



Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program?

The FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program's purpose is to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud, and improve the reliability and accuracy of identification documents that state governments issue.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program?

The total amount of funds allocated under the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program is \$48,575,000 for grants to participants pursuant to section 204(a) of the REAL ID Act of 2005.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program are state motor vehicle/driver's license issuing authorities, also known as the State Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), or the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). DHS encourages states to submit grant applications to fund projects that will improve driver's license issuance processes and expedite state compliance with the REAL ID Act and rule. The grant applicant will need to identify an individual in the MVA or DMV with overall programmatic and fiscal oversight of FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program funding awarded to the state.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program?

The key milestones associated with the Driver's License Security Grant Program are:

- Dec. 16, 2008: Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- Feb. 27, 2009: Applications due to DHS-FEMA

5. How will the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program funds be allocated?

In FY 2009, the Driver's License Security Grant Program allocations will be made on a formula basis, dependent on the number of licensed drivers within each eligible state and territory.

6. Are there any differences between the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program and the FY 2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program?

The purpose of the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program is to enhance baseline state driver's license and identification card issuance capabilities. This grant differs from the FY 2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program in two respects:

- First, the FY 2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program gave priority to multi-state projects to improve both state and inter-state data verification capabilities. The FY 2009 Program will accept state proposals that improve state capabilities consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID rule.
- Second, the FY 2009 Program will contain pre-determined target allocation funds to all 56 states and territories, whereas the FY 2008 Program funds were competitively awarded to states and territories.

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program?

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

8. What is the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification of why an extension is required.

9. Where is the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

10. How will the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov no later than 11:59 PM EST, Feb. 27, 2009.

11. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling & Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (EST), Monday – Friday.
- To access application forms and instructions, please refer to <http://www.grants.gov>, the CFDA number for the FY 2009 Driver's License Security Grant Program is

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- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.