

FAQ for Round 5 SSGP and MM SSGP

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- If I have applied and received funding under prior Rounds of SSGP, is my school still eligible to receive funding?
- Yes, but schools that have not received funding will be given priority.

- As a non-public school, does it matter which application I use?
- Yes, separate applications are provided under each program (R5 SSGP and MM SSGP) for non-public and public schools. There are different requirements for non-public and public schools so it is very important to use the correct application.

- Do I need to complete my Safe Schools Checklist with a member of law enforcement?
- Yes, Public Act 20-1 requires schools to complete the checklist with the assistance of law enforcement

- Can a school/school district apply for both programs?
- Yes, a school/school district can apply for both Round 5 SSGP and MM SSGP (Multi-Media) programs. Under Public Act 20-1, Non-public school applicants can apply for up to \$100,000 (50% match requirement, \$50,000 max. award).

- What is meant by “school security projects that involve multimedia interoperable communications systems?”
This state grant sets aside \$5 million for schools to be able to purchase interoperable systems that are capable of transmitting communications or notifications to law enforcement agencies and/or their call centers.

For a camera, radio, panic button, Internet of Thing (IoT) system to be included in this budget, it must include the capability of transmitting communications/notifications to law enforcement and/or their call centers. This budget can also include system(s) that integrate existing cameras, radios, panic buttons, etc. for transmission over internet protocol to first responders and/or their call centers. The goal is to make communications

and information sharing between first responders and schools as quick and seamless as possible. Each school can consider its needs and design a system that it as practical as possible.

- If applying for both R5 SSGP and MM SSGP, do I need to enter the Checklist responses for my school online twice?
- No, schools are required to enter the responses to ONE Safe Schools Checklist for each school they are applying for (even if applying for both programs). The checklist for a school should not be entered twice.
- What are the application deadlines?
- Part one, the excel workbooks, June 15, 2021 by 3 PM, Part two, Survey Monkey data entry June 30, 2021 by 3 PM. A Survey Monkey code will be provided after part one of the application is accepted.
- Our school installed cameras and door locks using our own funds in 2020 and are applying for /seeking reimbursement for the state share of these projects. How do we answer the Survey Monkey questions?
- The Survey Monkey questions should be completed as if the items you have previously completed and are seeking funding for do not exist.
- Is the town/city required to go out to bid for the items being funded by this grant program?
- Towns and cities need to follow their normal procurement procedures.
- Do we need to submit a hardcopy/signed application?
- No, the excel workbook should be emailed in (schoolsecuritygrant@ct.gov), no hardcopies should be sent. The typed name of the authorized signer acts as the signature.

