FY 24 BJA STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE SOLICITATION

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Presenter

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Agenda

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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics
NIJ – National Institute of Justice
OVC – Office for Victims of Crime
OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking
Mission: BJA’s mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

Karhlton F. Moore, BJA Director

BJA STOP School Violence Program - Based on the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018

- The FY 2024 Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

Grants Available to:
- States
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Units of local governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
Specific Application Information for BJA STOP Submissions

- Projects period is 36 months.
- Applicants must state which category they are addressing.
- There is no match requirement.
- Project submissions must use evidence-based strategies and programs.

- A state, public agency, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may use the grant to contract with or make one or more subawards to:
  - Local educational agencies
  - Nonprofit organizations, including private schools
  - Units of local government or tribal organizations

Program-specific Information

Eligible applicants apply under specific categories:
Category 1 – State governments including public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Category 2. – All other applicants (City or township governments, County governments, Units of local governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Independent school districts)

Private K-12 schools, including private charter schools, should apply as “nonprofits.” Public charter schools should apply as “independent school districts.”

STOP funds may not be used to address violence on the campus of an institution of higher education. Applicants may only submit one application.

Examples of evidence-based solutions can be found at https://www.crimesolutions.gov/TopicDetails.aspx?ID=70.
BJA STOP Program-specific Information

Eligible Proposals

1. Developing and operating technology solutions
2. Develop and implement multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment (BTA) and/or intervention teams.
3. Train school personnel and educate students on preventing school violence including strategies to improve school climate, including ongoing training related to BTA.
4. Specialized training for law enforcement who work in schools and/or with school-age populations such as School Resource Officers (SROs) and probation officers.
5. Hiring of school support personnel such as climate specialists, school psychologists, school social workers, school-based violence interrupters, and others directly supporting the prevention of school violence.
6. Implement community violence intervention strategies in a school setting.
8. Partner with local law enforcement to develop information-sharing practices and protocols.

Other Important Information

• Under the STOP School Violence Act, BJA funds cannot be used for the purchase of equipment to secure schools such as cameras, security systems, fencing, locks, etc. In addition, these funds cannot be used to pay for armed security officers or school resource officers. Applicants interested in funding for items listed above should see the COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).

• Duplicate applications should not be submitted to both BJA, COPS or OJJDP.

• Applications that propose threat assessments, intervention teams, and/or operate technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems should ensure that their implementation strategies, policies, and protocols address critical issues such as student privacy, data security, race, national origin, disability, religion and sex-based discrimination and bias.
What An Application Should Include (cont.)

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form). Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. The amount of the federal request should match the federal request amount on the SF-424. Please note that “trinkets” (t-shirts, cups, wristbands etc.) are not allowable under OJP financial guidelines.

Additional Application Components (i.e. MOU if applicable, Tribal Resolution if applicable, Timeline, etc.)

Helpful Resources

- Connecting the Dots: Ideas, Plans, and Budgets for Grant Writing - [https://www.nc2s.org/resource/connecting-the-dots-ideas-plans-and-budgets-for-grant-writing/](https://www.nc2s.org/resource/connecting-the-dots-ideas-plans-and-budgets-for-grant-writing/)
- Getting Buy-In for Anonymous Reporting Systems - [https://www.nc2s.org/resource/getting-buy-in-for-anonymous-reporting-systems/](https://www.nc2s.org/resource/getting-buy-in-for-anonymous-reporting-systems/)
JustGrants

Offers a streamlined, end-to-end process, enabling applicants and grantees to move seamlessly through the full grants management life cycle

Gives applicants and award recipients new ways to manage their own entity information and that of users in the system

Application Submission

- Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- Complete a web-based budget form.
- Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- Submit the application.
## Application Assistance

**Grants.gov**
- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
    - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays
  - **Email**
    - [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html)
    - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies

## Application Assistance (cont..)

**JustGrants Technical Support**
- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ’s Justice Grants System (JustGrants)
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 833-872-5175
    - Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM ET
    - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
  - **Email**
    - [https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support)
    - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov
Application Assistance and Support (cont..)

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- Email - grants@ncjrs.gov
- Web chat - https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
- Toll free at 800–851–3420
- TTY at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday

Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources
  - Sign-up to receive the twice monthly JUSTINFO newsletter as well as the weekly Funding News email
  - Subscribe at https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest

Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- **Step 1**: Submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** at [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) Deadline June 12, 2024 8:59 PM Eastern

- **Step 2**: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov) Deadline June 20, 2024 8:59 PM Eastern

*NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59pm ET, not 11:59pm ET as in past years.*

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.
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- X: https://x.com/DOJBJA
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/dojbja

- Use the QR code to subscribe to “Justice Matters” and “News From BJA” to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.

- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit BJA’s website: www.bja.ojp.gov.

Quick Reference: Important Contacts

**Solicitation Content Assistance**
1-800-851-3420
Grants@ncjrs.gov
10-6 EST, M-F

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Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP FY 2024 Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence Program Solicitation

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Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
OJJDP Vision

OJJDP envisions a nation where our children are free from crime and violence. If they come into contact with the justice system, the contact should be rare, fair, and beneficial to them.

OJJDP’s guiding philosophy is to enhance the welfare of America’s youth and broaden their opportunities for a better future. To bring these goals to fruition, OJJDP is leading efforts to transform the juvenile justice system into one that will Treat Children as Children; Serve Children at Home, With Their Families, in Their Communities; and Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth. OJJDP encourages all proposed applications that work with youth to highlight how the proposed program aligns with these priorities.
OJJDP FY 2024 Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence

The OJJDP FY 2024 Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence program provides funding to support targeted efforts to address youth violence through implementing evidence-based and promising violence prevention and reduction programs and strategies to improve school climate (K – 12th grade only).

The goals of the program are to:

(1) reduce the incidence of school violence through improved school safety and climate; and

(2) prevent youth violence, delinquency, and victimization in the targeted community.
Through this initiative, OJJDP expects applicants to utilize a collaborative approach between schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) to develop and implement strategies.

Funded sites under this initiative will operate from the following three principles:

- Relationships between schools and CBOs require open lines of communication and a shared commitment at the leadership level to accomplish the core goal of increasing school safety.
- Key contributors to youth violence include risk factors within the individual, family, and school/community domains. Funded strategies must address all three to be successful.
- Families are critical partners in dealing with school violence, and their engagement is a critical ingredient for success.
Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence Program: OJJDP’s STOP School Violence Program

**Project Sites.** This program supports the efforts of eligible applicant organizations to develop or enhance their capacity to address youth violence and victimization through school-based programming and interventions targeting student and community needs.


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**Program-specific Information (cont..)**

**Eligibility**
- State governments
- City or township governments
- Public-and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments)
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Independent school districts
- Other -units of local government (such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state)
• For purposes of this solicitation, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

• Private K–12 schools, including private charter schools, should apply as “nonprofits.” Private for-profit K–12 schools, including for-profit private charter schools, should apply as “for-profit other than small businesses.” Public charter schools should apply as “independent school districts.”

Funding from this solicitation must support the following components for project sites:

• A local coordinator to lead the project, support the development of any needed memorandums of understanding (MOUs), host regular meetings, and ensure that each involved agency and school identifies a dedicated liaison to the initiative.

• Development or expansion of violence prevention and reduction strategies to be implemented by CBOs that provide the target youth population with supportive services. These services should:
  • Be individualized to the particular student.
  • Engage the family as a critical change agent. Include an intensive case management approach.
  • Include an intensive case management approach delivered by a CBO that connects youth and families with the existing network of services to meet the needs of the individual youth. This includes addressing access to service issues. We know that if the basic needs of the students are not met, students may exhibit behavioral issues.
For the purposes of the service network, applicants should submit a fully executed or draft MOU or analogous document for all identified CBOs and schools included in the service network as part of the original application.

