



Fact Sheet

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2019 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. Up to \$33 million in SVPP funding was available in FY 2019 to provide states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and (beginning in FY 2019) 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

The COPS Office SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies 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

Applicants were required to submit a project description and a budget narrative. The project description must have addressed the following elements: current school safety and planning efforts, funding request and integration, management and implementation plan, and sustainability plan. The budget narrative must have detailed how the requested items would be used in implementing the proposed SVPP project.

2019 Highlights

- There were 598 applications received from jurisdictions in 49 states.
- There were 103 awards made to states, counties, cities, school districts, and tribes totaling \$32,499,998.
- 45 percent of awards went to rural jurisdictions, 22 percent to suburban jurisdictions, 32 percent to urban jurisdictions, and 1 percent to states.
- More than 6,000 schools and nearly four million students will benefit from the funded projects.

Contact the COPS Office

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

Application Statistics

Applications received	598
States represented	49
Average federal request	\$271,193

Award Statistics

Number of awards	103
States represented	42
Average award amount	\$315,533

Award Impacts and Demographics*

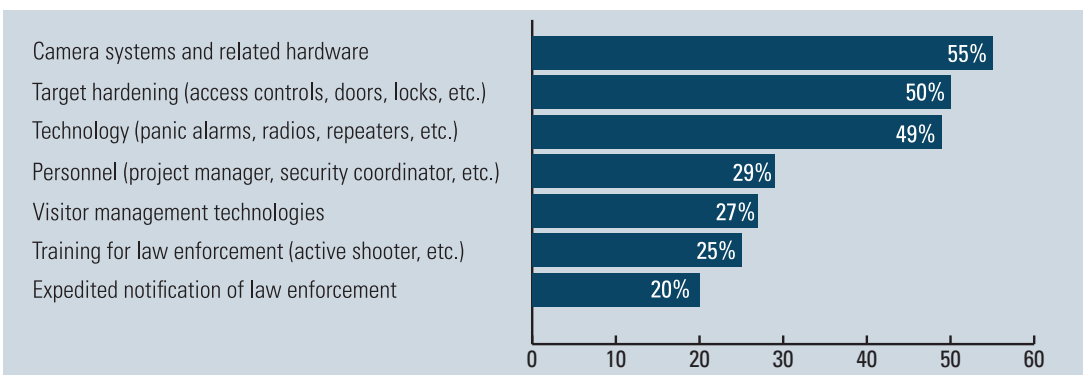
Schools impacted	6,084
Students impacted	3,969,150
Percent rural	45
Percent suburban	32
Percent urban	22
Percent state	1

* As reported by applicants

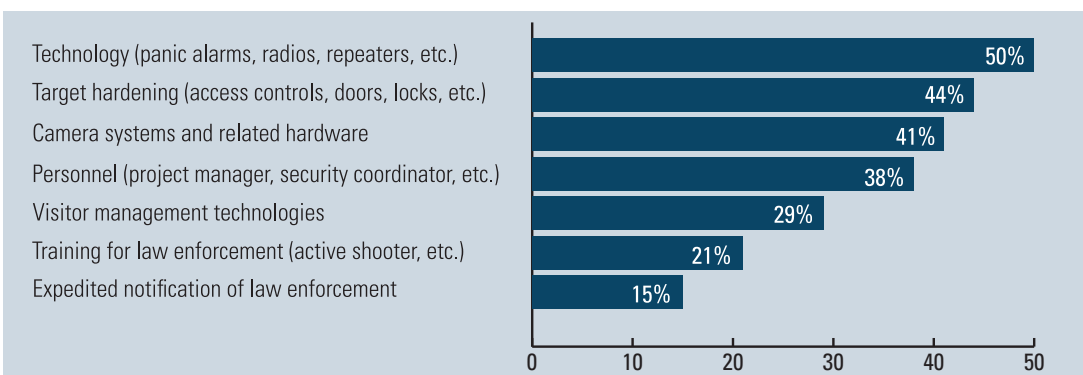
Most common elements of awarded projects

(as a percentage of all awards that include the element)[†]

All jurisdiction types

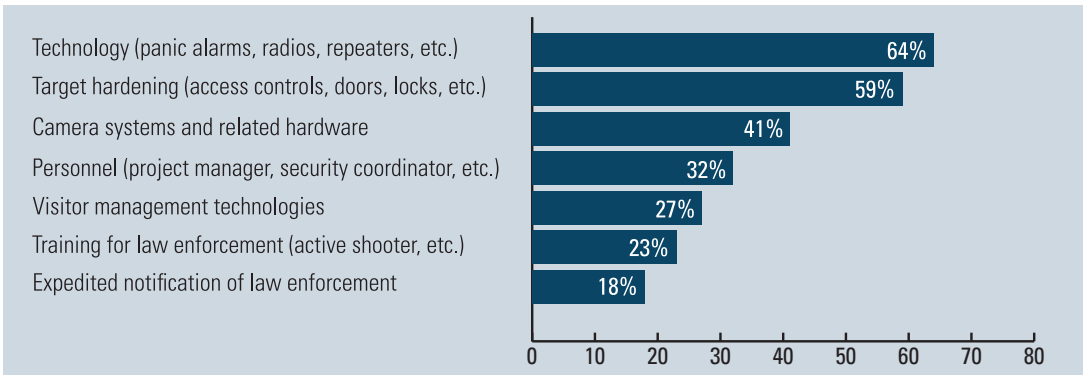


Urban jurisdictions



[†] The sum of all percentages exceeds 100 because applicants often included multiple elements in their project.

Suburban jurisdictions



Rural jurisdictions

