



Fact Sheet

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2020 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 \$50 million in SVPP funding was available in FY 2020 to provide states, units of local government, Indian tribes and its public 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 STOP School Violence: SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and its 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 a sustainability plan. Applicants were also required to submit a budget narrative the detailed how the requested items would be used in implementing the proposed SVPP project.

2020 Highlights

- There were 502 applications received from jurisdictions in 49 states and the District of Columbia.
- There were 160 awards made to counties, cities, school districts, and tribes totaling \$48,987,300.
- Rural jurisdictions received 50 percent of awards, suburban jurisdictions 32 percent, and urban jurisdictions 18 percent.
- More than 3,000 schools and more than 2.3 million students will benefit from the funded projects.

Application Statistics

Eligible applications	502
States represented	49
Average federal request	\$295,000

Award Statistics

Number of awards	160
States represented	42
Average award amount	\$306,148

Award Impacts and Demographics*

Schools impacted	3,330
Students impacted	2,346,538
Percent rural	50
Percent suburban	32
Percent urban	21

* As reported by applicants

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.