



Fact Sheet

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2018 COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program

The COPS Office STOP School Violence: 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 jurisdiction of the grantee 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 has 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 Schools Initiative. In FY 2018, up to \$25 million in SVPP funding was available to provide states, units of local government, and Indian tribes 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 within their communities.

Funding Provisions

The COPS Office STOP School Violence: SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, and Indian tribes 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

2018 Funding Highlights

- There were 202 eligible applications received from jurisdictions in 44 states.
- 91 awards were made to states, counties, cities, and tribes totaling \$24,499,983.
- 40 percent of awards went to rural jurisdictions, 33 percent to suburban jurisdictions, 24 percent to urban jurisdictions, and 3 percent to states.
- More than 5,000 schools and three million students will benefit from the funded projects.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP), please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.