

2013-14 School Police-Resource Officer Targeted Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools has released a Request for Application (RFA) for targeted grants to school entities to fund the training and compensation of school resource officers and school police officers. These targeted grants will be allocated through a competitive grant review process. Each grant will be submitted via the E-grant system.

The maximum individual grant will be \$60,000 for a School Resource Officer and \$40,000 for a School Police Officer. School entities that have not employed a school police officer within the three years immediately preceding the effective date of the grant will receive priority. Additionally, priority will be given to those school entities that utilize school resource officers or school police officers who have completed additional training recommended by the department relating to interaction with all children and adolescents within a school setting.

For school entities that apply specifically for funding for School Police Officers, priority will be given to school entities that utilize School Police Officers who satisfy all of the following:

1. Are retired federal agents or retired state, municipal or military police officers.
2. Are independent contractors of the school entity.
3. Are compensated on an hourly basis
4. Receive no other compensation or fringe benefits from the school entity.
5. Have completed such annual training as required by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training).
6. Are in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 111 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code requirement for background checks for student teachers and the employees of public and private schools and their contractors
7. Have been indemnified by the school entity pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §8548 (relating to Indemnity).
8. Are utilized by a school entity that has not employed a school police officer within the three years immediately preceding the effective date of this clause.

Amount of Award: Up to \$40,000 or \$60,000.

Due Date/Notification of Award: November 22, 2013

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Agreement to fund the position for at least two (2) years subsequent to the completion of the grant. (note: districts will be eligible for up to a 50% allocation renewal without application if the General Assembly continues to fund past 2013-14)

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the School Police-Resource Officer Targeted Grant to provide a School Police or Resource Officer to serve in the Warren County School District.