

Homeland Security Goal Areas

Most of your FY26 projects will fall under these five goal areas / IJs:

Goal 5
Strengthen Emergency Communications Capabilities through Planning, Governance, Technology and Equipment

Goal 6
Enhance Medical & Public Health Preparedness

Goal 7
Strengthen Information Sharing & Collaboration

Goal 8
Enhance Multi/inter-Jurisdictional Incident Planning, Response & Recovery Capabilities

Goal 9
Protect Critical Infrastructure / CBRNE

Core Capabilities

See BAUASI FY26 Project Proposal Guidance Appendix B
https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/mission-core-capabilities

FY26 Application Process

☑ Retiring the 2-year grant application cycle - back to 1 year only

☑ Applications will be accepted for a **3-week** period

☑ When FY26 NOFO is released, we will have to adjust accordingly and quickly

☑ Applicants may now submit project proposals for **National Priority Area projects**, as well as **Training & Exercise projects**

☑ Submit a separate application for <u>each</u> project

- each position must be submitted as a separate application

- don't include more than one POETE category in the same application

Developing your Project

Give the project a clear title!

"SFFD Night Vision Eyewear" or

"Santa Clara Emergency Planner III position"

Be descriptive, but brief

no more than two to three sentences.

- **Who** does the project benefit?

    city/county fire department | bomb squad

- **What** does the project entail?

    develop plans | purchase equipment | hire staff

- **When** will you be working on this project?

- **Where** is your jurisdiction?

- **Why** is this project needed?

Compliance

NCPA, EHP, Aircraft or Watercraft Approval?

Determine these requirements early!

Compliance Forms

- [Environmental Historical Preservation (EHP) Screening (PDF)](#)
- [Non-Competitive Procurement Authorization (NCPA) (PDF)](#)
- [Aviation Request (PDF)](#)
- [Watercraft Request (PDF)](#)
- [UAS-Drones Request Form (PDF)](#)
- [HSGP(s) UAS Request Checklist (PDF)](#)
- [FEMA-Controlled Equipment Request Form (PDF)](#)
- [Cal OES Controlled Equipment Self-Certification Form (PDF)](#)

» Cal OES NCPA approval is only required if the **equipment** cost is over $250k. Otherwise, follow jurisdiction regulation.

» All noncompetitively bid **trainings** require NCPA approval, regardless of cost (if only one bid is received)

» Performance bonds are REQUIRED to purchase any item over $250k. All vehicles, aircraft and vessels need performance bonds as well. In some instances a performance bond waiver can be obtained.

Five Milestones Required

Planning | Organization | Equipment | Training | Exercise

Planning
determine objectives | engage stakeholders | draft plan

Organization
determine objectives | recruit | draft assessment

Equipment
submit NCPA/PB request | receive equipment | installation

Training
submit NCPA request | schedule training | deliver training

Exercise
submit EHP request | schedule exercise | deliver exercise

Be Realistic! Everything takes longer than you think

Equipment-specific Budget

Use the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL)

First two numbers correlate with the equipment category list

A	B
AELCode	Title
04AP-04-RISK	Software, Risk Management

04 correlates with the 4th category in the FEMA Authorized Equipment dropdown list, "Information Technology"

All equipment projects need an associated AEL #

Proposal Review Timeline

Webgrants Portal Opens	**January 7, 2026**
Webgrants Portal Closes	**January 27, 2026**
BAUASI Compliance Review	January 28 – February 13, 2026
Approval Authority Review	February 17th – 27th, 2026
Hub Voting Member Review	March 2nd – 13st, 2026
Hub Prioritization Meetings	Late March/early April 2026
Notify Applicants of Awards	May/June 2026 (TBD by NOFO)

FY26 Project Proposal Guidance

Refer to the Project Proposal Guidance for more information on:

» Bay Area UASI's Goal Areas, Core Capabilities, Capability Gaps (Appendix A)

» Allowable Expenses (Appendix B)

Visit: https://bayareauasi-ca.gov/grants

FY26 UASI Grant Project Proposal Guidance

Application Checklist

❑ You are a local government agency located within one of the 12 Bay Area counties

❑ You have received department head approval on application

❑ The person submitting the proposal is the project lead

❑ Follows the FY26 Proposal Guidance; attended Kick-off Meeting

❑ Describes a clear "nexus to terrorism"

❑ Project will <u>supplement</u> existing funds and not supplant funds that are appropriated for the same purpose

❑ Links to a Homeland Security Goal Area and Core Capabilities

❑ Benefits at least two operational areas

❑ Includes allowable expenses under UASI grant guidelines

❑ Each project has its own application

❑ Click "SUBMIT" after all forms have been "marked as completed"

Webgrants Demonstration

7 Components to the UASI Grant Application:

General Information

Project Description
Nexus to Terrorism | Goal Areas | Core Capabilities

Compliance

Grant Performance Period

Milestones

Equipment-specific Budget

Budget

https://www.bayareauasigrants.org

Webgrants Application Portal

https://www.bayareauasigrants.org/

Login

Enter your user id and password

User ID

Password

SIGN IN

Forgot User ID?   Forgot Password?

