



Making Schools Safer with Federal Funding for Athena Security

TITLE II

Athena Security offers sustained, intensive, data-driven professional development for teachers and leaders across a number of safety-focused areas, including:

- Training to equip administration teams with the knowledge and skills to properly implement and operate the weapons detection system and to monitor user data and track security measures, with the goal of achieving desired security outcomes.
- Training for school staff:
 - helps educators recognize concerning behaviors and understand active shooter threat profiles.
 - increases situational awareness
 - empowers staff with Effective Response Protocols, as well as room staging, incident triage, critical care response protocols and the Run-Hide-Flight response technique.
 - prepares staff for effective interactions with law enforcement.
- Athena Security delivers a hands-on Workplace Active Shooter Practical Exercise as well as an Active Shooter Leadership Tabletop Exercise to better equip school staff and their leadership teams.

TITLE V

Athena Security supports the needs of rural schools.

- Athena Security's advanced software suite seamlessly aligns with Department of Homeland Security best practices, providing schools with the
- Athena Security's rigorous documentation of secondary screening procedures helps mitigate liability risks and assists schools in maintaining security, even with limited personnel.
- Athena Security's data-driven insights empower schools to continually refine their screening protocols and officer training, ensuring ongoing security enhancements regardless of resource constraints.

TITLE IV, PART A

Athena Security can play a crucial role in supporting safe and healthy students and school environments with the effective use of technology.

- Through Athena Security's comprehensive administration access, school leadership gains deeper visibility into user data and security measures to proactively identify and address potential threats. These data-driven insights empower schools to continuously refine their screening protocols and officer training, strengthening campus safety and security.
- Athena Security's software empowers supervisory staff with real-time notifications if the system detects illegal items.
- Athena Security's real-time alert system enables security teams to seamlessly comply with Department of Homeland Security best practices, fostering a safe learning environment, assurance of full compliance and a robust security framework.
- Athena Security provides Active Shooter Prevention & Response Seminars to school communities.

TITLE IV, PART B

Athena Security seamlessly supports 21st Century Community Learning Centers

- Athena Security's streamlined, well-executed screening procedures create a positive, unobtrusive visitor experience while maintaining robust campus security throughout the entire school day, including before and after classes as well as during summer programs, ensuring a secure learning environment at all times.

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Making Schools Safer with Federal and State Grants for Athena Security Systems & Training

FEDERAL GRANTS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

Each grant has current and anticipated upcoming funding cycles

STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The STOP (Students Teachers Officers Preventing) School Violence Program is designed to improve school safety by providing students, teachers, and staff with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence. With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to increase school safety by implementing solutions that will improve school climate. Solutions include **technological innovations that are shown to increase school safety** such as anonymous reporting technology, and other school **safety strategies that assist in preventing violence**. This funding stream is open to public, private, and charter schools. Funding is also available at the state level.

NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations, including not-for-profit private schools, that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The intent is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.

ENHANCING SCHOOL CAPACITY TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks to support targeted efforts to address youth violence through implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts in a school-based setting (K–12th grade only). The goals of the program are to (1) reduce the incidence of school violence through improved school safety and climate and (2) prevent youth violence, delinquency, and victimization in the targeted community. Public, private, and charter schools are eligible to apply for this funding stream. Grant monies are also available at the state level.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

The School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) provides funding to States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through **evidence-based school safety programs and technology**. Awards provide up to \$500,000 per site over three years. [Sign up here](#) to receive email notifications of the next cycle of SVPP grants.

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STATE GRANTS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

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FLORIDA

- **Florida School Hardening Grant:** The Florida School Hardening Grant provides \$42 million funding to improve school security. Improvements must be made based on a security assessment conducted by law enforcement.
- **Florida Nonprofit Security Grant Program:** The Florida Nonprofit Security Grant Program aims to provide funding to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, schools, museums, and community centers to reduce the risk from violent attacks or hate crimes. The funding will be used to increase security and safety including the purchase and installation of security infrastructure and training for personnel in using the equipment.

