COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

$73 Million

Grants.gov Application Due by June 18, 2025

JustGrants Applications Due by June 26, 2025

Grant highlights

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 through evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

Up to $73 million in funding is available with a maximum federal share of $500,000 per award. Each award is three years (36 months) in duration and there is a local cash match requirement of at least 25%. Applicants should demonstrate a comprehensive approach to school safety. Consultation with law enforcement, among other stakeholders, before preparing an application is recommended for this purpose.

An applicant may apply for a microgrant if their project is $100,000 or less. $1 million of this grant is set aside to fulfill these projects.

Who can apply

States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies, including school districts, school boards, and law enforcement agencies, are eligible to apply. Grant recipients may use funds to contract with or make subawards to local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations (excluding schools), units of local government, or tribal organizations. Schools are defined as elementary or secondary schools.

Application deadline*

First part of the application in Grants.gov:
June 18, 2025

Completed application in JustGrants Justice Grants System:
June 26, 2026

How to apply

Completing an application under this program is a two-step process through Grants.gov and JustGrants Justice Grants System

The SVPP Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) may be found here.

You must have an active SAM account with a UEI number on hand for your application. Create a SAM account here.

Other related Program Documents, including FAQs and Application Resource Guide, may be found here.

*Important: Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline.

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Allowable costs

Allowable uses of SVPP funds include:

- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification (to law enforcement) during an emergency
- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence
- Any other measure that the COPS Office Director determines may provide a significant improvement in security

Among the allowable cost categories under these broad use areas are:
Technology, including among other things:

- Communications technology
- Two-way radios
- Security cameras and/or systems (and accompanying equipment)
- Panic and immediate alarm notification systems
- Emergency alerts – automated text messages or email
- Identification technology – ID scanning devices (and accompanying equipment)
- Entry control equipment
- Door locking mechanisms/access control doors
- School site alarm and protection systems – motion detectors

Equipment and technology items must be clearly linked to the enhancement or implementation of the SVPP project.

The SVPP Application Resource Guide reminds applicants of the prohibition on using federal grant funds to purchase covered telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services produced by certain Chinese companies. See p. 20 of the Application Resource Guide for more information.

New this Year: Applicants and subapplicants will have to certify as a part of the award conditions that "they will 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." Additionally, the NOFO specifies that "this includes any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a State or local government entity or official." For more information on this new criteria, see p. 46 of the Application Resource Guide. In addition, applicants should take note of a number of new funding restrictions on p. 2 of that Guide (e.g., DEI-related projects).
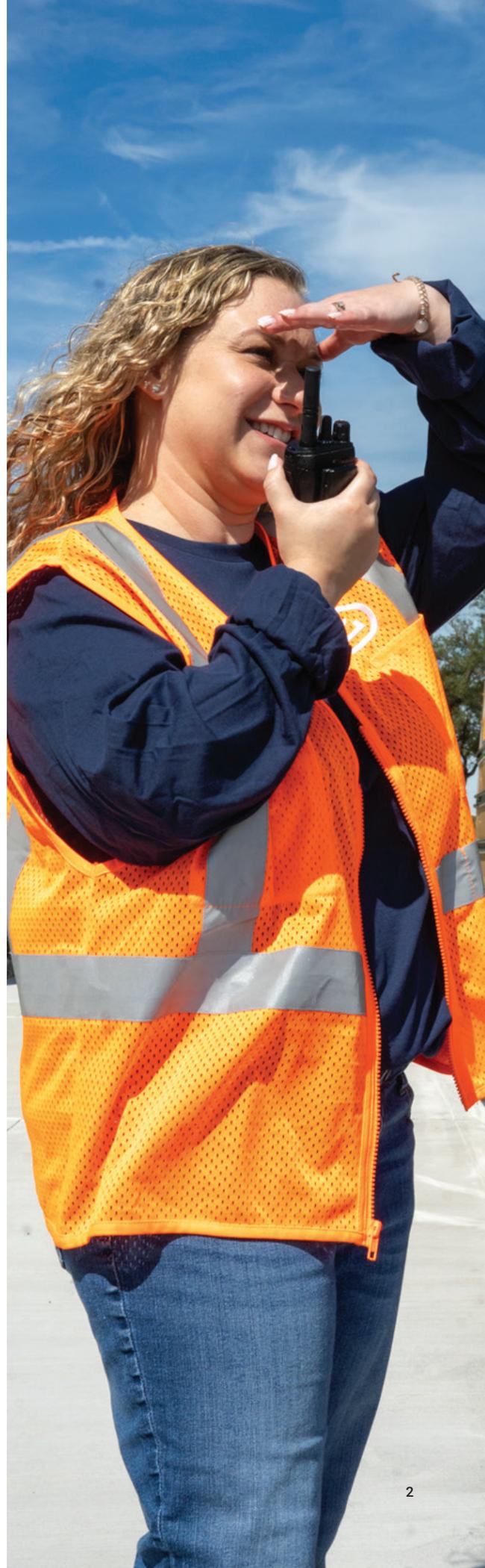
Discover the Motorola Solutions safety & security ecosystem

From inspiration to graduation, formals to finals, safer schools help teachers inspire and students thrive. Overseeing widespread and diverse areas of your campus can be a challenge, but our safety and security ecosystem technology can help ensure safety and communication across each layer. Our safety and security ecosystem technology can be found:

School parking lot

- Voice communication
- Video management system
- Unusual motion detection
- Access control
- Gunshot detection

School perimeter

- Access control
- Weapons detection
- Advanced analytics
- Intrusion detection

School interior: hallway

- Visitor management
- Identification technology
- Advanced analytics
- Audio analytics
- Gunshot detection
- Panic button

School interior: classroom

- Voice communication
- Security cameras
- Panic button
- Access control
- Mass notification

The Motorola Solutions safety and security ecosystem offers a proven foundation for your school.

By leveraging voice, video, and data together, our ecosystem can provide immediate situational awareness, enabling coordinated collaboration and automated workflows from the onset of an event to its successful resolution. The ecosystem seamlessly connects people, delivers critical information where it's needed, and builds a sense of safety and trust that allows schools to thrive. With a commitment to continued evolution and scalability, our technology ecosystem is solving the challenges of safety and security, making the world a safer place for all.

Need grant assistance? We can help you.

The grant applications can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at EducationGrantsHelp.com. Their team of funding experts can help your school or agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

The information provided in this document is not intended as legal advice. Please consult with your attorney for any questions or guidance regarding this program.