



# Fact Sheet

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## 2020 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has long demonstrated a commitment to school safety and to ensuring students' success in supportive, safe environments. 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 grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs. For FY 2019, the COPS Office awarded \$33 million in SVPP funds to 103 agencies benefiting more than 6,000 schools and four million students.

**WHEN:** Deadline for grant application is April 29, 2020 at 7:59 p.m. EDT.  
**Start EARLY.** This is more than a one-day process.

**WHERE:** 1. Register at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).  
2. Complete the application at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov). Click the "Account Access" tab.

**HOW:** Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

### Funding provisions

The SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies (school districts, public boards of education, police departments, sheriffs' departments, etc.) 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

A state, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may use the award to contract with or make one or more subawards to

- local educational agencies;
- nonprofit organizations (excluding schools);
- units of local government;
- tribal organizations.

Each award is three years (36 months) in duration. Each award recipient may receive a maximum federal share of \$500,000. Agencies are required to contribute a local cash match of at least 25 percent toward the total cost of the approved project during the award period. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

## How to apply

**Step 1.** Obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number or confirm your existing DUNS number.

**Step 2.** Register with the SAM database or confirm or renew your existing SAM registration.

**Step 3.** Obtain an ORI number or confirm your existing ORI number.

**Step 4.** Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

**Step 5.** Obtain or confirm authorized organization representative (AOR) role for rights to submit an application (SF-424).

**Step 6.** Register or update your agency's current contact and user information in the COPS Office Agency Portal.

**Step 7.** Set up e-Signatures via Agency Portal.

**Step 8.** Complete the Standard Form (SF-) 424 at Grants.gov.

**Step 9.** Complete the COPS Office Application Attachment to SF-424.

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found in the SVPP Application Guide and the quick start guide, both at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2020 SVPP solicitation are due by April 29, 2020 at 7:59 p.m. EDT. Applications in hard or electronic format sent via email or U.S. Mail will not be accepted.

## Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call COPS Office Customer Care at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).