Click here to Register

Submitted Applications ❯

Webgrants Application Portal

Application - General Information

Application ID*:	27156
Program Area*:	UASI Grant Program
Funding Opportunity*:	27112-FY26 - Bay Area UASI
Application Stage*:	Final Application
Application Status*:	Editing
Application Title*:	DTPi Test Application FY26
Applicant*:	Testing UASI Tester
Organization*:	Bay Area Public Safety Agency

Select any additional contacts within your organization that will also manage this grant. Include all contacts that will need access to claims and status reports if this project is awarded.

Additional Contacts:	Additional Applicants
I certify that this project will be used to supplement existing funds and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.*:	☐
I have attended the Project Proposal Kick-off meeting or viewed the on-line *:	☐
I have received department head approval to submit this application.*:	☐

Department Head Information

Name*:	Testing	Tester DTPi
	FIRST	LAST
Agency*:	DTPi	
Email*:	Test@test.com	
Phone*:	654-654-6549	

Webgrants Application Portal

🗐 Project Description

Select an Operational Area*:
[▼]

State which additional operational area(s) would benefit from this project and how*:
[   ]
This field is limited to 250 characters.

Describe your project. *:
[   ]
This field is limited to 750 characters.

Select a nexus to terrorism*:
[   ]
Select all that apply

Describe your project's nexus to terrorism.*:
[   ]

Select the appropriate Homeland Security Goal Area*:
[▼]

Select the primary FEMA Core Capability for your project*:
[▼]
For descriptions of Core Capabilities and functional areas see FY24 Project Proposal Guidance Appx. B, bayareauasi.org/proposals.

Select the most appropriate capability gap / Functional Area addressed by your project.*:
[▼]
If your project does not match an available capability target select: other/none

Describe how the project will help close the capability gap identified above*:
[   ]
This field is limited to 750 characters.

For the primary core capability, will the project Build, Sustain, or Build and Sustain capability?*:
[   ]
To select both, hold control/ cmd.

Webgrants Application Portal

FY26 Compliance Requirements - Current Version

Will this project require CalOES Sole Source approval?*: [dropdown]

(A) Required for any project exceeding $250,000 with only one eligible vendor.
(B) Required for any RFPs issued that receive only one bid over $250,000.

Will this project require Environmental & Historic Preservation approval?*: [dropdown]

Required for field-based training or exercises, and installed equipment.

Will this project require Watercraft approval?*: [dropdown]

Required for all watercraft purchases (including installed accessories).

Will this project require Aviation approval?*: [dropdown]

(A) Required for all aviation purchases (including installed accessories).
(B) Please note: UAV projects will require additional documentation.

Will this project require a Performance Bond?*: [dropdown]

Required for (All Vehicles, All Aircraft, All Watercraft, and any single piece of Equipment exceeding $250,000 in overall cost).

Personnel Declaration

If project includes hiring personnel, this field is required.

This project will require grant funded personnel (no supplanting): [ ]

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If this project does not require the purchase of equipment, click "Mark as Complete" to continue.
If this project does include the purchase of equipment, click on "Add" on the top menu bar.
On the "add" screen you will identify the equipment category, AEL Number, quantity, price/each, and the total.
Click "Save" at top.

Budget amounts for Planning, Organization, Training and Exercise will be entered in the "Project Budget" form.

Reference FEMA's AEL list **here**.

Select a category of FEMA Authorized Equipment*:

Select the appropriate AEL #*:

Quantity:

Price Each: $0

Total:

Webgrants Application Portal

🗗 **FY26 Budget - NM** - Current Version

⊞ **Planning** - Edit			💾 Save Grid
Each personnel project must complete a separate application.			
Category		Planning Total	Awarded Amount
Planning		$0	
			💾 Save Grid

⊞ **Organization** - Edit		💾 Save Grid
Category		
Organizations	$0	$0
		💾 Save Grid

⊞ **Equipment** - Edit		💾 Save Grid
Category		Equipment Total
Equipment		
		💾 Save Grid

⊞ **Training** - Edit			💾 Save Grid
Category		Training Total	Awarded Amount
Training		$0	
			💾 Save Grid

⊞ **Exercise** - Edit			💾 Save Grid
Category		Exercises Total	Awarded Amount
Exercise		$0	
			💾 Save Grid

📄 **Total**	💾 Save Form
Equipment Total:	
Total - This budget:	
	💾 Save Form

Webgrants Application Portal

FY26 Milestones - Current Version

⧉ Create New Version   ☰ View Versions

Please provide a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 milestones to your project.

Each milestone must be the same solution area as the project

To add a milestone, click the "Add" button on the top menu bar
Identify project milestone and estimated completion date.
Click "Save"
Click "Add" to continue adding milestones
When you have added at least 5 milestones, click "Mark as Complete"

☰ Milestones - Multi-List   **+ Add Entry**

Solution Area	Milestone	Estimated Completion Date
	No Data for Table	

+ Add Entry

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Webgrants Application Portal Closes on January 27... now what?

...the waiting begins.

UASI Review Round	Jan/Feb
Approval Authority Review	March
Hub Voting Member Final Review	March
Hub Prioritization Meetings	April
Approval Authority Project Approval	May
BAUASI Submits Application to the State	TBD
Award letter arrives from Cal OES	TBD

Q&A

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Important Links

1. Visit https://bayareauasi-ca.gov/grants .for a recording of the kick-off meeting and related documents

2. Refer to the FY26 Project Proposal Guidance when developing your project.

3. Log onto the WebGrants system to register for an account, submit your project application, and manage the grant process

4. Feel free to reference DHS/FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual