

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

August 7, 2025

Mr. David Richardson  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Acting Administrator Richardson,

We are writing to express our sincere concern following the Administration's failure to share the list of awardees with congressional offices for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). In June, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it awarded \$94,416,838 to 512 Jewish faith-based organizations across the United States through the NSGP.<sup>1</sup> This is following months of delay after the Administration decided to pause the drawdown of funding in order to conduct an additional review of all grant allocations. At a time when hate and violence against faith-based communities across this country are at historic levels, the NSGP has provided life-saving funding to protect faith-based communities and institutions.<sup>2</sup> As members of Congress working diligently to ensure there are resources available to faith-based institutions to secure themselves against attack, it is extremely concerning that FEMA's reason for not providing Congress with this information is because of a perceived "security concern." FEMA has not informed Congress of the nature of this threat. This is not the normal course of business.

As you are aware, the process to apply for the NSGP is long and arduous. Most importantly, non-profit organizations must work with local law enforcement to secure a Security Assessment, which details the organization's vulnerabilities and needs.<sup>3</sup> Although FEMA took the positive step of releasing the Notification of Funding Opportunity for the FY2025 funding for the NSGP on July 28, organizations have limited time to complete their applications.<sup>4</sup> With the announcement of the awards of the National Security Supplemental delayed until June and awardees unaware if they are recipients of this supplemental funding, non-profit organizations, especially faith-based organizations, face tremendous levels of anxiety and uncertainty. This is

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Dep't. of Homeland Security, *DHS Awards \$94 Million in Grants to Help Protect 512 Jewish Faith-Based Organizations from Targeted Violence and Terrorism*, DHS (June 27, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/06/27/dhs-awards-94-million-grants-help-protect-512-jewish-faith-based-organizations>.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, *2023 FBI Hate Crime Statistics*, DOJ (Jan. 29, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/crs/news/2023-hate-crime-statistics>.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security, *Nonprofit Security Grant Program*, FEMA <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS–FEMA), *Fiscal Year 2025 Nonprofit Security Grant Program*, Funding Opportunity No. DHS-25-GPD-008-00-99 (posted July 28, 2025), available at *Simpler.Grants.gov* (last updated July 28, 2025; closes Aug. 11, 2025). <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/8d1e3e07-24bf-480b-a9ff-694fdf38f052>.

compounded by FEMA's failure to notify congressional offices of the recipients in our respective districts. Following the deadly attacks in Washington, D.C., and Boulder, CO, Jewish institutions are notably anxiously awaiting these grants. Now these organizations are in limbo as they have no way to plan to effectuate the security upgrades they need or know what to apply for before the application deadline, leaving their security posture exposed and vulnerable.

We ask that you work with Congress and immediately share the list of awardees from June, as has been the normal course of business for FEMA, so that these non-profits at risk of attack can submit an accurate application before the deadline. As we wrote to FEMA back in March, the NSGP is one of the most effective and critical programs for protecting all faith-based communities from attack. There are numerous examples available that demonstrate the direct return on investment for communities under threat. It is no wonder that in FY2023, for the first time in the history of the program, all fifty-five eligible states and territories applied.

The Administration has made clear its goal to protect Americans from terrorist threats as well as to respond to the rise in hate crimes. Therefore, it is imperative that eligible nonprofit organizations, including Jewish faith-based organizations, have the information they need to submit the best and most accurate application before the deadline. This requires cooperation to ensure that awardees are notified of their intent to receive funding from FEMA following the June announcement.

In our continued support of the NSGP, we request a response including the full list of awardees no later than August 8, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

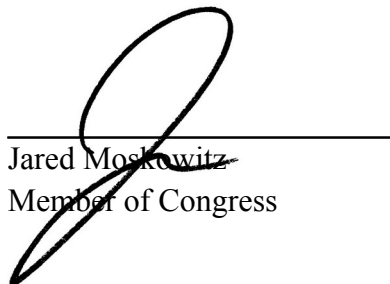
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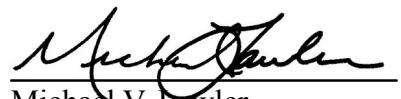
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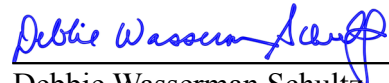
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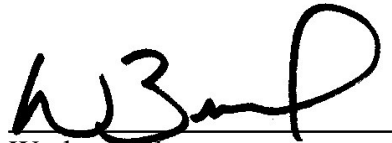
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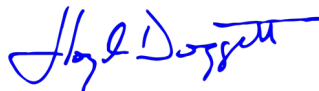
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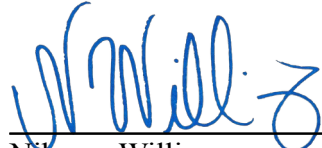


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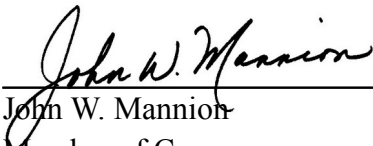
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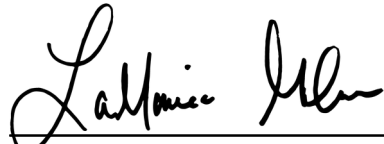
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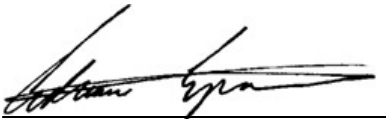
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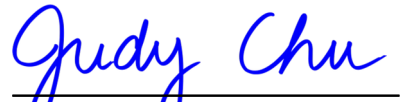
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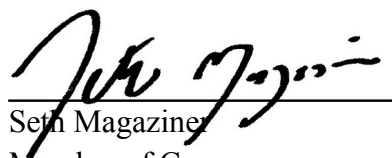
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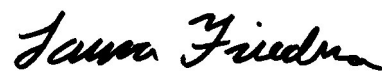
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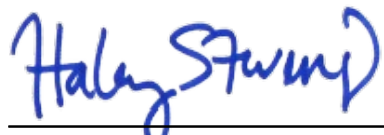
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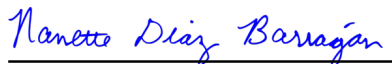
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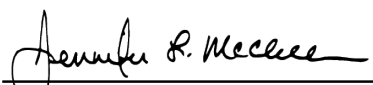
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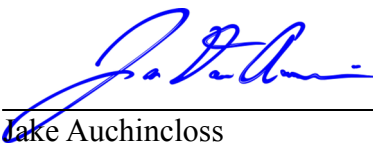
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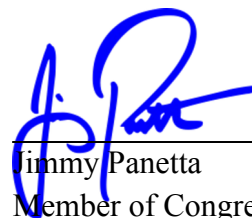
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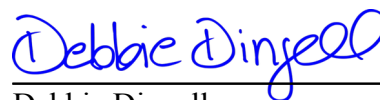
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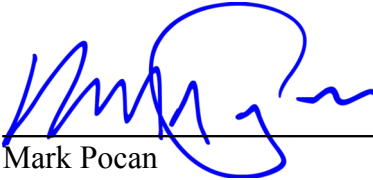
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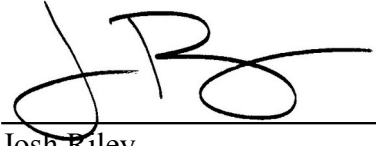
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