School Violence Prevention Program
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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.

• 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.
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](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