

School Safety Grant Available -

“School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)”

Summary - The United States Department of Justice ([US DOJ](#)), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ([COPS](#)) provides funding for public K-12 school safety through the School Violence Prevention Program Grant. This grant program was designed to help fill the gaps in school safety and security. It was developed based on the extensive research conducted, after the Parkland Florida [school massacre](#), at Stoneman Douglas High School.

Types of Projects -The following are only examples of projects that have been successful in past grant awards. This tiered approach should drive the conversation of next steps. All school districts will be in different places in their needs for security and safety solutions. This approach is our recommendation of best practice based on our research and experience on how school districts may proceed with their safety and security priorities.

Resources:

- Allowable Projects - Past grant approved safety measures can be found at this [link](#).
- Map - See if a school district in your area received a SVPP grant at this [link](#).
- Need help getting started, please contact [Grant Specialties](#), john@grantspecialties.com

Tier 1- These are the tools and systems most likely to prevent school violence. If you are starting from scratch, start with these:

- **Mass communication emergency notification system**
 - That broadcasts a message to the entire interior and exterior of the building, while communicating with police, administration...
- **Electronic Access Control**
 - Entry control equipment, with limited access points that are integrated with the mass communication system requiring FOB access and lockable if panic button activated, while...
- **Two-Way Radios with Repeaters**
 - School and District wide FCC licensed two-way radio communication...
- **Panic Buttons - Front Office Silent Alarms**
 - These buttons serve as a silent alarm notification to police, administration, and ...
- **Visitor Management System at all sites**
 - District wide visitor management that provides for system alerts, allows for local warnings on potential visitors, check visitors against sex offender registration ...

Tier 2 - Once you have some/all Tier 1 systems in place, begin working through Tier 2. These are the next tier defenses against school violence, many of which are useless without Tier 1:

- **Interior Door Locks - Lockdown Locks**
 - Provide standard door hardware and universal key for the interior ability to lockdown from the inside of the room without opening the door...
- **Pull Station Alarms for Run, Hide, Fight (commonly referred to as Lockdown)**
 - Install pull stations around all schools for the purpose of emergency notification, activation in the event of an active threat...
- **Gunshot Detection**
 - Gunshot detection systems would be installed at all schools, integrated with the EAC system and mass notification system...
- **Integrated Security Video Surveillance Systems**
 - The camera system provides smart building technologies that communicate with building notifications systems and visitor management systems...
- **Analytic Intelligence (AI) Monitoring of Camera Systems**
 - AI that will monitor all current camera systems that identify persons of interest and their contact history, in real-time and historically, for forensic investigations...

Tier 3 - These round out your school safety infrastructure. If you have Tier 1 and Tier 2 in place, start adding these tools. We do not recommend violence prediction software before you have a way to lock your doors and communicate effectively with teachers, staff, and law enforcement:

- **Fences - Perimeter Security with lockability**
 - The installation of fences at schools provides protection barriers off property...
- **Mirrors - Ceiling and Corner, Supervisor and Run, Hide, Fight**
 - Mirrors will act as a force multiplier for staff supervision of students in hallways and provide view, at a distance, around a corner or into an otherwise hidden line of sight area for run, hide fight, safer escape routes...
- **Metal Detectors**
 - Install pass through metal detectors, or handheld devices...
- **Bullet Resistant Window Film**
 - Install bullet resistant film to be installed at entrance points...
- **Motion Sensor Security Lights - Exterior Night Security**
 - Lighting on school grounds, exterior motion detector security lights to reduce vandalism and other unwanted night time activities...
- **Violence Prediction Technology**
 - Including data driven software