

## **School Safety and Security Grant 2018-19 Grant Summary**

Grant Overview: \$52.5 million in state School Safety and Security funds is available to make school entities within this Commonwealth safer places. This funding announcement has two parts:

- Part A: Meritorious Application is ONLY for SCHOOL DISTRICTS making an application to receive a minimum grant allocation of \$25,000; and
- Part B: Competitive Application is for all eligible school entities, including school districts seeking additional funding beyond their Part A: Meritorious Application.

Per the statute, each school entity may submit one application annually.

1. Safety and security assessments that meet the committee's criteria.
2. Conflict resolution or dispute management, including restorative justice strategies.
3. School-wide positive behavior support that includes primary or universal, secondary and tertiary supports and interventions in school entities.
4. School-based diversion programs.
5. Peer helper programs.
6. Risk assessment, safety-related, violence prevention curricula, including dating violence curricula and restorative justice strategies.
7. Classroom management.
8. Student codes of conduct.
9. Training to undertake a districtwide assessment of risk factors that increase the likelihood of problem behaviors among students.
10. Development and implementation of research-based violence prevention programs that address risk factors to reduce incidents of problem behaviors among students, including, but not limited to, bullying.
11. Thorough, districtwide school safety, violence prevention, emergency preparedness and all-hazards plans, including revisions or updates to such plans and conducting emergency preparedness drills and related activities with local emergency responders.
12. Security planning and purchase of security-related technology, which may include metal detectors, protective lighting, specialty trained canines, surveillance equipment, special emergency communications equipment, automated external defibrillators, electronic locksets, deadbolts, trauma kits and theft control devices and training in the use of security-related technology. Security planning and purchase of security-related technology shall be based on safety needs identified by the school entity's board of school directors.
13. Institution of student, staff and visitor identification systems, including criminal background check software.
14. Provision of specialized staff and student training programs, including training for Student Assistance Program team members in the referral of students at risk of violent behavior to appropriate community-based services and behavioral health services and training related to prevention and early intervention.
15. Counseling services for students.

16. A system for the management of student discipline, including misconduct and criminal offenses.
17. Staff training programs in the use of positive behavior supports, de-escalation techniques and appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention.
18. Costs associated with the training and compensation of school resource officers and school police officers.
19. Costs associated with the training and compensation of certified guidance counselors, licensed professional counselors, licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers and school psychologists.
20. Administration of evidence-based screenings for adverse childhood experiences that are proven to be determinants of physical, social and behavioral health and provide trauma-informed counseling services as necessary to students based upon the screening results.
21. Trauma-informed approaches to education, including:
  - a. Increasing student and school employee access to quality trauma support services and behavioral health care, including the following:
    - i. Hiring or contracting with certified guidance counselors, licensed professional counselors, licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists and other professional health personnel to provide services to students and school employees.
    - ii. Developing collaborative efforts between the school entity and behavioral health professionals to identify students in need of trauma support and to provide prevention, screening, referral and treatment services to students potentially in need of services.
    - iii. Programs providing:
      1. Trauma-informed approaches to education in the curriculum, including training of school employees, school directors and behavioral health professionals to develop safe, stable and nurturing learning environments that prevent and mitigate the effects of trauma.
      2. Services for children and their families, as appropriate, who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, involved in the child welfare system or involved in the juvenile justice system.

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Amount of Award: Up to \$25,000.00 merit award, \$73,418.00 competitive

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application due on October 12, 2018. Notification in December 2018.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The district may have to consider what other funding sources are available to purchase the competitive grant items.

WCSD Resources Required: The district must continue it's SRO Program as originally budgeted; grant funds may not supplant existing district efforts.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and submit a School Safety and Security Grant for expanding the hours of the current WCSD School Resource Officer Program and the purchase of AED/Stop the Bleed kits for use by athletic teams/field trips and for classroom go buckets.