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1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1836 (Gabriel and Ward) - California State
2 Nonprofit Security Grant Program]

3 **Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1836 (Gabriel and Ward), expanding**
4 **the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program to support security for cultural**
5 **events at a high risk for violent attacks.**

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7 WHEREAS, The California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program was created in
8 2019 and granted over \$75 million to nonprofits at a “high risk for violent attacks and hate
9 crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission” for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s ethnic, religious, and queer communities hold dozens of
11 events in streets and parks every year; and

12 WHEREAS, These events are significant contributors to the continuity of cultural and
13 religious communities and the economic vitality of San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, Hate crimes in California increased 142% between 2015 and 2024; and

15 WHEREAS, Security is a top concern of organizers of large public gatherings of
16 marginalized groups, especially of those groups that are most often the target of hate crimes,
17 and;

18 WHEREAS, Presently, grants under the California State Nonprofit Security Grant
19 Program are reserved for nonprofit organizations with a physical location like a church or
20 community center, meaning that event-focused nonprofit organizations are unable to access
21 the millions of dollars in funds the program has to offer; and

22 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1836, introduced by Assemblymembers Jesse Gabriel
23 and Chris Ward, seeks to expand the program to include “security for onsite or offsite events
24 hosted by a nonprofit organization” and not exclude grantees without a physical site; and

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1 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1836 will allow organizers of events like the Pride
2 Parade, the Tet Festival, Juneteenth, the Nihonmachi Street Fair, and the Union Square
3 Menorah Lighting to apply for funds to help protect eventgoers from potential hate crimes; and

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1836 has support from organizations active in the San
5 Francisco community, such as Jewish Federation Bay Area, El/la Para Translatinas, and the
6 Japantown Task Force; and

7 WHEREAS, The text of the Assembly Bill No. 1836 is on file with the Clerk of the Board
8 of Supervisors in File No. _____, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if
9 set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 1836, which enables nonprofit organizers of cultural events
12 to apply for the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State
14 Legislature and the Governor to enact Assembly Bill No. 1836 to allow for San Francisco to
15 make our cultural events safer; and, be it;

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
17 copy of this Resolution to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore of the
18 California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, and
19 Assemblymembers Jesse Gabriel and Chris Ward to express the City and County of San
20 Francisco’s strong support for this legislation.

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 19, 2026

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1836

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members Gabriel and Ward

February 11, 2026

An act to amend Section 8588.9 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1836, as amended, Gabriel. California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program under the administration of the Director of Emergency Services to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of violent attacks or hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission. *Existing law authorizes applicants to use grant funds for prescribed security enhancements, including security training. Existing law makes the operation of the program contingent upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act.*

This bill would ~~make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.~~ instead establish the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations and events hosted by nonprofit organizations that are at a high risk of violent attacks or hate crimes, as described above. The bill would also authorize the grant money to be used by applicants for security enhancements for security for onsite or offsite events hosted by a nonprofit organization. The bill would prohibit these provisions from limiting a nonprofit organization without a physical site from being eligible for funding for offsite events, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8588.9 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8588.9. (a) The California State Nonprofit Security Grant
- 4 Program is hereby established under the administration of the
- 5 director to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations,
- 6 including schools, clinics, community centers, churches,
- 7 synagogues, mosques, temples, and similar ~~locations~~ *locations,*
- 8 *and events hosted by nonprofit organizations,* that are at a high
- 9 risk for violent attacks or hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or
- 10 mission.
- 11 (b) The California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program shall
- 12 do all of the following:
- 13 (1) Provide grants to nonprofit organizations to harden soft
- 14 targets that are nonprofit ~~organizations~~ *organizations, or events*
- 15 *hosted by nonprofit organizations,* and at a high risk for violent
- 16 attacks and hate crimes, as described in subdivision (a).
- 17 (A) Grant money may be distributed to an applicant for all of
- 18 the following enhancements to that applicant’s security:
- 19 (i) Security guards.
- 20 (ii) Reinforced doors and gates.
- 21 (iii) High-intensity lighting and alarms.
- 22 (iv) Security training.
- 23 (v) *Security for onsite or offsite events hosted by a nonprofit*
- 24 *organization.*
- 25 ~~(v)~~
- 26 (vi) Any other security enhancement consistent with the purpose
- 27 of the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program.
- 28 (B) Grant money may be distributed for all of the purposes
- 29 described in this subparagraph to an applicant that provides support
- 30 to another nonprofit organization or a cluster of other nonprofit
- 31 organizations at a high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes, as
- 32 described in subdivision (a).
- 33 (i) Vulnerability assessments.
- 34 (ii) Security trainings.
- 35 (iii) Mass notification alert systems.

1 (iv) Monitoring and response systems.

2 (v) Lifesaving emergency equipment.

3 (C) *This paragraph shall not limit a nonprofit organization*
4 *without a physical site from being eligible for funding for offsite*
5 *events if the event is at a high risk for violent attacks or hate*
6 *crimes, as described in subdivision (a).*

7 (2) Allow award recipients to use grant funds to pay staff or
8 third-party contractors or consultants to assist with the management
9 and administration of the grant funds awarded. Award recipients
10 shall use no more than 5 percent of the grant funds awarded for
11 the purpose stated in this paragraph.

12 (3) Limit construction or renovation activities done in support
13 of the target hardening activities related to security, such as
14 installing additional emergency exits, to one hundred thousand
15 dollars (\$100,000) of the grant funds awarded.

16 (c) An applicant shall not be granted an amount greater than
17 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

18 (d) The director shall not take an applicant's prior history with
19 or receipt of grant funding to improve its physical security into
20 account during the evaluation of the entity's application.

21 (e) When evaluating applications, the director shall consider
22 whether an applicant is more likely to be a target of hate-motivated
23 violence.

24 (f) The operation of the California State Nonprofit Security
25 Grant Program is contingent upon an appropriation in the annual
26 Budget Act for purposes of this section.

27 (g) The director shall adopt, as necessary, application
28 procedures, forms, administrative guidelines, and other
29 requirements for purposes of implementing and administering the
30 California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program. All application
31 procedures, forms, administrative guidelines, and other
32 requirements developed by the director pursuant to this subdivision
33 shall be exempt from the rulemaking provisions of the
34 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
35 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3).

36 (h) The Office of Emergency Services shall provide ongoing
37 technical assistance for nonprofit organizations that require a
38 vulnerability assessment for a state application to the California
39 State Nonprofit Security Grant Program or a threat assessment for
40 a federal application to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program of

1 the United States Department of Homeland Security. This
2 assistance shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

3 (1) A resource page, which includes a toll-free telephone
4 number, on the Office of Emergency Service’s internet website
5 that describes available resources for vulnerability assessments at
6 no cost to the applicant.

7 (2) Continuous outreach to stakeholders on available resources
8 for vulnerability assessments outside the established grant cycle.

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Hello,

Please see the attached resolution in support of AB 1836 (Ward and Gabriel).

The League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties have not taken positions.

I have attached the legislation and the introduction form as well. Let me know if there's anything else you need.

Best,
Raynell

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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- 5. City Attorney Request
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- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
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The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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