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**Application Review and Best Practices** 

### FY 2023 School Security (SSGP) and Multi-Media School Security (MMSSGP) Grant Programs

Nonpublic Schools



### **Application Overview**



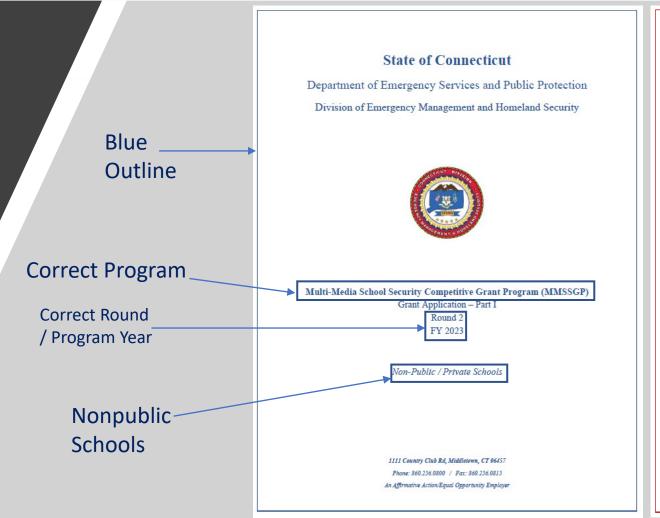
- Programs Available for Funding:
  - School Security Grant Program (SSGP)
    - Security infrastructure improvements (i.e., fencing, lighting, bollards, cameras, internal communications, alarm systems, access control, etc.,)
  - Multi-Media School Security Grant Program(MMSSGP)
    - Interoperable communications systems (i.e., systems that share real-time, direct communications with law enforcement)
- Period of Performance
  - January 1, 2013 June 30, 2026
- Application Requirements
  - Part I: PDF Document
  - Part II: Online self-survey
- Due Date:
  - Both Parts I and II due by Friday, April 28, 2023, 3pm EST

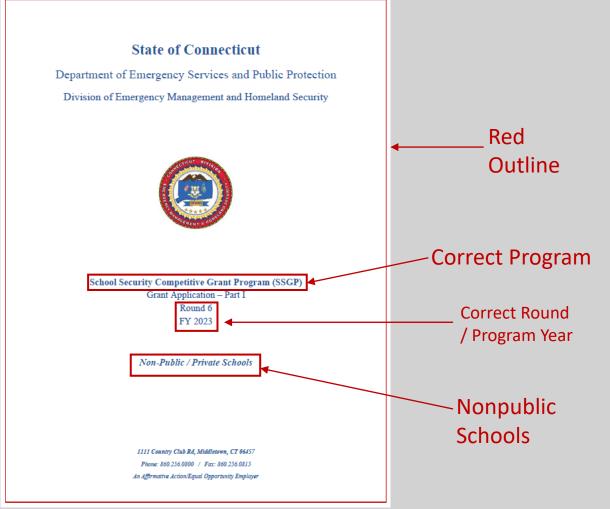


# Selecting the Correct Application



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https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Grants/School-Security-Competitive-Grant-Program-Overview/Apply



### Application Part I Sections



- Section I: Program Highlights
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- Section V: Threat Information
- Section VI: Project Narrative
- Section VII: Previous Funding
- Section VIII: Budget



# Section I: Program Highlights



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- Contains important information regarding:
  - Available funding
  - Period of performance
  - Eligible applicants
  - Eligible & Ineligible Expenses
  - Reimbursement procedures
  - Decision matrix

Please review this section as it may be valuable in answering questions.

### Section I. Program Highlights

Program Highlights: Public Act 21-111 established funding for two competitive grant programs: (1) School Security Competitive Grant Program (this application) and (2) Multi-Media Interoperable Communications Systems School Security Program. This application should be used for security improvement projects that DO NOT meet the definition of Multi-Media Interoperable Systems (systems that provide a direct line of communications between the school and law enforcement.

Round 6 SSGP Highlights: Public Act 21-111 established additional funding in the amount of \$10 million for round 6 of the School Security Grant Program for costs incurred between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2026. The total funding available for nonpublic schools is 10% or \$100,000,000.

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 SSGP Highlights above). If selected for funding, applicants will be notified and will receive a 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) portable screening and physical security improvements, 2) the cost of vendor provided training on the use of allowable equipment purchased under this program.

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

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### Section II: Key Dates & Instructions



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- Provides directions and overview for the sections contained within the application (both Parts I and II)
- Identifies important due dates
- Please use indicated file naming structures

### Section II. Key Dates and Instructions

A completed application includes both Parts I and II

All parts of the application must be submitted to <a href="SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov">SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov</a>
no later than Friday, March 31, 2023, at 3 pm, EST.

#### Application Part I

#### Applicant Data Sheet:

Please provide the requested information in Boxes 1 through 8 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 8 (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 project you intend to implement (i.e., cameras, radios, panic buttons, etc.,).

### 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), or other state or federal grants, such as construction grants through the Connecticut State Department of Education.



# Section III: Application Checklist



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 Tool that can be used by the applicant for ensuring all requirements are completed

### Section III. Application Checklist

#### A completed application submission must include the following:

- o 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
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#### 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 school's name on both Parts I and II match exactly. \*

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

"2023 SSGP NonPub School Name Town."



