

ABOUT THE STOP GRANT

The STOP School Violence Act of 2018 was created to improve school safety and security by providing students, teachers, and officers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence. The STOP School Violence Act provides funds to the Department of Justice through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS Office) to support grantees.

The BJA offers three-year grants to states, units of local government, tribal government, public agencies, and nonprofit entities that include private schools to improve security within and on K-12 school grounds through evidence-based school safety strategies and initiatives.

STOP FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR:

- Training school staff and educating students on preventing violence against others and themselves including specialized training in responding to mental health crises.
- Implementing technology solutions, such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites.
- Developing and operating school threat assessment and intervention teams.

The COPS Office provides funding for evidence-based K-12 school safety programs and technology. Each award is three years in duration for a maximum of \$500,000 per award, and there is a local match requirement. The STOP Grants available through the COPS Office, are often referred to as School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) grants.

These grant-funded projects can include:

- Coordination with law enforcement.
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self.
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency.

WHERE ARE STOP GRANTEES?

STOP grants have been awarded to organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. (awards from 2018-2020).

Learn more about the STOP COPS funding and see available funding opportunities here (<https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>).

WHAT NEXT?

VoDaVi Technologies offers personalized technical consulting and assistance to STOP grantees wherever they are in the lifespan of their grant. From generating buy-in from schools and districts, to finding, implementing and evaluating evidence-based practices, VoDaVi's School Safety Specialists are available to work with you to make your STOP grant a success.

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