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SUBJECT: Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Grant Program Notice of
Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2026

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is pleased to announce the release of the Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the authority of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025. This program will provide a total of \$500 million in funding over two Fiscal Years (FY) to support state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in combatting the unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems that threaten the safety and security of the American people, communities, and institutions.

To address heightened operational and security demands, FEMA is implementing a phased approach for distributing funding. In FY 2026, \$250 million is available to State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) representing the 11 states and the National Capital Region (NCR), represented by the District of Columbia as the eligible applicant on behalf of Maryland and Virginia, that are hosting (directly or indirectly) FIFA World Cup 2026 events and America 250 national events. These jurisdictions are prioritized due to their critical role in supporting large-scale events that pose unique security challenges.

The remaining \$250 million will be distributed in FY 2027, during which all 56 SAAs—including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands—will be eligible to apply. This phased approach ensures that immediate security needs are addressed in FY 2026 while supporting broader national C-UAS capabilities in subsequent years.

Due to the current lapse in federal government funding, FEMA is unable to update [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) at go.fema.gov with new funding opportunities. To prevent

delays in supporting these critical events, the C-UAS Grant Program NOFO and all application materials are being distributed via email to the eligible SAAs for FY 2026. FEMA is accepting applications via email during the shutdown to ensure jurisdictions can still apply for funding without interruption. Once the lapse in funding is resolved, FEMA may transition back to accepting applications through FEMA GO, and additional communication will be provided to applicants regarding this change.

Eligible applicants must apply for funding and submit required forms and information as attachments via email to FEMA-GPD-GrantPrograms@fema.dhs.gov. Standard forms are available at grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-family. Detailed instructions regarding application submission will be provided via email.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible, including reviewing their required Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number with the System for Award Management (see [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)) if necessary. The UEI is required for applicants. Failure to have a valid UEI with SAM.gov will prevent an applicant from using FEMA GO once the funding lapse is resolved. Instructions on how to request a UEI can be found at sam.gov/content/entity-registration. Completed applications must be submitted to FEMA-GPD-GrantPrograms@fema.dhs.gov no later than **5 p.m. ET, on December 5, 2025**.

FEMA plans to evaluate and make awards no later than February 28, 2026.

For additional questions or assistance, please contact FEMA-GPD-GrantPrograms@fema.dhs.gov.

Allocations and eligible State Administrative Agencies for FY 2026 are listed in Appendix A.

Appendix A – Eligible Applicants and Minimum Allocations with Competitive Risk Tiers

For FY 2026, the C-UAS Grant Program will provide \$250 million in funding for the 11 states that are directly or indirectly hosting FIFA World Cup 2026 events and the NCR, which is hosting America 250 national events. All of the FIFA and NCR America 250 events are designated as Special Event Assessment Rating 1 or 2. These states and the NCR will receive statutory minimums established under the State Homeland Security Grant Program, with additional funds allocated competitively based on the Special Event Assessment Rating level of hosted events (representing risk), and the anticipated effectiveness of proposed projects.

Risk Tier	State	Minimum Allocation	Funding Available for Competitive Process
Tier 1	Texas	\$3,325,000	\$105,050,000
	Florida	\$3,325,000	
	National Capital Region	\$3,325,000	
	New York	\$3,325,000	
	New Jersey	\$3,325,000	
Tier 2	California	\$3,325,000	\$105,050,000
	Georgia	\$3,325,000	
	Missouri	\$3,325,000	
	Kansas	\$3,325,000	
	Massachusetts	\$3,325,000	
	Washington	\$3,325,000	
	Pennsylvania	\$3,325,000	
Total		\$250,000,000	