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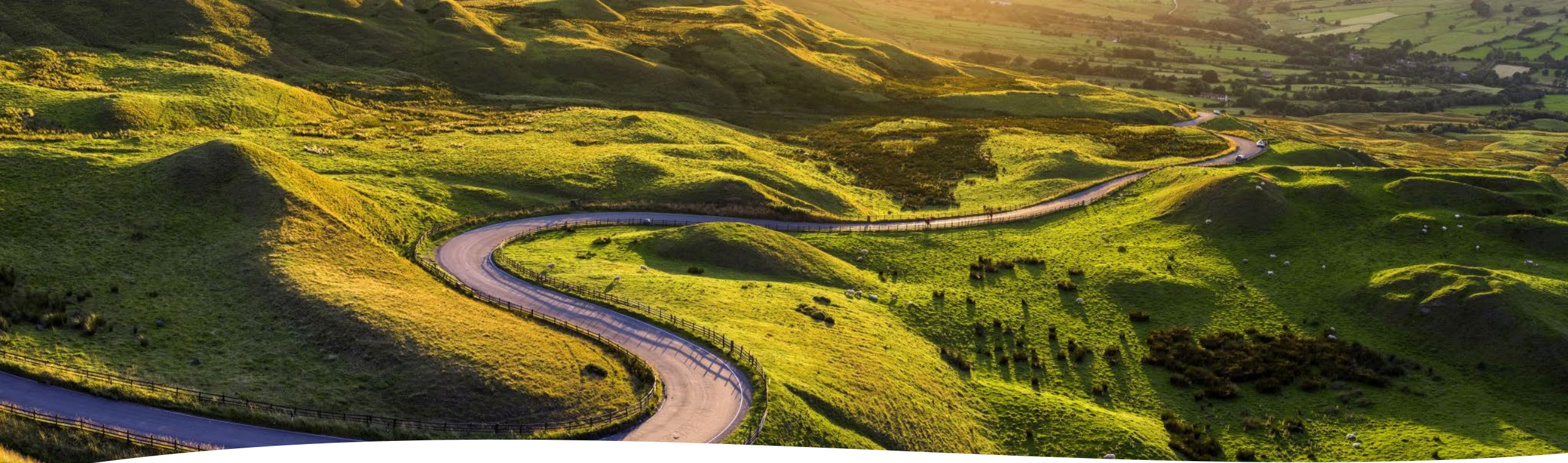
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PCCD Applicants Webinar: Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools Program

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency

September 9, 2024



What We'll Cover Today

1. **PCCD Overview**
2. **About the Grant Program**
3. **Review of Funding Announcement and Application Process**
4. **Anticipated Funding Timeline**
5. **Questions & Answers**





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FY24-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools

About the Grant Program + Funding Opportunity

Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools Program

Act 33 of 2023 was signed into law on December 13, 2023, and *transferred the Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools Program* from the PA Department of Education (PDE) to the School Safety and Security Committee within PCCD.

For FY 2024-25, **\$19.7 million** in state funds is available to eligible nonpublic schools to address school violence and school mental health; and municipalities, law enforcement, and approved vendors in supporting school security personnel services.



New to This Solicitation!

- ***Act 55 of 2024***
 - Removed intermediate units as the applicant on behalf of the nonpublic school if receiving an award
- ***Expanded eligibility pool for this solicitation***
 - Municipalities, law enforcement, and approved vendors can apply for funding to support school security personnel services in public and nonpublic schools
 - Nonpublic school types - Approved Private Schools and PRRIs



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How Does This Grant Program Compare to Others Focused on Nonpublic Schools?

- **PCCD's Targeted School Safety for Nonpublic Schools Grants solicitation is different from the federal Emergency Assistance for Non-public Schools Program (EANS).**
 - State funding, not federal funding
 - Different eligible project activities
 - No restrictions on spending for 'permanent structures'
- Similar to other PCCD-administered grants (e.g., Nonprofit Security Grant Program).





Review of the Funding Announcement



School Safety and Security

Office of Safe Schools Adv.



