



Funding Opportunity Quick Start Guide

School Violence Prevention Program (COPS) | FY 2024



Funding Opportunity Name	School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)
Funder	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice
Award Size	Maximum \$500,000 Federal Contribution with minimum 25% local match
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School districts, including public charter schools and school districts with a single school ● School boards ● Law enforcement agencies. <p><i>The following entities are ineligible to apply as primary applicants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual schools not operating as school districts; ● Independent schools and private schools, including private charter schools
FY24 Application Status	Open
Deadline	Applications must be submitted through both Grants.gov and the JustGrants system. Grants.gov Deadline: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 JustGrants Deadline: Monday, June 17, 2024
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Violence Prevention Program Webpage ● 2024 SVPP Solicitation
Bluum Grants Advisory Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receive Updates and Application Resources for SVPP ● Book a 1 on 1 during Grant Advisory Office Hour ● Email grants@bluum.com for email support ● Bluum Application Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day to Request Review is June 1, 2024 ● Final Day to submit application draft to Bluum: June 5, 2024
Technical Support	<p>Grants.gov and Form 424 Support: For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form 424 (SF-424), please call the Grants.gov customer service hotline at 800-518-4726, send questions via email to support@Grants.gov or consult the Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.</p> <p>JustGrants Support: For technical support with the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) application, please contact JustGrants Support at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175. JustGrants Support operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Training on JustGrants can also be found at https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources.</p> <p>COPS Office Contact: For programmatic assistance with the requirements of this program, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or send questions via email to AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov. The COPS Office Response Center operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays. AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov</p>



Summary

The goal of the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology. SVPP awards will contribute to this goal by funding projects which include funding of civilian personnel to serve as coordinators with local law enforcement, training for local law enforcement officers, purchase and installation of certain allowable equipment and technology, and other measures to significantly improve school security. Anticipated outcomes of SVPP awards include: improved information sharing with local law enforcement; increased interaction and improved communications between law enforcement and school officials; reduced notification times to law enforcement; improved response time to threats and events; accurate identification of danger (without resort to discriminatory stereotypes or violating privacy) and follow-up; increased knowledge of and use of community policing principles; and increased school safety and sustainability planning efforts. For the purposes of this program, a school is defined as an elementary or secondary school, including a Bureau-funded school (as defined in section 2021 of title 25). As a condition of funding, if awarded, recipients must conduct comprehensive school safety assessments during the grant award period for all schools involved in the project. These assessments must inform the measures necessary to improve school safety and ensure a safe and positive learning environment for students. See Federal Award Administration Section for more information. This is a competitive, discretionary program. Applicants must ensure that the project being proposed meets the purposes of COPS Office funding under this statute (see Statutory Authority). The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program (OJJDP) also provide grants under STOP Act funding. Those programs fund different purpose areas and project types from COPS funding.

Allowable Cost

The allowable uses of SVPP funds include the following:

- **"Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification (to law enforcement) during an emergency"**
- "Coordination with local law enforcement"
- **"Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures"**
- "Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence"
- "Any other measure that the COPS Office Director determines may provide a significant improvement in security"



Allowable Equipment Expense

Entry Control Equipment

Door locking mechanisms/access control doors

Peepholes for classroom doors

School site alarm and protection systems—Motion detectors

Lighting (on school grounds)

Allowable Technology Expenses

Communication technology

Emergency call boxes

Intercom or public address (PA) system

Panic and immediate alarm notification systems

Two-way radios

Emergency alerts—Automated text messages or email

Identification technology—ID scanning devices (and accompanying equipment)

Laptops (directly related to SVPP)

Maps of schools/bus routes—GIS software

Printers (directly related to SVPP)

Security cameras and/or systems (and accompanying equipment)

Grants Services Available

Bluum offers consultation, research, support and eligible products and services to guide districts to understand the requirements for competitive and non-competitive federal grants and funding applications. Bluum provides such services free of charge and with no expectation that Bluum will receive any benefits from the grant other than through a fully competitive bid process as required by any applicable rules and regulations. Bluum assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions occurring in the provision of such services. In no event shall Bluum be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any damages whatsoever, arising out of or in connection with the provision of any such services. (February 2023)

Grant Advisory Programs will not:

- Grant Advisors will not recommend or promote Bluum Products or Vendors
- Influence specifications for projects
- Interfere with procurement requirement and disclose that customers are free to go with other vendors



GRANTS ADVISORY SERVICES

Grant Identification

- Grant Identification Research Grant Opportunities for Account Executives

Application Review

- Ensure Review Criteria Alignment for Narrative section.
- Check for clarity
- Application draft must be submitted for review 10 business days prior to deadline. Allow 3 business days for review.

Email Support

- Provide guideline clarification and answer grant related questions with accuracy and efficiency

30 min Informational Webinar

- Group webinar with grant overview. Review eligibility, review criteria, allowable costs.
- Introduce grant services available for customers

Bluum Grant Guides

- Publish Simplify the Grant Guidelines
- Provide outlines on how to align narrative to review criteria
- Narrative outline or template
- Easy to use application material checklist
- Timeline Template

15min 1-on-1 Office Hours

- [Meet with Bluum](#) to discuss guideline related questions.