

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

BJA'S STUDENT, TEACHERS, AND OFFICERS PREVENTING (STOP) SCHOOL VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Overview

The STOP School Violence Act of 2018 seeks to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence. Both the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) offer grants to improve security within our nation's schools and on school grounds through evidence-based programs.

Eligible Projects

BJA provides grants to:

- Train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence against others and themselves.
- Develop and operate technology solutions, such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence (e.g., mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites), or other technology-based school safety solutions.
- Develop and operate school threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders and school personnel.
- Support any other measure that, in the determination of the BJA Director, may provide a significant improvement in training, threat assessments and reporting, as well as violence prevention.
- Applications that propose threat assessments, intervention teams, and/or operate technology solutions should ensure that their implementation strategies, polices, and protocols address critical issues such as student privacy, data security, and bias.

Who May Apply

- States
- Units of local government
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- Public agencies (e.g., school districts, towns, cities and municipalities, police departments, sheriff's departments, governmental mental health service providers, and health departments)
- Nonprofit entities to include private schools

For the purposes of this program, a "federally recognized Indian tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system; its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

NOTE: STOP grants awarded by BJA may not be used for equipment to secure buildings such as security cameras, ballistic glass, fencing, gates or to pay for armed security or School Safety/Resource Officers. Applicants interested in obtaining federal funding for these should consult the COPS [School Violence Prevention Program \(SVPP\)](#). (Nothing herein should be understood to prohibit applicants from using their own funds for such items.) Additionally, no grants may be used to purchase firearms or provide training in the use of a firearm to any person.

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