

Dear Homeland Security Partners,

In advance of the release of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate would like to provide the following clarification related to the April 04, 2022, change from the Duns and Bradstreet (DUNS) number to the new Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number.

It has come to our attention that many first level subapplicants, who are required to obtain a UEI number prior to receiving a federal subaward are experiencing unexpected issues in obtaining a UEI number, including technical difficulties and backlogs in processing at SAM.gov. These issues are resulting in longer than anticipated timeframes in obtaining a UEI number.

However, State Administrative Agency (SAA) should not disallow/disqualify a nonprofit organization's FY 2022 NSGP subapplications/investment justification solely based on a nonprofit organization not having a UEI number at the time of submission to the SAA. SAAs should proceed as in prior years with processing nonprofit applications/investment justification to include validating eligibility, requested funding source, project/activity allowability, scoring/prioritizing of each submission, and submitting the results of their review as part of their application.

As long as the SAA has a UEI number and active SAM registration, it will not impact FEMA's ability to issue the award to the SAA. However, if a nonprofit organization does not have a UEI number by the time the SAA is ready to make the subaward, then the SAA is not permitted to issue the subaward until the nonprofit organization is able to obtain and provide its UEI number per 2 C.F.R. § 25.300 and App. A § I.B.

Additional Background

On **April 4, 2022**, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the UEI number (generated by SAM.gov).

The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.

Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new UEI. Existing registered entities can find their UEI by following the steps here.

New entities can get their UEI at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration. I manage an entity. What do I need to do?

For more information about this transition, visit SAM.gov or the Federal Service Desk, FSD.gov. You can search for help at FSD any time or request help from an FSD agent Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.