

At a Glance: BZPP

FEMA Buffer Zone Protection Program

Example Projects

- Security Fences
- Security Cameras
- Limited-Access Doors
- Traffic Barriers

Eligibility:

The BZPP provides funding to increase the preparedness capabilities of jurisdictions responsible for the safety and security of communities surrounding high-priority pre-designated Tier 1 and Tier 2 critical infrastructure and key resource (CIKR) assets, including chemical facilities, financial institutions, nuclear and electric power plants, dams, stadiums, and other high-risk/high-consequence facilities, through allowable planning and equipment acquisition. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2010 BZPP funds and is responsible for obligating the funds to the appropriate local units of government or other designated recipients. The SAA must coordinate all BZPP activities with their respective State Homeland Security Advisor (HSA).

Timeline:

December—Release date for FY BZPP Grant Guidance and Application Kit. February—Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA. November—Deadline for grantees to submit Buffer Zone Plans (BZPs) to DHS-FEMA. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

Evaluation Criteria:

The allocation methodology for BZPP builds upon the program plan and methodology from the previous year. Tier 1 and Tier 2 assets have been prioritized, and funds are being applied to address the list of assets supported by the BZPP. Based upon results of the DHS prioritization work with state and local colleagues, eligible states and territories may participate in and receive funding under the current year's BZPP. The specific sites and their locations are sensitive and DHS has directly contacted each state with information regarding the identity, and location of the selected high-risk sites in their area, as well as the respective funding levels for those areas.

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

Key Resources:

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov.
- The Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Protective Security Coordination Division (PSCD) provides a range of support to BZPP grantees and sub-grantees. The PSCD can provide a federally guided vulnerability assessment team to assist in the development of the BZP. BZP workshops, which train law enforcement and other homeland security prevention personnel are also available to support grantee and sub-grantee jurisdictions. For more information on assessments or the assessment process, please contact ipassessments@dhs.gov.



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