SCHOOL FUNDING GRANTS 2026

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 4, 2026

FOR UP TO $**73 MILLION** AVAILABLE WITH THE SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

The Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act (SVPP) gives the COPS office, under the U.S. Department of Justice, authority to provide awards directly to improve student safety and security, including technology for expedited notification of law enforcement during an emergency, and improve coordination with law enforcement, specifically elementary and secondary education institutions.

Up to $73 million in funding is available for FY26 and each award is three years in duration. The federal share is $500,000 per award and the local cash match (cost share) requirement is 25%.

- ✔ Eligible technology includes two-way radios, other communications technology including panic and alarm systems and emergency call boxes.
- ✔ Eligibility is limited to States, units of local government, Indian tribes and their public agencies, including school districts, school boards and law enforcement agencies. Individual schools not operating as school districts and independent schools and private schools, including private charter schools, are ***not*** eligible to apply as primary applicants.
- ✔ Awards are granted based on evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

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GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES:

Applications for SVPP funding will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline.
STEP 1: Submit an SF-424 in Grants.gov. This deadline is Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 4:59PM ET.
STEP 2: Submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants.

The 2026 School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) funding opportunity will close on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 4:59PM ET.

Register and attend a webinar for potential SVPP applicants on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 1:00PM ET. Here is the link to register.

All applicants must have an active registration in SAM.gov. Begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process 30 days prior to any deadlines to allow time to complete the full process. This registration will generate a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). SAM registrations expire after 12 months and must be renewed annually.

Applicants must meet federal conditions including compliance with the federal code regarding the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

SVPP funding is authorized for five main purposes to enhance safety at K-12 schools. Two of these pertain directly to two-way radios and related equipment.

"Coordination with local law enforcement" – Enable coordination with local law enforcement using radios that enable interoperability.

"Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency" – This includes portable and mobile two-way radios.

Overview of the SVPP program.

FAQ and information on how to apply.

"We're in a really great place with our radios. It definitely has enhanced our security and safety in the school district by giving us a communications platform that, if all else fails, we still have our radios. I would definitely recommend KENWOOD NEXEDGE."

– Chris Nezzer, Chief Technology Officer, Downey Unified School District (DUSD), a district with 22 schools and over 22,000 students.

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For technical assistance with the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact JustGrants Support at 833-872-5175 or at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov.

For programmatic assistance with the requirements of the program, call the COPS Office Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or send questions via email to AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov.