



Fact Sheet

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2025 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 2024, the COPS Office awarded more than \$73 million in SVPP funds to 203 agencies benefiting more than 1,300 schools and more than 675,000 students.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **June 18, 2025**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **June 26, 2025**, at 4:59 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](https://www.justgrants.gov).

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

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
<https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>

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"

[Note: Applicants seeking to address school violence through other measures may wish to review the solicitations for the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence programs.]

A state, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may use the COPS Office SVPP award to contract with or make one or more subawards to

- “local educational agencies”;
- “nonprofit organizations (excluding schools)”;
- “units of local government”;
- “tribal organizations”.

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

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. For additional information, please see the appendices in the FY 2025 SVPP Application Resource Guide.

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.

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 cost share or matching funds of at least 25 percent toward the total cost of the approved project during the award period, which must be in the form of cash. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Priority Consideration

Additional consideration may be provided to applicants that:

- Did not receive funding under FY22–FY24 SVPP.
- Faced an unanticipated major disaster 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).

How to apply

Step 1. Confirm your entity’s System of Award Management (SAM) registration. Register with SAM or confirm that your existing SAM registration is active and accurate.

Step 2. Confirm that the contact information (name and email address) of your entity’s electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate.

Step 3. Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

Step 4. Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov. **Deadline to complete this step is June 18, 2025.**

Step 5. Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants system.

Step 6. 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 2025 COPS Office SVPP solicitation are due by **June 26, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET**. Applications in hard or electronic format sent via email or U.S. Mail will not be accepted.