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**School Security (SSGP) and Multi-Media School Security  
(MMSSGP) Grant Program**

***Frequently Asked Questions***

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**What is the difference between the School Security Grant Program (SSGP) and the Multi-Media School Security Grant Program?**

The major difference between the School Security Grant Program (SSGP) and the Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP) are the types of projects eligible under each program. SSGP funding is used for physical security infrastructure improvements, while MMSSGP funds must be used for security improvements that *include the capability of transmitting communications/notification* directly to law enforcement and/or their call centers.

**What projects are eligible projects under the different programs?**

SSGP – projects eligible under SSGP include internal and external cameras (that do not transmit to law enforcement); portable entrance security devices; panic alarm systems (that do not transmit directly to law enforcement); communications systems, such as internal radios or public address systems; door and window enhancements, such as window film, solid core doors, and ballistic glass; access control systems, such as computer controlled locks, scan card systems, and door buzzer systems; fencing; security lighting; bollards; vendor provided training (only vendor provided training on new equipment purchased under the grant program); and other projects are determined eligible.

MMSSGP – projects eligible under MMSSGP include internal and external cameras that transmit real-time video to law enforcement; panic alarm systems that transmit real-time notifications directly to law enforcement; radio systems that tie into law enforcement; integration of current systems to provide direct line of communications to law enforcement; vendor provided training (only vendor provided training on new equipment purchased under the grant program); and other projects are determined eligible.

**Can a school/district apply for both SSGP and MMSSGP?**

Yes, a school/district can apply for both SSGP and MMSSGP; however, nonpublic schools cannot apply for, or receive, an award greater than \$100,000.00 total budget between the two programs.

**Who is eligible to apply for funding through these programs?**

Eligible applicants include public schools (K-12), Regional Education Services Centers (RESC), the governing authority for a state charter school, State Technical high schools, incorporated endowed high school or academy, nonpublic / private schools, licensed childcare centers or preschools.

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**Is there a budget/award cap?**

There is no cap for public schools; however, nonpublic schools cannot apply for or receive funding more than \$100,000.00 total project per school (\$50,000.00 state share) between the two programs.

**Is there a match requirement?**

Yes – both SSGP and MMSSGP have a match requirement. Nonpublic schools have an automatic match requirement of 50% (50% state share plus 50% school match). Public schools have a match percentage determined by the wealth index of the town in which they are located. State Technical Schools do not have a match requirement. For more information on the match percentages, please reference the [DAS School Construction Reimbursement Rate Form SCG-1060](#).

**If a school/district has applied for and received funding through either of these programs in previous rounds, are they eligible to apply and receive funding again?**

Yes, however, schools that have not received funding under a previous round will be given priority for funding. Additionally, funding received under future rounds cannot be used to supplant funds received under a previous round.

**How can a school/district apply for SSGP or MMSSGP?**

The application for both programs consist of two parts, Part I and Part II. Part I includes a fillable PDF to identify your schools' demographics, points of contact, project narrative, and budget. Part II is a security self-assessment survey completed online with assistance from law enforcement. Both parts must be submitted to be considered for funding.

**Are there different applications?**

Yes – There are separate applications for SSGP and MMSSP **and** for public and nonpublic schools/districts. Please make sure you are completing the appropriate application Part I. *If applying for both SSGP and MMSSG, you only need to submit one self-assessment survey per school.*

**Can a public school district apply for more than one school?**

Yes – if a district is applying for more than one school, one Part I should be submitted per district and one Part II should be submitted per school.

**When are applications due?**

Applications are due April 28, 2023, by 3pm EST.

For additional questions, please email [SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov](mailto:SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov)

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