About PCCD



Strategic Plan



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Grant Opportunities



Funding



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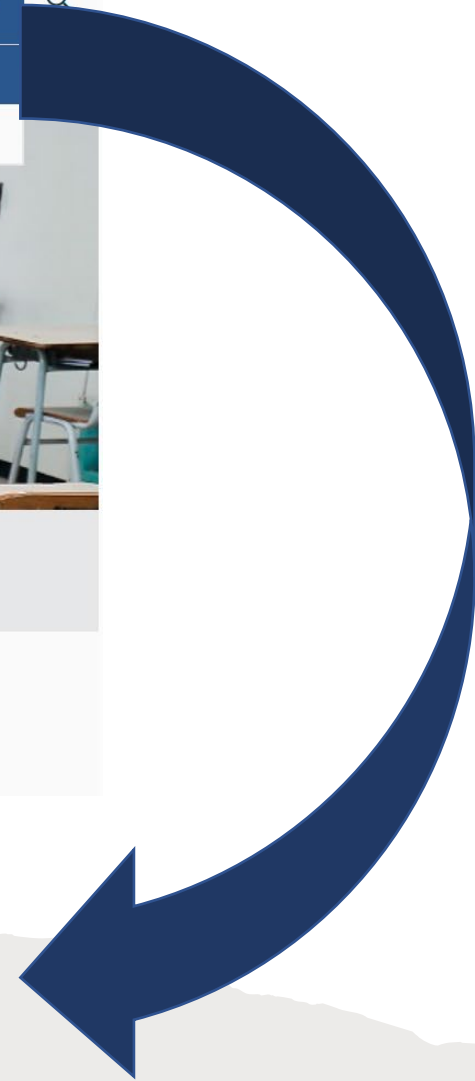


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School Safety and Security Overview

**Visit pccd.pa.gov +
Select “School Safety and Security” Tab**



School Safety and Security Overview

NEW The School Safety and Security Committee is pleased to announce the opening of the school safety grant solicitation process for FY24-25. The deadline for all application submittals is Thursday, September 26, 2024.

For a quick reference guide about what funding opportunities are available, select the appropriate entity type below:

- [School Districts](#)
- [Charter Schools, Intermediate Units and Area Career and Technical Centers](#)
- [Nonpublic Schools, including Approved Private Schools and PRRIs](#) ←
- [Municipalities, Law Enforcement Agencies, or Approved Vendors](#) ←



KEY INFORMATION FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING
APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS
FY24-25 SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT OPEN FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING APS & PRRI

The following are all the currently open School Safety and Security Funding Announcements for Nonpublic Schools:

2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools

Initial Request Form due date: 9/26/24



Nonpublics will submit an Initial Request Form directly to PCCD via SurveyMonkey – see [Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools](#) webpage for more information about the process and to apply.

- Competitive solicitation of approximately \$19.7 million.
- Nonpublic schools meeting definition of [Section 923.3-A of the PA Public School Code](#) are eligible to apply. Maximum award is \$75,000 per applicant for an up-to 18-month project.
- Funding can be spent on any activities under [Section 1306-B\(J\)](#).
- Priority consideration will be given to schools seeking to meet [Level 1 Baseline Criteria](#) or fulfill security assessments.
- [Written Funding Announcement for more details](#)
- ***New* Webinar:** September 9 at 3 PM | [Register HERE](#)

****NOTICE**** New for FY24-25 – Per recent changes in the law by Act 55 of 2024, nonpublic schools recommended for an award will no longer need to formally apply through their respective Intermediate Unit to receive funding. Applicants recommended for award in November will work directly with PCCD staff to submit their application within PCCD’s Egrants system. Please refer to the [Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools](#) webpage for more information about this change. Questions for nonpublic school grants can be sent to RA-CD-NPSEC-Grant@pa.gov.

One-Pager

Find all the key links you need, including the Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools webpage...

Funding Availability

- A total of **\$19.7 million** in state funds are available for the competitive FY24-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools Program solicitation (at least \$14.5 million is reserved for nonpublic schools).
- Eligible applicants can request **up to \$75,000** to support proposed project activities over an 18-month period.
- Funds may be used by nonpublic schools for eligible activities allowed under [24 P.S. §13-1306-B\(j\)](#) or programs that address school violence by establishing or enhancing school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of school security personnel.
- Funds may be used by municipalities, law enforcement agencies, and approved security vendors to support school security personnel services within nonpublic and public schools.



Eligible Applicants

- Nonpublic schools, including APS and PRRI, as defined by [Section 923.3-A of the PA Public School Code](#), are eligible to apply for funds.
 - *“any school, other than a public school within this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241)”*
 - Schools that only offer pre-K and kindergarten are not eligible since they serve students who are not covered under Pennsylvania’s compulsory school attendance law (see [Section 1326 of the PA Public School Code](#), [22 Pa. Code § 51.62. Admission of students](#)).
- Municipalities, law enforcement agencies, and approved vendors.
 - Approved Security Vendors are those that were approved for security work by PDE prior to moving the grant program to PCCD, and PCCD-approved security vendors



NOTE: If an applicant’s initial funding request is recommended for an award by the SSSC, the applicant will be contacted to finalize a formal application within PCCD’s Egrants system.



Eligible Activities

*Funds can be used for a wide range of programs and activities designed to enhance **school security** and improve **mental health** supports, including (but not limited to):*

School security personnel

School counselors + mental health personnel / services

Security planning + purchase of technology/equipment

Student + staff training programs

School safety, violence prevention, emergency preparedness plans

Addressing student behaviors (e.g., classroom management, diversion programs, etc.)

Violence prevention programs

School safety + security assessments

Trauma-informed approaches to education

School-based threat assessment + management



NOTE: A full list of eligible project activities is available for reference on PCCD's School Safety webpage [here](#). Due to the competitive nature of these grants PCCD cannot weigh in on project eligibility.



