



DOJ School Safety Grants Overview

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SIA School Safety Objectives

- Encourage nationwide use of best practices and sensible standards
- Promote adoption of successful state programs and initiatives
- Maintain and expand federal assistance

STOP School Violence Act

- Included in Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141)
- Creates **two** new U.S. Department of Justice grants for school safety/security
 - Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Program
 - \$50 million in FY18/\$66 million FY19-28
 - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program
 - \$25 million in FY18/\$33 million FY19-28

COPS Office – The School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

- Resembles former **Secure Our Schools (SOS) grants** in scope and purpose
- Purpose: “to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs”
- Eligible grantees – states, local government and Indian tribes (can partner with or sub-award to LEAs, schools and other 3rd parties)
- 24-month award, max \$500,000. Local match reduced to **25%** (cash, not in-kind)
- <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants> - application deadline: **July 30, 2018**

COPS Grant Example

FY2011: \$465,000 - City of Virginia Beach, with VBCPS & VBPD

3 high schools identified with highest needs: 32-57 years old

- No CPTED design
- Unlocked, unmonitored doors during and before school hours
- Unsecured portable classrooms
- Many interior/exterior areas unmonitored by security cameras
- Assaults from intruders
- False intrusion alarms

Improvements

- Ability to lock all exterior doors
- Electronic locks with card readers on select doors
- Card access program for staff
- Replacement of outdated security cameras and related equipment

The School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) – Allowable Uses

- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency (**new emphasis**)
- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self (**new**)
- Any other measure that, in the determination of the COPS Director, may provide a significant improvement in security

Allowable Costs – Highlights

- Coordination Personnel
 - Nonsworn, civilian
- Equipment
 - Entry control
 - Intrusion alarm systems
 - Screening equipment
 - Security lighting
- Supplies
- Travel/Training
- Consultants
- Technology
 - Two-way radios
 - Duress alarm systems
 - Emergency alerts/comm. system
 - Identification/visitor management
 - School facility mapping
 - Bus tracking/route mapping
 - Video surveillance technology

Unallowable Costs – Highlights

- Sworn personnel
- Security guards
- Armored or weaponized vehicles
- Bulletproof vests
- Firearms/related training
- Radar guns
- Tasers
- Animals

Preferential Considerations

- Need for improved security
- Need for financial assistance
- Ability to make the improvements sought
- Project fits within broader school safety planning process, supported by:
 - Site assessment, risk assessment, emergency operations plans, routine training and drills, etc.
- Use of evidence-based strategies and programs

Special Note – “Evidence-Based” Definition

in the case of technology or equipment, demonstrates that use of the technology or equipment is:

- consistent with best practices for school security, including
 - applicable standards for school security established by a Federal or State government agency; and
 - findings and recommendations of public commissions and task forces established to make recommendations or set standards for school security; and
- compliant with all applicable codes, including building and life safety codes

Resources

- **Safety And Security Guidelines for K-12 Schools**

www.passk12.org

- **Sandy Hook Commission Recommendations**

http://www.shac.ct.gov/SHAC_Final_Report_3-6-2015.pdf

- **Indiana School Safety Guidelines**

<https://www.in.gov/dhs/4043.htm>

- **New Jersey School Safety Task Force**

<https://www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/TaskForceReport.pdf>

- **K-12 School Security: A Guide for Preventing and Protecting against Gun Violence (2nd ed., 2018)**

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/k-12-school-security-guide>

School Safety Challenges

- Inconsistent implementation
- Lack of standardization
- Focus on lowest-cost solutions
- Proliferation of unproven or non-compliant solutions
- Many districts too small to have full-time safety/security staff with relevant expertise



PASS Safety and Security Guidelines for K-12 Schools

- Layered security approach
- Scalable/tiered measures by risk/available budget
- Best practices for implementing tech solutions

Created by:



- School safety officials
- Law enforcement
- School designers and code experts
- Security industry professionals

Intended for:

- School superintendents, safety/security directors or other administrators responsible for school security
- School security integrators

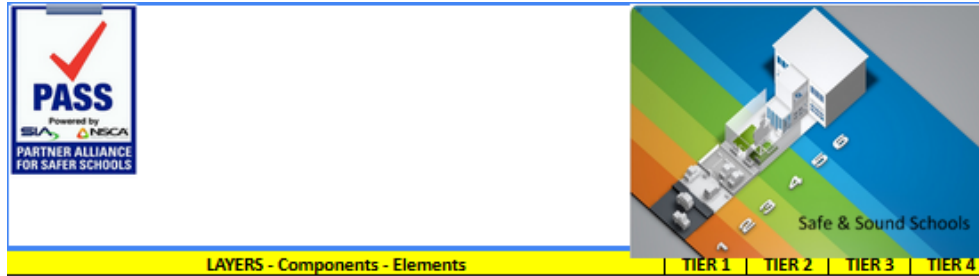
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Checklist/Assessment – Components and Best Practices

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LAYER - Building Perimeter					
Policies and Procedures					
Visual Monitoring		x	x	x	x
People (Roles and Training)					
Staff Visual Monitoring Response		x	x	x	x
Architectural					
Signage (directing to appropriate areas)		x	x	x	x
Secure Vestibule		x	x	x	x
Apply CPTED principles to allow natural access control		x	x	x	x
Window film to prevent visual access		x	x	x	x
Exterior door windows and sidelites - security film		x	x	x	x
Bullet resistant exterior windows and sidelites - BR glass				x	x
Communication					
Public address system		x	x	x	x
Access Control - Electronic and Mechanical					
Patented/restricted key system - (M)		x	x	x	x
Key management system and procedures		x	x	x	x
Cylinder Dogging w/ indicator		x	x	x	x
Electronic Monitoring (latch and position)		x	x	x	x
Electronic Access Control (Exterior Doors)		x	x	x	x
Video Surveillance					
Video, audio access, Main Entrance				x	x
Video - Full Building Exterior					x
Alarms					

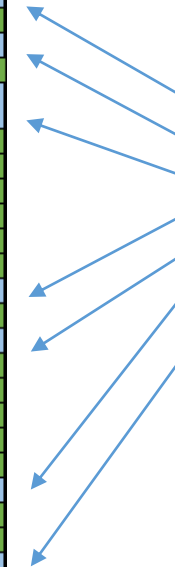
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