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- The Nonprofit Security Grant Program is a great way to provide funding to create or enhance physical securities, however, it requires nonprofit applicants to front the bill. Most times, nonprofit organizations work with limited funds and do not have the money on hand to wait for reimbursements. This is a barrier to having access to funding.

- In addition to access limitations, the NSGP application process and requirements are difficult to understand. Oftentimes, the Notice of funding release date doesn't give organizations ample time to secure grant staff, decipher qualifications and apply before the deadline. This is a barrier for smaller organizations. The requirements could be streamlined and simplified, it would put organizations in a better position to submit.

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