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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 1663**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **219th LEGISLATURE**

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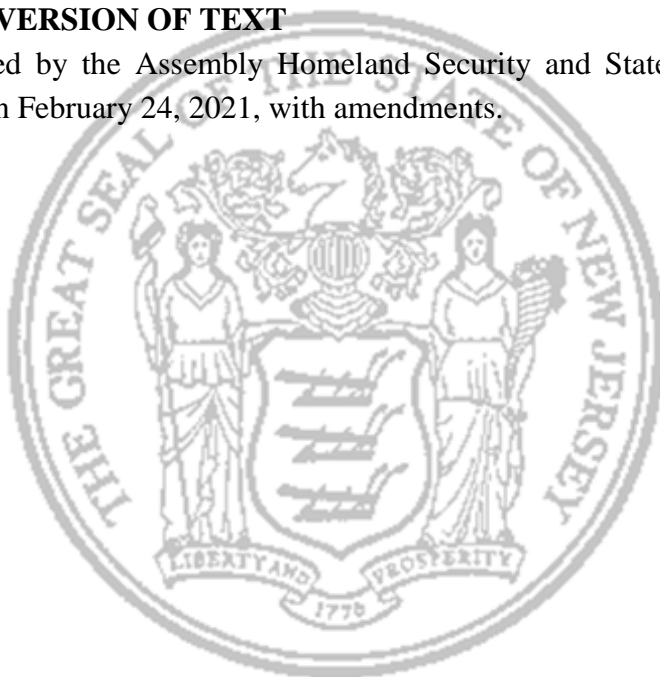
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee on February 24, 2021, with amendments.



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) <sup>1</sup>~~["shall expire"]~~ expired<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>~~["to New Jersey institutions are~~  
24 ~~limited based on national competition"]~~ are appropriated annually and  
25 are discretionary<sup>1</sup>;

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 <sup>1</sup>at greatest risk of attack<sup>1</sup> to hire  
38 permanent or temporary security personnel and for acquisition of  
39 target hardening equipment for the purpose of preparedness and  
40 reduction of vulnerability.

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42 2. As used in this act:

43 “Director” means the Director of the Office of Homeland  
44 Security and Preparedness.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted February 24, 2021.

1 “Eligible nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit organization  
2 located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation  
3 pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code  
4 (26 U.S.C. s. 501 (c)(3)).

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

17 b. The director shall administer the New Jersey Nonprofit  
18 Security Grant Program. There shall annually be distributed to  
19 approved eligible nonprofit organizations a maximum grant of up to  
20 \$10,000 per approved application for personnel and a maximum grant  
21 of up to \$50,000 for target hardening equipment. <sup>1</sup>The director may  
22 adjust these amounts based upon the final availability of funds,  
23 analytical trends, and emerging threats.<sup>1</sup>

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

40 Applicants may apply annually for a disbursement of funds for  
41 costs of security personnel and may be awarded grants in successive  
42 years. The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness shall assign  
43 a preference for applicants who have not received a federal security  
44 grant that includes funding for hiring security personnel in the last two  
45 federal grant cycles.

46 Applicants may apply annually for grant funds for acquisition of  
47 target hardening equipment. The Office of Homeland Security and

- 1 Preparedness shall assign a preference for applicants who have not  
2 received either a federal or State security grant for target hardening  
3 equipment in the last two grant cycles.
- 4 d. The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness shall  
5 request annually as part of its annual budget proposal a minimum of  
6 <sup>1</sup>~~["\$2,000,000"]~~ \$5,000,000<sup>1</sup> to fund the grants authorized pursuant to  
7 this section. The office also shall pursue and develop, with the  
8 Department of Law and Public Safety, the United States Department  
9 of Homeland Security, and any other applicable State or federal  
10 agency, any available federal, State, local, and private funding for the  
11 grants authorized pursuant to this section.
- 12 e. Of the amount appropriated to the program, five percent shall  
13 be allocated to the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to  
14 be used to administer the program.
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- 16 4. This act shall take effect immediately.