



2009 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG)

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Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) provides funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress from International borders to include travel corridors in States bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as States and territories with International water borders.

- **Available Funding: \$60M**
- **Application Deadline: March 20, 2009 no later than 11:59 PM EDT**
- **Period of Performance: 36 months**
- **Matching Requirement: None**
- **Eligibility: Only the State Administrative Agency (SAA) can apply**

Funding Allocation: **Awarded Competitively!**

- ◆ **Not all applicants are guaranteed to receive funding**

States and Territories	
Alabama	New Jersey
Alaska	New Mexico
Arizona	New York
California	North Carolina
Connecticut	North Dakota
Delaware	Ohio
Florida	Oregon
Georgia	Pennsylvania
Hawaii	Rhode Island
Idaho	South Carolina
Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Vermont
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	Washington
Michigan	Puerto Rico
Minnesota	U.S. Virgin Islands
Mississippi	American Samoa
Montana	Guam
New Hampshire	Northern Mariana Islands

Funding Priorities:

1. Increasing capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues
2. Encouraging local operational objectives and capabilities to enhance National and State Homeland Security Strategies
3. Increasing coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies
4. Continuing the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection
5. Providing intelligence-based operations through CBP/Border Patrol (BP)
6. Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of Federal,
7. State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities

Scoring Criteria:

- ✚ Threat
- ✚ Vulnerability
- ✚ Miles of Border
- ✚ Other border specific "law enforcement intelligence"

Scoring Methodology:

- ✚ Combination of Risk & Feasibility
- ✚ Ranked By:
 - **Need** - The relative need for the local unit of government compared to the other applicants
 - **Impact** - The potential impact of the Operations Order on achieving maximum border protection results at minimal cost

Allowable Costs:

- ✚ Operational Overtime
- ✚ Travel and Per Diem
- ✚ Vehicle and Equipment Rentals
- ✚ Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance
- ✚ Fuel Cost and/or Mileage Reimbursement
- ✚ Equipment

While equipment is an allowable expense, the FY 2009 OPSG is not intended to be an equipment-centric grant.

OPSG funds may also be used for equipment replacement costs and acquisition of equipment listed under the UASI & LETPP equipment categories found in the Authorized Equipment List (AEL). All allowable equipment costs are listed in the AEL, available at <https://www.rkb.us>

(Interoperability communications equipment -- cat 6)

How to Apply:

DO NOT WAIT. We *strongly recommend* that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process. Contact your SAA to understand how projects are indentified. Follow *all* of your State's processes so your project will be considered for funding

Web Links:

1. Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program Announcement:
http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1225900531284.shtm
2. Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program Guidance & Application Kit:
http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/opsg/fy09_opsg_guidance.pdf
3. Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program FAQ's:
http://www.fema.gov/doc/government/grant/opsg/fy_2009_opsg_faq.doc
4. Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program Order Template:
http://www.fema.gov/doc/government/grant/opsg/fy09_opsg_operations_order_report_template.doc
5. Link to State Administrative Agency (SAA) Map:
<http://www.dhs.gov/xgovt/grants/index.shtm>