### Section IV: Applicant Data Sheet



- Please include accurate, updated contact information
  - Most communication, including award notification, will be done via email
- Recommended to list different people
- If no UEI, leave blank

Se	ection IV. Applicant Data Sheet	
Instructions: Please fill in th	ne shaded areas. **All fields in this section are required**	
Period of Performance: 01/01/2013 - 06/30/2026		
1. Name of School District Name:		
Address Line 1:		
Address Line 2:		
Town, State, Zip Code:		
2. FEIN, DUNS, UEI		
FEIN		
DUNS		
UEI		
3. Point of Contact (Project	ct Director)	
Name:		
Title:		
Address Line 1:		
Address Line 2:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Phone:		
Email:		



# Section IV: Applicant Data Sheet – Law Enforcement Approval



- Required for the <u>Multi-Media</u> School Security Grant Program (MMSSGP) application ONLY
- Law Enforcement Authorizing Authority must confirm that his/her agency has been consulted in identifying appropriate projects and are willing and able to receive the communications / notifications being transmitted through these projects
- If school is in a Connecticut State Police jurisdiction (Barracks or Resident State Trooper, please contact the Office of Field Operations for assistance

9. Law Enforcement Agenc	y's Authorizing Authority	
Agency:		
Name:		
Title:		
Address Line 1:		
Address Line 2:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Phone:		
Email:		
identifying solutions for et multi-media interoperable the identified school and la agency identified above is	certify that I have been consulted by the schoation in determining the current gaps in security infrastructure at efficiently enhancing the security through the incorporation of projects that will provide a direct line of communication betwee aw enforcement agency. I further certify that the law enforcement willing and capable of receiving the communications outlined in d through the Multi-Media School Security Grant Program.	en en ent
Signature		
Date		
State Police Barracks, authoriz	istrict falls within the primary police jurisdiction of a Connecticu zation must be received from Connecticut State Police Office o tact <u>SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov</u> , Kenneth Ventresca@ct.gov, a ance.	of



### Section V: Threat Information



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- Required for preschools and licensed childcare center applicants
- Provide description of previously received threats or acts against the preschool or daycare
- Can be threats directly to the preschools or licensed childcare center or to the community they represent

#### 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.



### Section VI: Project Narrative



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- Be as specific as possible
- Needs Statement Identify the current security gaps
- Overview Identify the projects you're applying for. These should "fill" the gaps identified in the needs statement.
  - If applying for Multi-Media (MMSSGP)
     specifically state <u>how</u> communications will be
     shared <u>directly</u> with law enforcement (i.e.,
     camera monitoring, radio communications,
     etc.,) and the <u>vendor/platform</u> you intend to
     utilized
- Target Population Include the grade levels of the students, number of students, and number of faculty and staff

this grant is av	<ol> <li>Needs Statement – provide a brief description of the issues or gaps that will be addressed this grant is awarded.</li> </ol>			

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# Section VII: Previous Funding



- Identify if the school has received previous funding from:
  - Multi-Media School Security Grant Program (2021)
  - School Security Grant Program (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021)
  - Connecticut Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CT-NSGP)
  - Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP-S)
  - Other State or Federal Grant Program

Section VII. Pr	evious Funding
	ılti-Media School Security Grant Program SSGP)
	s received through the 2021 Multi-Media School ogram (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?	
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# Section VIII: Budget



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- Identify the school's name and address at the top
- Enter the estimated amount for each item-
  - Include cost of materials, labor, etc.,
- The totals at the bottom will auto-populate-

\*Nonpublic reimbursement rate is 50%\*

### 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 Estimated Cost Notes / Comments (Include all labor materials, etc.) (Include vendor, make/model Internal Camera System: include the capability of transmitting realtime video to law enforcement and or their call centers External Camera System includes the capability of transmitting real-time video to law Alarms systems that when Radio System: Radio System tha ties into law enforcement and/or Internet of Things (IoT): systems that include technology for with law enforcement and/or their systems, etc., for transmission ove internet protocol to law enforcement and/or their call Other Multi-Media Interoperable \$ 0.00 State Share, if awarded \$ 0.00

Section VIII. Budget



# Submitting Application Part I



- Save Part I ( PDF) as "2023 MMSSGP (or SSGP) NonPub\_School Name\_Town"
- Submit Application Part I via email to <a href="mailto:SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov">SchoolSecurityGrant@ct.gov</a>
- Use the subject line "2023 MMSSGP (or SSGP) Nonpublic\_School Name\_Town"



### **Application Part II**



- Online self-survey, completed with assistance from law enforcement
- Please ensure the name of the school on Part I matches exactly to Part II
- If applying for both programs (SSGP and MMSSGP) only need to complete the survey once
- Based on the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilitates (NCEF) Checklist
- Identifies current security infrastructure in place
- If applying for a <u>retroactive project</u> (project that has been completed), complete the survey as if this feature were <u>not yet installed</u>
- Will automatically be submitted to DEMHS once completed



### **Expected Timeline**



- Application closes April 28, 2023, 3pm EST
- DEMHS application review May-June 2023
- Award notifications June 2023
- Period of performance ends June 30, 2026
  - All work must be completed by this time
  - Final reimbursement requests must be submitted with 30 days after the end of the period of performance







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