



# Fact Sheet

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## 2021 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 2020, the COPS Office awarded nearly \$106 million through SVPP. Up to \$53 million in SVPP funding was available in FY 2021 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.

### 2021 Highlights

- The COPS Office received 285 applications from jurisdictions in 47 states and the U.S. territory of Guam.
- The COPS Office made 153 awards totaling \$51,930,021.
- Rural jurisdictions received 52 percent of awards, suburban jurisdictions 27 percent, and urban jurisdictions 21 percent.
- More than 6,300 schools and more than 3.4 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 12 microgrant awards were funded for a total of \$747,813.

***Application Statistics***

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| Eligible applications   | 285       |
| States represented      | 47        |
| Average federal request | \$321,941 |

***Award Statistics***

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| Number of awards     | 153       |
| States represented   | 39        |
| Average award amount | \$339,412 |

***Award Impacts and Demographics\****

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| Schools impacted  | 6,304     |
| Students impacted | 3,445,392 |
| Percent rural     | 52        |
| Percent suburban  | 27        |
| 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 <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.