Objectives

- Improve school capacity to prevent and intervene early to incidents of violence.
- Enhance and expand partnerships between school systems and community-based organizations to address school violence.
- Expand opportunities for family engagement with school personnel to mutually address risk factors for violence.
- Improve communication between home and school to enhance protective factors for student success.
**Deliverables**

Project Sites Project sites must address the following deliverables in their application as part of their project design and implementation:

- Identify a service network of CBOs that have experience in operating violence prevention and early intervention programs with youth and families. This network will offer a bridge between families and the identified school to prevent and reduce violence.
- Develop program strategies that provide the target youth population with service supports that are individualized to the particular student and engage the family as a critical change agent for the student.
- Implement prevention strategies for all students that help to supplement the interventions for the target youth population and build a positive school climate.
- Develop a school climate sustainability plan that is informed by available local data and existing plans. This sustainability plan is to be submitted within 18 months of the date of the award and should be comprehensive and updated annually as a key deliverable.

**Funding Details**

- Approximate number of awards OJJDP expects to make: 23 awards
- Estimated maximum dollar amount for each award is up to $1,000,000 each
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded under the solicitation: $23,000,000
- Period of performance start date: October 1, 2024
- Period of performance duration: 36 months
Other Important Information

• Duplicate applications should not be submitted to OJJDP, BJA and COPS.

Dual Deadlines - OJJDP

Applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

• Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at Grants.gov. OJJDP Grants.gov Deadline June 10, 2024, 11:59 pm Eastern

• Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov. Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance. OJJDP Application JustGrants Deadline June 24, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Program Resources

OJJDP Model Program Guide
(www.ojjdp.gov/MPG/)
Model Programs Guide (MPG) contains information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a resource for practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety.

Crime Solutions.gov (www.crimesolutions.gov)
The National Institute of Justice’s CrimeSolutions.gov is comprised of two components - a web-based clearinghouse of programs and practices and a process for identifying and rating those programs and practice.

JUVJUST
OJJDP's JUVJUST news services provides information on OJJDP and OJJDP-supported publications, funding opportunities, events, and more to subscribers. OJJDP will consider requests from other federal agencies to release information through the JUVJUST news service on a case-by-case basis. Subscribe to JUVJUST and browse past JUVJUST announcements at https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/news/juvjust.
The COPS Office STOP Act Funding: 
FY 2024 School Violence Prevention 
Program (SVPP) Solicitation

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COPS OFFICE OVERVIEW

- Mission is to advance public safety through community policing.
- Community policing focuses on collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.
- Since 1994, the COPS Office has been appropriated more than $20 billion to add community policing officers to the nation’s streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to help advance community policing.
- The COPS Office has funded over 136,000 additional officer positions for more than 13,000 of the nation’s 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in small and large jurisdictions alike.

THE COPS OFFICE...

...is the only agency within the Justice Department with policing in its title dedicated solely to supporting state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies

...reports to the Associate Attorney General – the third highest ranking official in the Department

...funded through the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill ($662.8 million in Fiscal Year 2023)

...maintains the statutory flexibility to implement priorities of the Attorney General and motivate the law enforcement field in alignment with his/her mission
The COPS Office works to support state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement in three ways: grants, training, and technical assistance.

The COPS Office puts money directly in the hands of the nation’s chiefs and sheriffs to reduce violent crime.

All training and technical assistance provided by the COPS Office is designed to reduce violent crime.

**GRANTS**
- Direct funding to agencies and to organizations supporting law enforcement professionals
- Respects the importance of local control of policing
- Provides funding for the hiring or rehiring of sworn entry-level law enforcement positions
- Other COPS Office grants provide assistance to tribal law enforcement, support school safety, and target the distribution of heroin and other opioids as well as methamphetamine

**TRAINING**
- Live in-person and train-the-trainer courses
- Active shooter response, tools for tolerance, drug endangered children, school resource officers, de-escalation
- COPS Training Portal
- Bringing on-demand, self-paced learning options to busy professionals

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
- Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), part of the Collaborative Reform Initiative continuum
- National Blue Alert Network
- Publications and knowledge products: 500+ guidebooks and toolkits available covering different aspects of modern American policing, based on real practice; nearly 100,000 resource requests filled last year

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**SVPP 2018-Present**

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School Violence Prevention Program: Application Dual Deadlines

STEP 1
GRANTS.GOV: Submit the Standard Application Information (SF-424) and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov by Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 4:59PM ET

STEP 2
JUSTGRANTS: Submit the FULL application including attachments by Monday, June 17, 2024 at 4:59PM ET

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

STOP Act Funding: $53m
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: $20m

Funds up to 75% of allowable costs to improve school safety, up to $500K over three years/36 months of implementation.

Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted.
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

The COPS Office provides funding through the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) for the following purposes:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Other measures providing a significant improvement in security.

SVPP does NOT provide funding for the hiring of School Resource Officers.

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Goals and Outcomes

Program Goals:
- to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology.
- fund projects which include funding of civilian personnel to serve as coordinators with local law enforcement, training for local law enforcement officers, purchase and installation of certain allowable equipment and technology, and other measures to significantly improve school security.

All outcomes should be achievable and should ensure a safe and positive learning environment for students free of discrimination and protective of student privacy.

Anticipated Outcomes:
- improved information sharing with local law enforcement;
- increased interaction and improved communications between law enforcement and school officials;
- reduced notification times to law enforcement;
- improved response time to threats and events; accurate identification of danger and follow up;
- increased knowledge of and use of community policing principles; and increased school safety and sustainability planning efforts.
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Additional Information

- SVPP funding must be for the benefit of K-12, primary and secondary schools and students
- Grant recipients may contract with or make subawards to local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations (excluding schools), and units of local government
- Preferential consideration if feasible for jurisdictions with:
  - Demonstrated need for improved security
  - Demonstrated need for financial assistance
  - Who will use evidence-based strategies and programs
- Award duration – 3 years/36 months - grant recipients may request time extensions but no additional funds
- Maximum of $500,000 per award.
- Approximately $1 million of the available funding will be reserved for microgrants for school districts, including rural, tribal, and low-resourced schools.
- Microgrant award requests must be for $100,000 or less, and the 25% local match (cost share) requirement may be waived if fiscal need is demonstrated.

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Eligibility: Who Can Apply?

The following entities are eligible to apply under this program:

States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies, including:
- school districts, including charter school districts and school districts with a single school;
- school boards; and
- law enforcement agencies;

The following entities are ineligible to apply as primary applicants:
- Individual schools not operating as school districts
- Nonprofit schools and nonprofit organizations that operate schools
- Private schools, including private charter schools
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Eligibility Assurance

- Pursuant to 34 U.S.C §§ 10552(a)(1)-(2) each application shall be accompanied by an assurance that the application was prepared after consultation with individuals not limited to law enforcement officers (such as school violence researchers/academics, licensed mental health professionals, social workers, teachers, principals, and other school personnel) to ensure that the improvements to be funded under the grant are:
  - Consistent with a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence and
  - Individualized to the needs of each school which those improvements are to be made.

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): What is meant by “evidence-based?”

The term “evidence-based” means a program, practice, technology, or equipment that meets one of the following criteria:

(A) Demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes based on one of the following:
   - Strong evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;
   - Moderate evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study;
   - Promising evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias;

(B) Demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such program, practice, technology, or equipment is likely to improve relevant outcomes and includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of the program, practice, technology, or equipment

(C) In the case of technology or equipment, demonstrates that use of the technology or equipment is
   i. consistent with best practices for school security, including
      (I) applicable standards for school security established by a Federal or State government agency;
      (II) findings and recommendations of public commissions and task forces established to make recommendations or set standards for school security;
   ii. compliant with all applicable codes, including building and life safety codes.
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Application Requirements

- Required: Standard Applicant Information found on www.grants.gov
- Required: Proposal Abstract (JustGrants)
- Required: Data Requested with the Application (JustGrants)
- Required: Budget Request and Justification (JustGrants)
- Required: Letters of Support (JustGrants)
- Optional: Memorandums of Understandings and other Supportive Documents (JustGrants)

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Application Elements

- **Proposal Abstract**: Summarizes how your agency intends to use this award, if funded. The abstract should include names of applicant and partners, project title, purpose of the project (including goal and intended outcome), primary activities for which funds are requested, key partners, and who will benefit (including geographic area to be served).

- **Survey Questions**:
  - **Program Impact**: Respond to questions regarding scope of program impact, including the number of schools and students impacted.
  - **Need for Improved Security/School Climate**: Provide information on existing school security infrastructure and planning, and rate of incidents.
  - **Need for Federal Assistance**: Explain their inability to address the needs identified in this application without federal assistance via a series of questions about their service population and about the fiscal health of their area.

- **Narrative Questions**: All applicants are required to respond to these questions to describe their project and detail their proposal for grant funding
  - School Safety Planning Efforts
  - Funding Request and Integration
  - Management and Implementation Plan
  - Sustainability Plan
SVPP Application Elements (cont.): Web-based Budget Forms

The allowable uses of SVPP funds include the following:

- "Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification (to law enforcement) during an emergency"
- "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 school violence"
- "Any other measure that the COPS Office Director determines may provide a significant improvement in security"

- **Allowable Cost Categories**: Civilian/Non-Sworn Salaries and Fringe, Equipment/Technology, Supplies, Travel/Training, Contracts/Consultants/Subawards, Other Costs

- **Local Match/Cost Share Requirement**: All awards will have at least a 25% local match.

- Total federal funding is capped at $500,000 per award, even if the local match requirement is waived. Local match waivers are not guaranteed, and applicants should develop project budgets accordingly.

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Application Elements (cont.): Letters of Support

**Letters of Support** should be from major partners and other significant stakeholders when a proposed project involves coordination with another jurisdiction or agency (city, county, law enforcement agency, school district, etc.).

**Letters of support** should confirm major partners or significant stakeholders planned involvement and support of the project.

**Letters of support** should be separate from the proposal narrative.
Commonly Funded Projects (across all jurisdiction types)

- Camera systems
- Access Controls, Doors, Locks
- Technology (panic alarms, radios)
- Personnel (school safety coordinators, security coordinators, technology managers)
- Training for SROs or law enforcement personnel (ALICE, ALERT, NASRO, Reunification, De-escalation, Conflict Resolution)
- Visitor management systems
- Notification systems
- Funding for assessments
- Weapons detection systems (not to be used for vape detection)
- Technology/equipment for school buses (cameras, ID scanners)
- Lighting

*Projects can be new or enhanced

School Violence Prevention Program: Important Information

Under the STOP School Violence Act, COPS Office funds cannot be used for projects that propose threat assessments, intervention teams, and/or operate technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems. Applicants interested in funding for the items listed above should visit https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/funding

Duplicate applications should not be submitted to BJA, COPS or OJJDP.
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP): Application Review

Basic Minimum Requirements: e.g. eligibility, completion of requirements, allowable project costs

Data Review:
- Program Impact: 25 percent
- Improved Security Need: 50 percent
- Federal Assistance Need: 25 percent
- Additional priority consideration areas as outlined in solicitation

Narrative Questions Review:
- School Safety Planning Efforts;
- Funding Request and Integration;
- Management and Implementation Plan;
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