

December 23, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

In recent years we have, unfortunately, seen a rise in antisemitism, extremist ideology, and hate-based violence. As I travel around Connecticut and hear from community leaders here and around the country, I am struck by the severely heightened anxiety and apprehension about physical threats to places of worship and community centers involving hate-based violence. One of the most important tools at our disposal to combat such hate and protect religious institutions and minority communities is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP).

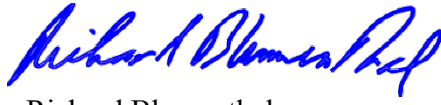
Recently, I have called for dramatically increasing funding for NSGP to \$1 billion and for increasing funding and resources for other programs to keep pace with the violence we are seeing in our communities. I am disappointed that the proposal released Friday night by Senate Republicans for Fiscal Year 2026 includes only \$330 million for NSGP, far short of my request and the program's clear need, with reports indicating recipients requested approximately \$1 billion from FEMA in 2024 alone.

It is critical for Congress to have fulsome data about past NSGP applications and awards as we work towards completion of Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills. Please provide me with the following information for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025, disaggregated by fiscal year and FEMA region, by no later than January 6, 2026:

1. The number of grant applications submitted to the NSGP;
2. The number of awards made under the NSGP;
3. For each award where the recipient received less money than requested in their application, the requested funding, received funding, and reason for the difference; and
4. Any resources or assistance FEMA provides to unsuccessful applicants to improve their application in future years and to ensure safety and security in the meantime.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Blumenthal" clearly legible.

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate