



# Fact Sheet

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## 2023 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

The COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantee's jurisdiction through evidence-based school safety programs.

### Background

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has long demonstrated a commitment to school safety and to ensuring student success in supportive, safe environments. The COPS Office invested more than \$900 million in American schools through previous grant programs such as Secure Our Schools, COPS in Schools, School-Based Partnerships, and the Safe School Initiative. Between 2018 and 2022, the COPS Office awarded nearly \$233 million through SVPP. Up to \$73 million in SVPP funding was available in FY 2023 to provide states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts to prevent violence in their communities.

### Funding provisions

SVPP, which is authorized under the STOP School Violence Act, provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies of all of these to be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs that may include one or more of the following:

- "Coordination with local law enforcement"
- "Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence against others and self"

- "Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures"
- "Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency"
- "Any other measure that, in the determination of the director of the COPS Office, may provide a significant improvement in security"

Applications were evaluated on a number of factors, including the program impact of the proposed project, financial need, need for improved security, current school safety and planning efforts, funding request and integration information, management and implementation plan, and sustainability plan.

### 2023 Highlights

- The COPS Office received 1,022 applications from jurisdictions in 50 states.
- The COPS Office made 206 awards totaling \$73,619,458.
- Rural jurisdictions received 71 percent of awards, suburban jurisdictions 10 percent, and urban jurisdictions 19 percent.
- Nearly 4,000 schools and more than 1.5 million students will benefit from the funded projects.
- A pool of funding was reserved for microgrants for school districts, including rural, tribal, and low-resourced schools. Each microgrant award request was capped at \$100,000, and 7 microgrant awards were funded for a total of \$444,284.

**Application Statistics**

Applications submitted	1,022
States represented	50
Average federal request	\$334,339

**Award Statistics**

Number of awards	206
States represented	46
Average award amount	\$357,376

**Award Impacts and Demographics\***

Schools impacted	3,974
Students impacted	1,518,098
Percent rural	71
Percent suburban	10
Percent urban	19

\* As reported by applicants

**Contact the COPS Office**

For more information about the COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP), please contact the COPS Office Response Center at [AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov) or 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.