



# Fact Sheet

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## 2025 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 recipient'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 2024, the COPS Office awarded more than \$379 million through SVPP. Up to \$73 million in SVPP funding was available in FY 2025 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"

State and local governmental entities must comply with 8 U.S.C. §1373, which provides that State and local government entities may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information regarding citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual with components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state, or local government entity. This includes any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a State or local government entity or official.

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. Additional consideration was provided to eligible applicants that

- did not receive funding under FY22–FY24 SVPP;
- faced an unanticipated major disaster or catastrophic event that had a significant impact on school security needs or on the ability to implement school safety and security enhancements in the time period from January 1, 2024 to present;
- cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration (state and local government applicants only).

See the Application Review Information on page 18 of the original NOFO (<https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2025ProgramDocs/svpp/nofo.pdf>) for detailed information on the application review and award selection process.

## 2025 Highlights

- The COPS Office received 1,609 applications from jurisdictions in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, requesting a total of \$509,740,733 in federal funding.
- The COPS Office made 211 awards totaling \$74,785,459.
- Rural jurisdictions received 76 percent of awards, suburban jurisdictions 15 percent, and urban jurisdictions 9 percent.
- Nearly 44,045 schools and more than 2,054,311 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 11 microgrant awards were funded for a total of \$934,554.

### Application Statistics

<b>Applications submitted</b>	1,609
<b>States represented</b>	49 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
<b>Federal funding requested</b>	\$509,740,733
<b>Average federal request</b>	\$316,806

### Award Statistics

<b>Number of awards</b>	211
<b>States represented</b>	37
<b>Average award amount</b>	\$354,433

### Award Impacts and Demographics\*

<b>Schools impacted</b>	44,045
<b>Students impacted</b>	2,054,311
<b>Percent rural</b>	76
<b>Percent suburban</b>	15
<b>Percent urban</b>	9

\* As reported by applicants

## Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP), please contact the COPS Office Response Center at [AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov) or 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.