



Fact Sheet

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2021 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. In FY 2020, the COPS Office awarded \$49 million in SVPP funds to 160 agencies benefiting more than 3,000 schools and more than two million students.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **June 15, 2021**, at 7:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **June 22, 2021**, at 7:59 p.m. ET.

Start EARLY. Each of these is more than a one-day process.

WHERE: **1.** Register at www.grants.gov.
2. Complete the application in the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

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

Funding provisions

SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies (school districts, public boards of education, police departments, and sheriffs' departments) to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs and technology. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10551(b)(5)–(9), SVPP funding is authorized and available under the following purpose areas:

- "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 (System of Award Management) database or confirm or renew your existing SAM registration.

Step 3. Confirm your entity's electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM.

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

Step 5. Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov. Deadline to complete this step is June 15, 2021.

Step 6. Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants system.

Step 7. Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2021 SVPP solicitation are due by June 22, 2021, 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 contact the COPS Office Response Center by phone at 800-421-6770 or by email at askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov.