



Protecting Soft Targets in Trinity County

A FEMA Grant
National Priority

FY 2020 National Priorities

Section 2–Federal Changes and Initiatives | 2020

DHS/FEMA annually publishes the [National Preparedness Report](#)

(NPR) to report national progress in building, sustaining, and delivering the core capabilities outlined in the goal of a secure and resilient nation. This analysis provides a national perspective on critical preparedness trends for whole community partners to use to inform program priorities, allocate resources, and communicate with stakeholders about issues of concern.

HSGP Subrecipients are required to prioritize grant funding to demonstrate how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR_ process.

DHS/FEMA continually assess changes to the threat landscape to further the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) of a secure and resilient nation. The following are national priority areas for FY 2020:

- ☐ Enhancing cybersecurity (including election security);
- ☒ Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places (including election security);
- ☐ Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS; and
- ☐ Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, WMDs, UASs, etc.).

Subrecipients are required to allocate 5% of their subaward towards projects that fall within each of the national priority areas, totaling 20% of their subaward. Both Enhancing Cybersecurity (IJ #3) and Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (IJ #2) must each comprise of one election security project (no minimum allocation amount for election security projects).

National Priority projects will be reviewed for effectiveness by DHS/FEMA in the December 2020 BSIR and must be deemed effective prior to the obligation or expenditure of funds. Project costs incurred prior to DHS/FEMA project approval will not be allowable.

Projects may require additional information for DHS/FEMA to determine effectiveness of the project. In these cases, the project will remain on hold pending submission of the requested information and DHS/FEMA approval. 4

The Trinity County Marshal's Office has identified the public entrance and reception area of the Trinity County Courthouse as a soft target that needs to be hardened against vehicle borne threats. Currently there are no physical security barriers separating the publicly accessed front entrance to the Courthouse where the Superior Court for the county is held, as well as the board of supervisor's offices, elections office, treasurer office and auditor office. In addition to the courthouse, these offices are frequented by civilian residents. The unreinforced entrance area is the primary means of entering and exiting the building. The Superior Court is the sole court held in Trinity County, and other County staff at this location are pivotal to continuing operations in the county to include: The Board of Supervisors, County Election Office, the County Treasurer, Information Technology, and Auditor's offices, which could be targeted by dissenters or even terrorist groups. The Ballard project would enhance physical security by putting in place protective measures to protect, deter and prevent attacks and unnecessary damage against this soft target.

Trinity County Courthouse



Decorative Concrete Ballard
24" Diameter x 18" High
630 lbs.









Courthouse Completed Bollard Project

