



Community Partnerships

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Fiscal Year 2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program

On December 18, 2015, Congress passed the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016* (Public Law 114-113). Sec 543 of the Act and the accompanying Joint Explanatory Statement provide \$10 million for "a countering violent extremism (CVE) initiative to help states and local communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to emergent threats from violent extremism."

Congress further instructed that "...all funds under the CVE initiative shall be provided on a competitive basis directly to states, local governments, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher education. Eligible activities for the CVE initiative shall include, but not be limited to, planning, developing, implementing, or expanding educational outreach, community engagement, social service programs, training, and exercises, as well as other activities as the Secretary [of Homeland Security] determines appropriate."

DHS will announce more details about the grant opportunity and the opening of the application period in the coming weeks.

Interested applicants are encouraged to begin to complete the following steps that will be necessary to complete and submit an application, some steps can take up to four weeks:

1. Obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number.
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>
2. Register in the System for Award Management (SAM). Registration can take up to four weeks.
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-2-register-with-sam.html>
3. Register with grants.gov as an Organization Applicant. Initial Application will be made in Grants.gov
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>
4. Register for the FEMA Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System. Final application submission will be made in ND Grants and Awards will be managed in ND Grants.
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/92632>
5. Create your Organization in ND Grants. Multiple individuals from the same organization may register in ND grants and select their roles. Once registered one user should create the organization in the system.
6. For more information, review the ND Grants Training Manual: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/25949> or sign up for online training by emailing NDGrants@fema.gov.

For more information on the registration process see, Organization Applicant Registration at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html> and "Tips for registering" at: <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister>

For more information on countering violent extremism, please contact the DHS Office for Community Partnerships at: CommunityPartnerships@hq.dhs.gov.