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[FB-ISAO Current Threat Level](#)

FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:
Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “SEVERE.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, “SEVERE” means that an event is highly likely.

Please note that the Pandemic Threat Level has been lowered to [Guarded](#).

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:
Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “GUARDED.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, “GUARDED” means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but a general risk of incidents exists.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Resource: The Nonprofit Security Grant Program

By Robert Goldberg, Principal, Goldberg & Associates LLC, and FB-ISAO Member

The current threat environment facing faith-based communities is at an inflection point. The Department of Homeland Security presently warns that acts of extremist-motivated violence are likely to continue against faith-based institutions and racial and religious minority groups. The public record underscores the frequency, complexity, and magnitude of these concerns. This year to date, it has been reported that BB guns, stun guns, handguns, ghost guns (3-D printed and untraceable), shot guns, sub-machine guns, fully automatic machine guns, arson, and explosives have been used or threatened against faith, ethnic, and minority communities. It is within this heightened environment that at-risk faith-based and communal institutions should take stock in the federal resources and opportunities available to improve their physical security and preparedness against these threats.



One of the most notable and impactful federal resources is the [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) / Federal Emergency Management Agency Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#). NSGP provides funding to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are determined to be at high risk of terrorist or terroristic attack. The intent of the program is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.

The program began in FY 2005 with a \$25 million appropriation. Since then, Congress has appropriated a total of \$850 million, which has supported approximately 8,500 grants to at-risk faith-based and nonprofit organizations across the country. This year, Congress is considering appropriating \$360 million for the next (FY 2023) NSGP funding opportunity. Congress is working towards a December 16 deadline to complete the pending appropriations bills, and if it meets this deadline, the next NSGP application process could open as soon as February 16th. FB-ISAO will keep track of the appropriations and keep our members up to speed. [Read more...](#)

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Lunch and Learn with Robert Goldberg	08 November 2022
Hostile Event Preparedness Workshops - National Capital Region	17 November 2022
Discussion: Non-Profit Security Grant Program	29 November 2022
FB-ISAO Q4 Community Meeting	08 December 2022

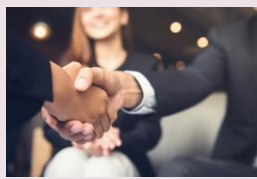


Beware! Disaster Scams

Hurricane Ian was a large and destructive Category 4 Atlantic hurricane that was the deadliest hurricane to strike the state of Florida since the 1935 Labor Day hurricane. Ian caused widespread damage across western Cuba and the southeast United States, especially the states of Florida and South Carolina. Recovery efforts are on-going. And for all the help that will come out as part of the recovery, there will also come those looking to exploit the disaster and both those who have been most impacted and those seeking to help.

Below are some things you can do to avoid being the victim of a disaster scam when donating and providing support in the aftermath of a disaster.

- Always verify a charity's legitimacy through its official website.
- Verify information in social media posts.
- If contacted by phone, verify phone number before calling back.
- Consider self-navigating to the official website to initiate and complete your donation.



Spotlight: Faith Based Security Advisory Council

Mayya Saab, Executive Director of FB-ISAO is serving a three-year term on the [Faith-Based Security Advisory Council](#) (FBSAC). The FBSAC “provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific and actionable advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Partnership and Engagement whom also serves as the DHS Faith-Based Organization Security Coordinator. The FBSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and other senior leadership on matters related to protecting houses of worship, preparedness and enhanced coordination with the faith community.” The FBSAC Charter can be found [here](#). Members of the FBSAC may be asked to advise on:

- Strategy and Policy
- Information-sharing and Coordination
- Programs and Initiatives
- Evaluation and Feedback

This is indeed wonderful news for our members and the community. It means that our mission will be well represented at the highest level of government. The challenges that you, as members, have identified might be combined with challenges identified by other represented communities which will ultimately help with **reducing risk** while enhancing **preparedness, security, and resilience for the community as a whole**. Now is the time to identify those best practices, challenges and opportunities for improvement. And now is the time to get even more deeply involved with the work that we do every day!