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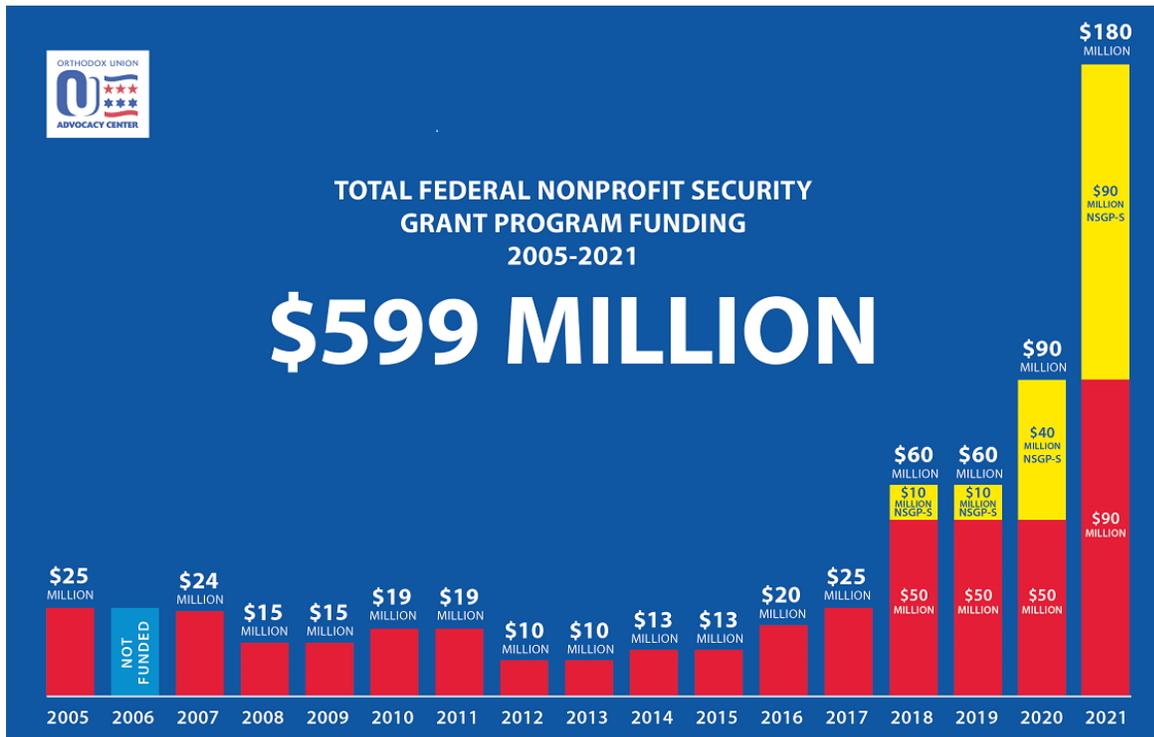
## FACT SHEET: **Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

Strengthening security at Jewish communal institutions has long been a priority for the Orthodox Union Advocacy Center.

In 2005, the OU Advocacy Center and its coalition partners spearheaded the creation of the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), which provides grants to synagogues, churches, mosques and other houses of worship as well as day as religious day schools and other nonprofits at risk of terror attacks to increase building security. Each year, OUA works closely with U.S. Senators, Representatives and federal officials to press for increased funding.

**To date, the program—administered by the Department of Homeland Security—has allocated \$599 million for the program and the funding has been disbursed to more than 4,000 institutions across the country.**

For 2021, Congress approved \$180 million for the NSGP, double the previous year’s allotment. Of that total, \$90 million was apportioned to institutions in major urban areas, and another \$90 million to institutions in other geographic regions. *The OU Advocacy Center is committed to increasing the allocation in future years.*



**Recipients may receive up to \$150,000 apiece** to improve building security by acquiring and installing equipment such as blast-resistant doors and windows, video surveillance and metal detectors. The grants also may be used to train staff and volunteers and pay for contracted security personnel.