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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards, School Administrators
From: Glen Faulkner – Parish Security Coordinator
Date: May 2, 2022
Re: Parishes can now apply for Federal and State Non-Profit Security Grants

As you are aware, parishes, schools, and other organizations attached to the Diocese of Sacramento have not been able to participate in federal or state non-profit security grant programs. Parts of the standard assurances (the rules applicants must follow to participate in the programs) for both grants have historically contained language that prevented Diocese organizations from receiving funding from these grants to make critical security upgrades.

For almost two years, the Sacramento Diocese has worked to make minor changes to the language in these standard assurances that would allow our organizations to participate in the grant programs. Recently, Cal OES agreed to review our requested changes.

I am very pleased to advise that Cal OES has added our requested language to the standard assurances for the FY2021 state non-profit security grant and has agreed to add similar language to the section of the federal non-profit security grant that CalOES controls.

Steve Greene, legal counsel for the Diocese of Sacramento, has reviewed the changes made to both standard assurances and determined the revised standard assurances no longer present an obstacle to Diocese organizations wishing to apply for these grants.

Two Sacramento Diocese parishes that applied for the FY2021 state grant have been notified their applications were successful. The modified state standard assurance will allow each parish to accept approximately \$200,000.00 in funding for critical security upgrades.

The funding opportunity announcement for the FY2022 federal non-profit security grant is imminent. This grant has grown from offering \$25 million in FY2017 to providing \$250 million this year for security upgrades to non-profit entities.

I encourage parishes considering security improvements to apply for these grants. FEMA is offering technical assistance webinars on May 12 and 17 for the FY2022 federal non-profit security grant (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness> – choose “non-profit” and click “Apply”).