



# **COPS**

*Community Oriented Policing Services*  
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## School Violence Prevention Program Webinar – March 10th 2020

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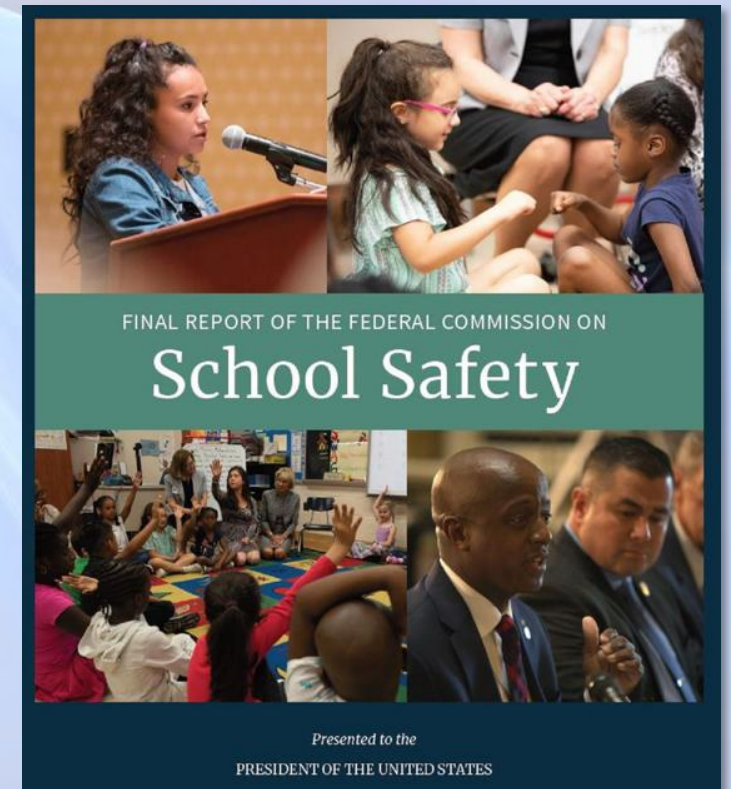
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

## MISSION & HISTORY

- The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Created from the Violent Crime Control Act in 1994.
- Responsible for advancing public safety through community policing in the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Since 1994 - Invested more than \$14 billion to support local law enforcement crime fighting efforts including 130,000 new officers.
- More than \$900 million invested in school safety programs and initiatives.

## SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

- **Purpose** - Provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the use of evidence-based school safety programs.
- **Eligibility** - States, counties, cities, sheriff's offices, police departments, tribes, and school districts, independent school districts.
- **2020 Funding** - \$50 million





## SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Funds up to 75% of allowable costs to improve school safety within the fundable categories below, up to \$500K over three years. Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted.
- Fundable Categories:
  - Coordination with law enforcement
  - Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent violence
  - Target hardening of school facilities and other deterrent measures
  - Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency

## MAKING THINGS EASIER FOR YOU

- All COPS Office programs have been streamlined for 2020 in order to simplify application processes and minimize post-award burden.
- Reduced the number of questions asked in all applications.
- Reduced by half – the number of words/character counts in fields requiring narratives.
- Created new quick-start application guides for all programs.
- Reduced the frequency of post-award progress reporting by half.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- SF-424 via Grants.gov and SVPP application questions in the COPS Online Application System.
- SVPP Narrative Attachment (Project and Budget Narrative):  
[https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2020AwardDocs/svpp/Narrative Attachment Instructions.pdf](https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2020AwardDocs/svpp/Narrative%20Attachment%20Instructions.pdf) .
- Letters of Support.
- Signature of the highest-ranking official within the jurisdiction (Superintendent, Mayor, City/Town/Borough/Township Manager)

# EVIDENCE-BASED

## **A PROGRAM, PRACTICE, TECHNOLOGY, OR EQUIPMENT THAT:**

- Demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes.
- Consistent with best practices for school security.
- Compliant with all applicable codes, including building and life safety codes.



# HELPFUL TIPS FOR APPLYING

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Application closes on **April 8, 2020 at 7:59 pm Eastern Time**
- Read the Application Guide and Supporting Materials (<https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>)
- Submit a project proposal that your agency has the capacity to accomplish. Be sure that your agency and partners are ready and able to commit to the potential grant funding
- Ensure you have responded to every ask
- Prior to submission, ensure all required documents are attached and complete





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