

Federal Funding Programs for School Safety

There are multiple funding programs from the Federal Government to help increase the safety of our nation's schools. Not all funds and grants operate the same way. Here is a quick summary of key information on Federally Funded Grant programs to help enhance school safety. While funding is subject to the annual appropriations process, we anticipate similar grant programs and funding to be available.

The federal agencies provide significant resources to aide in grant application. Please visit the websites listed for the grants to learn more about applying. You can also use the [Grants Finder Tool](#) which features a variety of federally available school safety-specific grants that you can navigate based on school safety topic, award amount, application level of effort and more.

In addition to these federal programs, many states have implemented school safety programs. Federal funding can often be combined with state funding. While 2024 budgets are not yet approved, we anticipate similar grant programs and funding to be available.

Urban Area Security Initiative

Department of Homeland Security

This program provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas.

Requires State Administrative Agency (SAA) submission

2023 closing date for applications:

Established by the SAA

2023 funding: \$615 million

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security>

Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Department of Homeland Security

Support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack.

Requires State Agency submission

2023 closing date for applications:

Established by the SAA

2023 funding: \$305 million

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>

State Homeland Security Grant Program

Department of Homeland Security

Includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats.

Requires State Agency submission

2023 closing date for applications:

Established by the SAA

2023 funding: \$415 million

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security>

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

Department of Justice

Improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

Requires 25% minimum cost sharing or matching

2023 closing date for applications:

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2023 funding: \$73 Million

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

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