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Multi-Media School Security Competitive Grant Program (MMSSGP)

Grant Application – Part I

Round 2

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Non-Public / Private Schools

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Section I. Program Highlights

Program Highlights: Public Act 21-111 established funding for two competitive grant programs: (1) School Security Competitive Grant Program and (2) **Multi-Media Interoperable Communications Systems School Security Program** (this application). This should be used for security improvements projects that meet the definition of Multi-Media Interoperable Systems (systems that tie in or send immediate, direct notifications to law enforcement and /or their call centers). A definition and list of systems that are allowable under this application are listed below.

Multi-Media SSGP Highlights: Public Act 21-111 established \$5M in funding for Multi-Media Interoperable Communications System School Security Grant Program for costs incurred from January 1, 2013, to June 30, 2026. The total funding available for non-public schools, eligible licensed childcare centers and pre-schools is 10% or \$500,000.

Funding: The match requirement (applicant share) for non-public schools is 50%. The maximum state share award per applicant is \$50,000. Please note that this maximum is in effect for each school/location. If applying for both R6 SSGP and Multi-Media SSGP - the overall award to a non-public applicant cannot exceed \$50,000.

Competitive Program: Applications will be reviewed and ranked based on the need for security. Priority will be given to those with the greatest need for security infrastructure. Applications will be awarded based on the ranking criteria, up to the amounts available (see Multi-Media SSGP Highlights above). If selected for funding, applicants will be notified and will receive an official award.

Period of Performance: Eligible expenses can be incurred on or after January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2026. Applicants may apply for allowable security improvements that were completed on or after January 1, 2013 (see Applicant Checklist section for instructions on how to complete the Safe Schools Checklist for completed projects).

Eligible Expenses: Eligible expenses include: 1) multi-media interoperable communications systems (see equipment/system list below), 2) the cost of vendor-provided training on the use of allowable equipment/systems purchased under this program.

Eligible Applicants: Nonpublic / private schools, licensed childcare centers or preschools.

What is meant by school security projects that involve multi-media interoperable communications system?

For a camera, radio, panic button, Internet of Thing (IoT) system to be included in this application, it must include the capability of transmitting communications/notifications to law enforcement and/or their call centers. This application 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.

Examples of Eligible equipment and systems (not all-inclusive)

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| Internal Camera Systems | Systems that include the capability to transmit real time video that can be viewed by law enforcement personnel and/or their call centers |
| External Camera Systems | Systems that include the capability to transmit real time video that can be viewed by law enforcement personnel and/or their call centers |
| Panic Alarm Systems | Panic alarm systems that, when activated, provide an open and direct line of communication with law enforcement and/or their call centers |
| Internet of Things (IoT) | Systems that include technology for connecting and exchanging data with law enforcement and/or their call centers (sensor based) |
| Radio Systems | Radio system that ties into law enforcement and/or their call centers |
| Other | <p>Systems that integrate existing camera, panic alarm, radios, etc., for transmission over internet protocol to first responders and/or their call centers.</p> <p>Other systems as allowed, please email to confirm allowability.</p> <p>Decisions on eligibility will be made in accordance with the School Safety Infrastructure Standards. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DAS/Communications/Communications-List-Docs/Special-Reports/SSIC-Report-Nov-19-2015.pdf</p> |
| Training | Funds from the grant program can be used only for vendor provided training on equipment also purchased through this grant program. |

Unallowable Costs include:

- Any projects funded by state or federal funds.
- Personnel costs
- Training Program costs (allowable training is limited to the cost of vendor-provided training to staff on use of equipment installed under this program)
- Replacement of landscaping
- Plantings, in-kind services
- Annual licensing or subscription fees
- Fire alarm associated costs
- First aid/CPR or related expenses
- Any other items deemed ineligible after review

***Eligible projects that were completed after January 1, 2013, may be included in the application (for reimbursement, if awarded), as long as the project was not funded with State or federal funds. ***

Reimbursement/Requirements: If awarded, this program allows for **reimbursements** of eligible projects completed on or after January 1, 2013 (paid for with school/town/private funds). Awarded schools can submit for reimbursement up to four times. Projects funded by state or federal programs are not eligible for reimbursement.

If awarded, prior to final reimbursement under this grant, a school must complete the full National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities (NCEF) checklist with the assistance of law enforcement) and must demonstrate that they have a Security and Safety Plan in place and periodically exercise the plan.

Decision Matrix: Of the applicants with the greatest need for security infrastructure, first priority shall be given to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security infrastructure at the time of the assessment (based on the Safe Schools Checklist survey).

Applicants that have not received funding under previous rounds of the School Security Grant Program (SSGP) or Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP) will be given priority over applicants that have previously received funding.

Please note, if awarded, **only projects included in the application and approved will be funded**. New projects cannot be added after the award is issued.

Section II. Key Dates and Instructions

A **completed application** includes both **Parts I and II**

All parts of the application must be submitted to SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov no later than Friday, April 28, 2023, at 3 pm, EST.

Application Part I

Schools should consult their law enforcement agencies before completing this application to identify projects that will enhance the schools' security and are within the capabilities of the law enforcement agency.

Applicant Data Sheet:

Please provide the requested information in Boxes 1 through 9 of this form. Please note that your grant award and any related documents will be sent to you via e-mail, so it is imperative that you include e-mail addresses in the contact boxes. Box 4 is intended for the person authorized to sign documents on behalf of your municipality/organization. The application must be approved by the authorized person in Box 9 (digital or ink signatures are acceptable). Please include more than one point of contact for your organization.

Threat Information:

Eligible nonpublic licensed childcare centers and pre-schools must complete the threat information section (not required for other nonpublic schools). In this section, please include specific examples of threats, or actual acts, of violence carried out against your organization or the community that you represent.

Project Narrative:

Use the Project Narrative section to provide a needs statement and overview of your proposed project. Identify how the proposed projects will close existing infrastructure gaps and an overview of the population served.

Be specific, include the type of communication/project you intend to implement (i.e., camera feed, radios, panic buttons, notifications, etc.) and the vendor or platform you intend to use (i.e., Milestone, Prepared, AlertUs. Etc.). Your application should specifically identify that you will be sharing communications ***directly*** with law enforcement and/or their call center.

Previous Funding:

Use this section to provide information on funding received previously through either the School Security Grant Program (SSGP), Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP), Connecticut Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT-NSGP), Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP-S) other state or federal grants, such as construction grants through the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Budget:

Use this section to identify your estimated budget for the identified projects. Budget totals for each project should include any labor, materials, or additional (i.e., permits, etc.,) costs associated with the project.

The total budget (state share plus local match) should not exceed \$100,000.00. The maximum award (state share) is \$50,000.00, with a 50% awardee share.

Total budgets exceeding \$100,000.00 may be disqualified.

If applying for more than one school, a separate Application Part I must be submitted for each school.

Save and rename the Application Part I document as:

“2023 MMSSGP NonPub_School Name_Town”

Application Part II

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Appl-Non-Public>

Applicants should complete this survey with assistance from law enforcement to identify the current gaps in the school's security infrastructure and to propose solutions that will help enhance the school's security that are within the capabilities of the law enforcement agency.

Use the link above to complete the online Safe Schools Checklist. The Safe Schools Checklist demonstrates a school's need for security and may assist applicants in identifying potential projects for their application.

If applying for more than one school, **a separate survey must be completed for each school**. If you are applying for retroactive projects, that is projects that have been completed after January 1, 2013, and have not been funded or reimbursed by another state or federal program, complete part II of the application as if the projects have *not yet been implemented*.

Section III. Application Checklist

A completed application submission must include the following:

- Completed Application Part I (this document)
- Completed Application Part II (survey)

Application Part I: (One *per* school)

| Sections to Complete | Nonpublic / Private Pre-Schools and Child Care Centers | Non-Public (K-12) Schools |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Applicant Data Sheet | X | X |
| Project Narrative | X | X |
| Threat Information | X | |
| Previous Funding | X | X |
| Budget | X | X |

X – denotes required field

Application Part II: (One *per* school)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Appl-Non-Public>

Please complete the online Safe Schools Checklist survey. The survey will be automatically submitted to DEMHS upon completion.

***Ensure that the schools’ names on both Parts I and II match exactly. ***

Completed application packages should be emailed to
SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov with the subject line:

“2023 MMSSGP NonPub_School Name_Town.”

Section IV. Applicant Data Sheet

Instructions: Please fill in the shaded areas. ****All fields in this section are required****

Period of Performance: 01/01/2013 – 06/30/2026

1. Name of Non-Public school / eligible licensed childcare center or pre-school

Name:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Town, State, Zip Code:

2. FEIN, DUNS, UEI

FEIN

DUNS

UEI

3. Point of Contact (Project Director)

Name:

Title:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

4. Official Authorized to Sign

Name:

Title:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

5. Application Prepared By

Name:

Title:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

6. Entity Financial Officer

Name:

Title:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

7. Audit Information or Similar Report

Applicant Fiscal Year End

Date of Last Audit

Dates Covered by Last Audit

Date of Next Audit

Dates Covered by Next Audit

8. Authorized Official Application Approval

I, the undersigned, am the authorized official and can sign a subgrant award (if awarded) on behalf of the above referenced nonpublic school, eligible preschool, or childcare center. If a typed or electronic signature, I further certify that it is intended to have the same force as a manual signature.

Signature of Authorizing Official

Date

(Name, printed)

9. Law Enforcement Agency’s Authorizing Authority

Agency:

Name:

Title:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

I, _____, certify that I have been consulted by the school associated with this application in determining the current gaps in security infrastructure and identifying solutions for efficiently enhancing the security through the incorporation of multi-media interoperable projects that will provide a direct line of communication between the identified school and law enforcement agency. I further certify that the law enforcement agency identified above is willing and capable of receiving the communications outlined in this application and funded through the Multi-Media School Security Grant Program.

Signature

Date

*Please note, if your school/district falls within the primary police jurisdiction of a Connecticut State Police Barracks, authorization must be received from **Connecticut State Police Office of Field Operations**. Please contact SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov, Kenneth.Ventresca@ct.gov, and Justin.Lund@ct.gov for assistance.

Section V. Threat Information

This section is only required for pre-schools and licensed childcare center applicants

Definitions:

Threat – a threat is an oral or written message, or physical action, which demonstrated an intent to create an imminent safety risk to person or property or to create a fear of such risk (based on Connecticut General Statutes 53a-62 and 1-210b.)

Childcare Center – A Child Center is a center that offers or provides a program of supplementary care to more than twelve (12) related or unrelated children outside their own home on a regular basis (please note family daycare centers are not eligible for funding under this program.

Pre-School – A pre-school is a facility that offers early childhood education for three (3) to five (5) year old students.

- 1. Is the pre-school or licensed childcare center a member of a broader community that has received threats, or does it serve a community that has received such threats?
Please explain in detail.**

2. What is the number of threats received at the center/preschool since 01/01/2013?

3. For each threat identified in #2 above, please provide the following:

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| Date of Incident: | |
| Type of Threat: | |
| Law Enforcement / other agencies notified: | |
| Severity / nature of threat: | |
| Additional comments: | |

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| Severity / nature of threat: | |
| Additional comments: | |

Section VI. Project Narrative

- 1. Needs Statement** – provide a brief description of the issues or gaps that will be addressed if this grant is awarded.

- 2. Provide an overview of the projects being applied for in this application.** – include specific vendor / platform names, make/models of equipment (if available). Be specific about how communications will be shared *directly* with law enforcement and/or their call centers.

- 3. Target Population-** Identify the school / facility that will be served by this grant. Please include grades or ages of students, number of students, and number of faculty and staff.

Section VII. Previous Funding

Funding Under Round 1 (2021) of the Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP)

In this section, detail any funding the school has received through the 2021 Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP).

Has this school received funding under the
2021 Multi-Media School Security Grant
Program (MMSSGP)?

If yes,

What is the grant number?

How much funding was awarded?

Describe the projects funded under 2021 MMSSGP:

Funding Under the School Security Grant Program (SSGP)

In this section, detail any funding the school has received through the School Security Grant Program (SSGP).

Has this school received funding under any rounds of the School Security Grant Program (SSGP)? (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021)

If yes,

What is the grant number(s)?

How much funding was awarded (per round)?

Describe the projects funded under previous rounds of SSGP:

Funding Under the Connecticut Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT-NSGP)

In this section, detail any funding the school has received through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT-NSGP)

Has this school received funding under any rounds of the Connecticut Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT-NSGP)? (2021, 2023)

If yes,

What is the grant number(s)?

How much funding was awarded (per round)?

Describe the projects funded under previous rounds of CT-NSGP:

Funding Under the Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP-S)

In this section, detail any funding the school has received through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP-S)

Has this school received funding under any rounds of the Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP-S)? (2018-2022)

If yes,

What is the grant number(s)?

How much funding was awarded (per round)?

Describe the projects funded under previous rounds of NSGP-S:

Other State or Federal Grants

In this section, please detail any funding the school has received through other state or federal grants, not previously mentioned, that are relevant to the projects identified in this application.

Has this school received funding under any other state or federal grant program not mentioned previously?

If yes,

Name of Grant Program:

Administering Agency (i.e., SDE, DAS):

Amount of funding awarded:

Year(s) funding was awarded:

Grant numbers, if available

Section VIII. Budget

Multi-Media Interoperable Communications Systems Project Budget

Enter the estimated cost for each allowable project. If a project / item is not listed, email SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov for allowability. If deemed allowable, include the item in the ‘Other’ category.

School #1 Name:

Address:

| Budget Item | Estimated Cost (Include all labor, materials, etc.) | Notes / Comments (Include vendor, make/model, quantity, etc.) |
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| Internal Camera System: includes the capability of transmitting real-time video to law enforcement and /or their call centers | | |
| External Camera System: includes the capability of transmitting real-time video to law enforcement and /or their call centers | | |
| Panic Alarm Systems: Panic Alarms systems that when activated, open a line of communications with law enforcement centers/and or their call center | | |
| Radio System: Radio System that ties into law enforcement and/or their call centers | | |
| Internet of Things (IoT): systems that include technology for connecting and exchanging data with law enforcement and/or their call centers (sensor based) | | |
| Integration: Systems that integrate <i>existing</i> camera, panic alarm, radio systems, etc., for transmission over internet protocol to law enforcement and/or their call centers | | |
| Vendor Provided Training | | |
| Other Multi-Media Interoperable Systems (please email to confirm eligibility) | | |
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| TOTAL Project Budget: | | *Please do not submit a total project budget greater than \$100,000.00. Budgets greater than \$100,000.00 may be disqualified. |
| State Share, if awarded (50%) | | |