



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)?

The purpose of the FY 2010 PSGP is to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 PSGP?

The total amount of funds to be distributed under the FY 2010 PSGP is \$288 million. This comes in addition to **\$150 million** in port security grants provided by the Recovery Act (1)—totaling **\$438 million**.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 PSGP?

The Department has identified the following four priorities as its selection criteria for all FY 2010 PSGP applicants:

- Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)
- Enhancing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities
- Training and exercises
- Efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2010 PSGP funds?

Seven port areas were selected as Group I (highest risk) and forty-eight port areas were selected as Group II. For Group I and II port areas the FY 2010 PSGP only accepted applications from the designated Fiduciary Agents (FA). All individual entities (including ferry systems) within one of these port areas applied for PSGP funds through their port area's designated FA. Ports not identified in Group I or II were eligible to apply as a Group III or "All Other Port Areas" applicant. There was no designated Ferry allocation. Ferry Systems in Group I and II could apply through the designated FA. All other Ferry Systems applied within Group III or "All Other Port Areas."

The following entities were specifically encouraged to apply:

- Owners or operators of federally regulated terminals, facilities, U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries as defined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 101, 104, 105, and 106
- Port authorities or other state and local agencies that are required to provide security services to eligible Ferry System applicants (MTSA regulated facilities) pursuant to an Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP), a Facility Security Plan (FSP), or a Vessel Security Plan (VSP)
- Consortia composed of local river organizations, ports and terminal associations, and other local stakeholder groups representing federally regulated ports, terminals, U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries that are required to provide security services to federally regulated facilities or federally regulated vessels in accordance with an AMSP, a FSP or VSP; and recognized as Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) members by the Captain of the Port (COTP)
- Group I and II Fiduciary Agents (FA)

5. How were the FY 2010 PSGP funds determined?

Each Group I and Group II port area was designated a target amount of money based upon the FY 2010 risk analysis. Group III and “All Other Port Areas” (including new Group II port areas that chose to opt out of the FA process) competed for the funding identified in their corresponding group. Applications were reviewed at the field-level managed by the applicable U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, and at the national level by subject matter experts from DHS and the Department of Transportation.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 PSGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the FY 2010 PSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.