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COPS - School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant Guidance Document

Background:

The COPS program for school violence prevention has allocated \$73 million for the enhancement of school security and violence prevention. Each applicant is eligible for a grant of \$500,000 with the condition of cost sharing of 25%. For low income and disadvantaged districts, they are willing to waive the cost sharing condition, with a maximum grant value of \$100,000. This grant has been established through *The Stop Violence Act of 2018*.

Applicants able to cost share 25% are eligible for up to \$500,000 & those unable are eligible for up to \$100,000.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies (e.g. school districts, including public charter schools and school districts with a single school; school boards; and law enforcement agencies).

State and local governmental entities must comply with 8 U.S.C. §1373, which provides that State and local government entities may 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. This includes any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a State or local government entity or official

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) funding may be used for the following objectives: 1) improved information sharing with local law enforcement; 2) increased interaction and improved communications between law enforcement and school officials; 3) reduced notification times to law enforcement; improved response time to threats and events; accurate identification of danger and follow up; 4) increased knowledge of and use of community policing principles; and 5) increased school safety and sustainability planning efforts. Proposed SVPP projects must demonstrate a comprehensive approach to school safety as listed above. **Key point of interest - Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification to law enforcement during an emergency.**

Eligible Uses & Technologies

- **Entry control equipment**
- Fencing (on school grounds)
- **Identification technology - ID scanning devices (and accompanying equipment)**
- Intercom or public address (PA) system
- Lighting (on school grounds)
- Map of schools/bus routes - GIS software



- **Panic and immediate alarm notification systems**
- Peepholes for classroom doors
- Printers (directly related to SVPP)
- **School site alarm and protection systems - Motion detectors**
- **Security cameras and/or systems (and accompanying equipment)**
- Two-way radios
- Visitor management systems
- Window film/tint
- Communication technology
- **Door locking mechanisms/access control doors**
- **Emergency alerts - Automated text messages or email**
- **Emergency call boxes**

The COPS School Violence Prevention Grant Program is a great opportunity for Axis customers within the education field to enhance and improve physical security capabilities. Namely public-school districts, units of local government, states, and law enforcement agencies.

The application process is open now. Time is of the essence, with the grant closing on August 4th.

Axis Communications offers grant writing services through a third-party partner who can assist with the application(s). If a customer is interested in applying for this grant, contact Dave McCarthy, Government Affairs Manager at dave.mccarthy@axis.com.

Best Regards,

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