

Homeland Security Grant Program - Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG)
FY 2023 Standard Assurances
 (All OPSG Participating Agencies)

Name of Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

As the duly authorized representative of the Agency ("Agency") named above, I hereby certify that the Agency has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including sufficient funds to pay any non-federal share of project cost or to retroactively repay any reimbursement found out of compliance which was paid to Agency, for as long as the grant is active) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application, within prescribed timelines.

I further acknowledge that the Agency is responsible for reviewing and adhering to all requirements within the:

- (a) Applicable Federal Regulations (see below);
- (b) Federal Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- (c) Federal Preparedness Grants Manual;
- (d) HSGP California State Supplement to the NOFO; and
- (e) Federal and State Grant Program Guidelines.

Federal Regulations

Government cost principles, uniform administrative requirements and audit requirements for federal grant programs are set forth in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). Updates are issued by the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/) and can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>.

Significant state and federal grant award requirements (some of which appear in the documents listed above) are set forth below. The Agency hereby agrees to comply with the following:

1. Proof of Authority

The Agency will obtain written authorization from the city council, governing board or authorized body in support of this project. This written authorization must specify that the Agency and the city council, governing board or authorized body agree:

- (a) To provide all matching funds required for said project and that any cash match will be appropriated as required;
- (b) That any liability arising out of the performance of this agreement shall be the responsibility of the Agency and the city council, governing board or authorized body;
- (c) That grant funds shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council, governing board or authorized body;

- (d) That the Agency is authorized by the city council, governing body, or authorized body to apply for federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project cost, if any, or to retroactively repay any reimbursement found out of compliance which was paid to Agency, for as long as the grant is active) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application; and
- (e) That the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so.

This Proof of Authority must be maintained on file and readily available upon request.

2. Period of Performance

The Agency is only authorized to perform allowable activities approved under the award, within the period of performance specified in the grant. Allowable activities may be initiated after approval of the award.

3. Lobbying and Political Activities

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C.), for persons entering into a contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement from an agency or requests or receives from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the Agency certifies that:

- (a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Agencies shall certify and disclose accordingly.

The Agency will also comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and §§7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Finally, the Agency agrees that federal funds will not be used, directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy without the express written approval from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) or the federal awarding agency.

4. Debarment and Suspension

As required by Executive Orders (EO) 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R §200.213 and codified in 2 C.F.R Part 180, Debarment and Suspension, the Agency will provide protection against waste, fraud and abuse by debarment or suspending those persons deemed irresponsible in their dealings with the federal government. The Agency certifies that it and its principals, contractors, or subcontractors:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements,

- or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the Agency is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

5. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

The Agency will comply with all state and federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law (P.L.) 88-352 and 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et. seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin and requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services;
- (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685- 1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded educational program or activity;
- (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities or access and functional needs;
- (d) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, and requires buildings and structures be accessible to those with disabilities and access and functional needs (42 U.S.C. § 12101-12213);
- (e) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
- (f) Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd --- 2), relating to confidentiality of patient records regarding substance abuse treatment;
- (g) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units --- i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators) --- be designed and constructed with certain accessible features (See 24 C.F.R § 100.201);
- (h) Executive Order (E.O.) 11246, which prohibits federal contractors and federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors, who do over \$10,000 in Government business in one year from discriminating in employment decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, or national origin;
- (i) Executive Order (E.O.) 11375, which bans discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, or national origin in hiring and employment in both the United States federal workforce and on the part of government contractors;
- (j) California Public Contract Code § 10295.3, which prohibits discrimination based on domestic partnerships and those in same sex marriages;
- (k) DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations, under which all recipients must comply with equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19;
- (l) The Agency will comply with California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) (California Government Code § 12940, 12945, 42945.2), as applicable. FEHA prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment because of ancestry, familial status, race, color, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth,

breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, mental and physical disability, genetic information, medical condition, age, pregnancy, denial of medical and family care leave, or pregnancy disability leave, military and veteran status, and/or retaliation for protesting illegal discrimination related to one of these categories, or for reporting patient abuse in tax supported institutions;

- (m) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for federal assistance is being made; and
- (n) The requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

6. Drug-Free Workplace

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), the Agency certifies that it will maintain a drug-free workplace and a drug-free awareness program as outlined in the Act.

7. Environmental Standards

The Agency will comply with State and Federal environmental standards, including:

- (a) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000-21177), to include coordination with the city or county planning agency;
- (b) CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§ 15000-15387);
- (c) Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters;
- (d) Federal Clean Air Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. § 7401), which regulates air emissions from stationary and mobile sources;
- (e) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA; and Executive Orders (EO) 12898 which focuses on the environmental and human health effects of federal actions on minority and low-income populations with the goal of achieving environmental protection for all communities;
- (f) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988
- (g) Executive Order (EO) 11514 which sets forth national environmental standards;
- (h) Executive Order (EO) 11738 instituted to assure that each federal agency empowered to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods, materials, or services and each federal agency empowered to extend federal assistance by way of grant, loan, or contract shall undertake such procurement and assistance activities in a manner that will result in effective enforcement of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Executive Order (EO) 11990 which requires preservation of wetlands;
- (i) The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, (P.L. 93-523);
- (j) The Endangered Species Act of 1973, (P.L. 93-205);
- (k) Assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.);
- (l) Conformity of Federal Actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.);
- (m) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

The Agency shall not be: 1) in violation of any order or resolution promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution district; 2) subject to a cease and desist order pursuant to § 13301 of the California Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or 3) determined to be in violation of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

8. Audits

For grant recipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually, the Agency will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Subpart F Audit Requirements.

9. Access to Records

In accordance with 2 C.F.R § 200.336, the Agency will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award. The Agency will require any subrecipients, contractors, successors, transferees and assignees to acknowledge and agree to comply with this provision.

10. Conflict of Interest

The Agency will establish safeguards to prohibit the Agency's employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

11. Financial Management

False Claims for Payment - The Agency will comply with 31 U.S.C § 3729-3733 which sets forth that no subgrantee, recipient or subrecipient shall submit a false claim for payment, reimbursement or advance.

12. Reporting - Accountability

The Agency agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (P.L. 109-282), specifically (a) the reporting of subawards obligating \$25,000 or more in federal funds and (b) executive compensation data for first-tier subawards. This includes the provisions of FFATA, which includes requirements for executive compensation, and also requirements implementing the Act for the non-federal entity at 2 C.F.R. part 25 Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration and 2 C.F.R. part 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.

13. Whistleblower Protections

The Agency also must comply with statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at 10 U.S.C. § 2409, 41 U.S.C. § 4712, and 10 U.S.C. § 2324, 41 U.S.C. § 4304 and § 4310.

14. Human Trafficking

The Agency will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a subrecipient from: (1) engaging in trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (3) using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

15. Labor Standards

The Agency will comply with the following federal labor standards:

- (a) The Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-7), as applicable, and the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145 and 18 U.S.C. § 874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction contracts or subcontracts, and
- (b) The Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et al.) as they apply to employees of institutes of higher learning (IHE), hospitals and other non-profit organizations.

16. Worker's Compensation

The Agency must comply with provisions which require every employer to be insured to protect workers who may be injured on the job at all times during the performance of the work of this Agreement, as per the workers compensation laws set forth in California Labor Code §§ 3700 et seq.

17. Property-Related

If applicable to the type of project funded by this federal award, the Agency will:

- (a) Comply with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of federal participation in purchase;
- (b) Comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires Agencies in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;
- (c) Assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470), Executive Order (EO) 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469a-1 et seq.); and
- (d) Comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. § 4831 and 24 C.F.R. Part 35) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

18. Certifications Applicable Only to Federally Funded Construction Projects

For all construction projects, the Agency will:

- (a) Not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
- (b) Comply with the requirements of the awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications; and
- (c) Provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms to the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.

19. Use of Cellular Device While Driving is Prohibited

Agencies are required to comply with California Vehicle Code sections 23123 and 23123.5. These laws prohibit driving motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. Drivers are also prohibited from the use of a wireless telephone without hands-free listening and talking, unless to make an emergency call to 911, law enforcement, or similar services.

20. California Public Records Act and Freedom of Information Act

The Agency acknowledges that all information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this program, or provided in the course of an entity's grant management activities that are under federal control, is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the California Public Records Act, California Government Code section 6250 et seq. The Agency should consider these laws and consult its own State and local laws and regulations regarding the release of information when reporting sensitive matters in the grant application, needs assessment, and strategic planning process.

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21. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

All Agencies must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

22. Activities Conducted Abroad

All Agencies must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

23. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

DHS defines personally identifiable information (PII) as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. All Agencies who collect PII are required to have a publicly available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. Agencies may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy template a useful resource respectively.

24. Copyright

All Agencies must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

25. Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude Agencies from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions.

26. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

All Agencies must comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 6201 which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

27. Federal Debt Status

All Agencies are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. See OMB Circular A-129.

28. Fly America Act of 1974

All Agencies must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers: (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. § 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. § 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

29. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

In accordance with Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, all Agencies must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 2225a.

30. Non-supplanting Requirement

All Agencies who receive federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

31. Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise provided by law, Agencies are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, Pub. L. No. 96-517, as amended, and codified in 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq. All Agencies are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.

32. SAFECOM

All Agencies who receive federal financial assistance awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

33. Terrorist Financing

All Agencies must comply with Executive Order (EO) 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Agencies are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the EO and laws.

34. Reporting of Matters Related to Subrecipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of the Agency's currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal assistance offices exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal financial assistance award, you must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

35. USA Patriot Act of 2001

All Agencies must comply with the requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175-175c.

36. Use of DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags

All Agencies must obtain permission from DHS Financial Assistance Office, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

IMPORTANT

The purpose of the assurance is to obtain federal and state financial assistance, including any and all federal and state grants, loans, reimbursement, contracts, etc. The Agency recognizes and agrees that state financial assistance will be extended based on the representations made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Agency, its successors, transferees, assignees, etc. Failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination, or reduction of grant funds.

All appropriate documentation, as outlined above, must be maintained on file by the Agency and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Agency may be ineligible for award of any future grants if Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Agency has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

All of the language contained within this document must be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers. All Agencies are bound by the [Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions 2023, Version 2](https://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions), hereby incorporated by reference, which can be found at: <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions>.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the above-named Agency.

Name of Agency: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Printed Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____