GEORGIA

- **Georgia School Security Grant:** The 2025FY budget proposal includes \$140 million to fund the School Security Grant program. The purpose of this program is to provide funds to local school systems for school security needs/enhancements. Previous rounds of this grant provided \$50,000 per school for security improvements.

INDIANA

- **Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Program:** The SSSG program is an allocated state fund that provides matching grants to public, private, and charter schools to improve school safety and security. This includes security-related hardware and accompanying programs that enhance the use of this hardware

IOWA

- **Iowa School Safety Improvement Fund:** Iowa's School Safety Improvement Fund provides up to \$50,000 per school to implement recommended safety measure capital improvements identified through a vulnerability assessment.

NEBRASKA

- **Nebraska School Safety and Security-Related Infrastructure Grant:** The Nebraska School Safety and Security-Related Infrastructure Grant provides funding for public school for a wide variety of security enhancements including physical security devices and accompanying technology.



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NORTH CAROLINA

- **North Carolina School Safety Grant Program:** The North Carolina School Safety Grant Program is an annual grant program that aims to support charter schools with creating safer school environments. This includes the implementation of safety-related technology. Over \$35 million in funding is already awarded.

OHIO

- **Ohio Attorney General's School Safety Grant:** This funding is intended to give school leaders flexibility in determining how best to improve student safety. It includes funding for school safety equipment and technology of up to \$2,500 per school or \$4.50 per student, whichever amount is greater.

SOUTH DAKOTA

- **South Dakota Homeland Security Program Grant:** The Homeland Security Program Grant intends to provide funding for a variety of organizations including private and public schools for preparedness against acts of terrorism. Allowable uses of funds include security hardware such as metal detectors, as well as technological and computer-generated measures to control building admittance. This opportunity is released annually.

PENNSYLVANIA

- **Pennsylvania Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools:** This is a grant program specifically for nonpublic schools to improve school safety and security. Security-related hardware and accompanying training and use programs are included. The application deadline for this opportunity is September 26, 2024.
- **Pennsylvania School Safety & Mental Health Grants:** The School Safety & Mental Health Grant provides funding for public schools to, among other things, improve physical security enhancements in school buildings such as security-related technology. Eligible school districts can receive up to \$100,000 in funding.
- **Pennsylvania Meritorious School Safety Grant:** The School District Meritorious Grant has allocated over \$18 million in funding for public schools seeking to increase security planning efforts and purchase security-related technology and equipment.



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TENNESSEE

- **Tennessee Public School Security Grant:** This one-time, non-recurring \$40 million grant will be used to support LEA efforts in enhancing school safety for their students. Funds may generally be used to support a wide array of school safety efforts that include, but are not limited to, improved physical school security (e.g. perimeter control, access control, visitor management, communications, surveillance, signage, etc.).

TEXAS

- **The Texas Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant** provides over \$821 million for public and charter schools who are not in compliance with current Texas school safety standards. Allowable activities include the purchase of safety software systems.
- **2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant:** Assist LEAs in meeting the new school safety standards (under Chapter 61, Sub-chapter CC, 61.031 of Commissioner's Rules) and to include other security related costs like metal detectors, cameras, and monitoring tools. A total of \$400 million in funding is available to schools through this initiative

VIRGINIA

- **Virginia School Security Equipment Grants Program** provides public schools with funding to be used exclusively for purchasing school security equipment, which includes building modifications and fixtures such as security vestibules, for the school site. Grantees are eligible to receive up to \$250,000, with opportunities released on an annual basis.
- **Virginia School Safety & Security Grant** allotted \$20 million for a one-time school safety and security grant program for public schools. These grant funds may be used for equipment and technology purchases and installations, and software purchases intended to improve school safety and security.

UTAH

- **Utah School Safety and Support Grant Program:** In 2023, the Utah State Board of Education released a one-time School Safety and Support Grant, allocating \$72 million to enhance basic physical safety and security in Utah schools. Funds may be used through June 30, 2026.



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