

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 439, *approved January 18, 2022*
Assembly, No. 1663 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** establishing the “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant
2 Program” and supplementing chapter 9 of Appendix A.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares:
- 8 a. The three year "New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Pilot
9 Program" established under P.L.2017, c.246 in the Office of Homeland
10 Security and Preparedness (OHSP) **~~‘[shall expire]~~** expired¹ on
11 January 10, 2020;
- 12 b. In these volatile times, the need to remain vigilant concerning
13 domestic security and State and local preparedness remains of
14 imminent importance;
- 15 c. Certain nonprofit organizations continue to be at high risk for
16 threats, attacks, and other violent acts, and would continue to benefit
17 from engaging in target hardening activities to reduce vulnerability;
- 18 d. Federal grant money distributed through the United States
19 Department of Homeland Security’s Nonprofit Security Grant
20 Program provides these organizations with a competitive process to
21 secure funds for certain target hardening activities, the expansion of
22 existing security personnel, or the hiring of temporary security
23 personnel, but such federal funds **~~‘[to New Jersey institutions are~~**
24 **~~limited based on national competition]~~** are appropriated annually and
25 are discretionary¹;
- 26 e. With the threat potential increasing during specific times of
27 year or when high profile events are occurring, certain nonprofit
28 organizations would benefit from additional funding to ensure security
29 personnel is adequate to meet the increased need;
- 30 f. Because threats, attacks, and other violent acts are not limited
31 to public sector entities, it is appropriate for the State to assist certain
32 targeted nonprofit organizations in the private sector to ensure their
33 readiness and the safety of their surrounding communities; and
- 34 g. Accordingly, it is within the public interest to make the “New
35 Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program” in the Office of Homeland
36 Security and Preparedness permanent to continue to provide grants to
37 eligible nonprofit organizations ‘at greatest risk of attack¹ to hire
38 permanent or temporary security personnel and for acquisition of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **~~[thus]~~** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted February 24, 2021.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 18, 2021.

1 target hardening equipment for the purpose of preparedness and
2 reduction of vulnerability.

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4 2. As used in this act:

5 “Director” means the Director of the Office of Homeland
6 Security and Preparedness.

7 “Eligible nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit organization
8 located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation
9 pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code
10 (26 U.S.C. s. 501 (c)(3)).

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12 3. a. There is hereby established the “New Jersey Nonprofit
13 Security Grant Program” ¹(NJNSGP)¹ in the Office of Homeland
14 Security and Preparedness, which shall provide grants to eligible
15 nonprofit organizations ¹at greatest risk of attack¹ as annually
16 appropriated (1) to hire permanent or temporary security personnel
17 limited to federal, State, county, or municipal law enforcement
18 officers, special law enforcement officers appointed pursuant to
19 P.L.1985, c.439 (C.40A:14-146.8 et seq.), or security officers
20 registered pursuant to P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-1 et seq.), and (2)
21 for acquisition of target hardening equipment for the purpose of
22 preparedness against threats, attacks, and other violent acts.

23 b. The director shall administer the New Jersey Nonprofit
24 Security Grant Program. There shall annually be distributed to
25 approved eligible nonprofit organizations a maximum grant of up to
26 \$10,000 per approved application for personnel and a maximum
27 grant of up to \$50,000 for target hardening equipment. ¹The
28 director may adjust these amounts based upon the final availability
29 of funds, analytical trends, and emerging threats.¹

30 c. An eligible nonprofit organization shall apply to the Office
31 of Homeland Security and Preparedness to receive a grant under the
32 program, for either costs of security personnel or acquisition of
33 target hardening equipment, or both; however, an applicant only
34 may be awarded funds for either personnel or for equipment in a
35 fiscal year. The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness first
36 shall evaluate all applications as to whether they are at high risk of
37 terrorist attack, threats, ¹domestic extremism,¹ and other violent
38 acts. The costs of hiring security personnel shall include the cost of
39 hiring ¹security¹ personnel for an event ¹within the geographic
40 boundaries of the State¹ primarily organized by the applicant away
41 from the applicant’s physical location ¹as recorded on the grant
42 application¹ and for which the applicant bears legal liability. The
43 funds distributed under the program shall be utilized solely for
44 security investments made within this State. No funds shall be
45 utilized ¹[for travel] to support security needs while traveling¹
46 outside of this State.

1 Applicants may apply annually for a disbursement of funds for
2 costs of security personnel and may be awarded grants in successive
3 years. The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness shall
4 assign a preference for applicants who have not received a federal
5 security grant that includes funding for hiring security personnel in
6 the last two federal grant cycles.

7 Applicants may apply annually for grant funds for acquisition of
8 target hardening equipment. The Office of Homeland Security and
9 Preparedness shall assign a preference for applicants who have not
10 received either a federal or State security grant for target hardening
11 equipment in the last two grant cycles.

12 d. The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness shall
13 request annually as part of its annual budget proposal a minimum of
14 ~~'[\$2,000,000]~~ ~~²[\$5,000,000¹]~~ \$2,000,000² to fund the grants
15 authorized pursuant to this section. The office also shall pursue and
16 develop, with the Department of Law and Public Safety, the United
17 States Department of Homeland Security, and any other applicable
18 State or federal agency, any available federal, State, local, and
19 private funding for the grants authorized pursuant to this section.

20 e. Of the amount appropriated to the program, five percent
21 shall be allocated to the Office of Homeland Security and
22 Preparedness to be used to administer the program.

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24 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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29 Establishes "New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program."