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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 1663**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes "New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 18, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

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.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 18, 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  
21 grant of up to \$50,000 for target hardening equipment. <sup>1</sup>The  
22 director may adjust these amounts based upon the final availability  
23 of funds, analytical trends, and emerging threats.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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