Priority Considerations

- Priority consideration under this competitive funding announcement will be for requests to:
 - **Address gaps identified in physical security or behavioral health assessments** meeting SSSC standards; and
 - Meet **‘Level 1’ of the Baseline Criteria Standards** (Physical Security and/or Behavioral Health) adopted by the SSSC.
- PCCD will also consider geographic distribution when making funding recommendations.

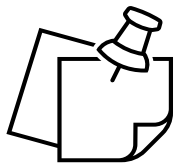


NOTE: Completing Assessments (aligned with SSSC standards) are a ‘Level 1’ Baseline Criteria activity.



What are 'Baseline Standards'?

- Originally adopted in 2021 and revised in 2023, [PCCD's Baseline Criteria Standards](#) are designed to assist school entities in guiding decisions about their physical security and behavioral health needs.
- Nonpublic schools are ***strongly encouraged*** to review these standards and utilize available Self-Assessment Checklist Tools and resource guides as they develop their applications.



NOTE: PCCD recognizes that Baseline Criteria were developed with public schools in mind, so it is possible some standards are outside the scope of and/or not required of nonpublic schools. Because these standards reflect basic recommendations and best practices for student and staff safety as recommended by experts in the field, they will be used to help prioritize requests for assistance under this competitive solicitation.



Financial Considerations

- Again, Act 55 removed IU as intermediary in the FY24-25 grant award.
- Sustainability planning is not necessary under this solicitation.
- Grant funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, existing spending on school safety and security within a school entity.
- The SSSC may award a request made by a nonpublic school in whole or in part based upon the merit of a specific item requested, and PCCD has approval of all final budgets.
- PCCD may randomly audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and other compliance requirements.



Other Considerations

- Any sensitive information that is reasonably likely to result in a substantial and demonstrable risk of physical harm to or personal security of staff or students is **confidential under Pennsylvania state law** and shall not be accessible for inspection and duplication under the Right-to-Know Law.





Navigating the Application Process

Multi-phased Process

Phase 1:

Initial Funding Request (Online SurveyMonkey Form)

Phase 2:

Initial Request Review and Scoring

Phase 3:

School Safety & Security Committee Approval

Phase 4:

Selected Applicants Submit Formal Application in Egrants System

Phase 5:

Project Implementation



Initial Request Process

- Eligible applicants must submit their initial request using PCCD's SurveyMonkey Link.
- Final recommendation of projects will be made following the receipt and review of initial request forms.



Initial Requests must be submitted electronically using the online SurveyMonkey form by 11:59 p.m. on September 26, 2024.



What's in the Initial Request Form?

- ✓ Applicant Information (Eligibility + Contacts)
- ✓ Applicant Overview
- ✓ Project Description
- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Assurances & Submission



NOTE: Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to carefully read and review the [funding announcement](#) and the [request form reference document/PDF](#) prior to starting their application in SurveyMonkey.



2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools

The School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications for safety and security funding under Article XIII-B (relating to school safety and security) of the PA Public School Code of 1949.

Please refer to the FY24-25 Targeted School Safety Grant Funding Announcement on [PCCD's Targeted School Safety Grants webpage](#) for more detailed information about this application process and additional instructions BEFORE filling out this initial request form.

This application is specifically for nonpublic schools and municipalities, law enforcement agencies, and approved vendors to support school security personnel services for public school entities and nonpublic schools. School districts, charter schools, cyber charter schools, regional charter schools, area career and technical schools, and IUs should refer to the FY24-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grant solicitation within PCCD's Egrants system for their own school safety funding opportunities.

This survey is the first step in the application process, and applicants should fill this initial request out prior to the September 26, 2024 (11:45 PM) deadline. You are not required to complete the survey form in one sitting. However, to continue working on your request, you must utilize the same computer/system the initial request was started. Applicants are strongly urged to develop their responses outside of SurveyMonkey first to prevent loss of work.

Questions regarding this initial request can be sent to RA-CD-NPSEC-GRANT@pa.gov. Due to the competitive nature of the 2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools, PCCD staff are unable to answer questions about specific proposals.



Anticipated Funding Timeline

Phase 1: Initial Funding Request

Phase 2: Application Review

Phase 3: Committee Approval

August 2024

September 2024

October 2024

November 2024

- **August 8, 2024:** FY24-25 School Safety Solicitations open.

- **Application deadline:**
Sept. 26, 2024.

- Review and scoring of submitted applications begins.

- Funding recommendations presented to the SSSC for consideration and action on November 13, 2024.



Anticipated Funding Timeline (cont.)

Phase 4: Submitting Formal Application in Egrants System

Phase 5: Project Implementation (*up to 18 Months*)

November 2024

- Successful applicants will be contacted by PCCD to begin formal application process in the Egrants System.

December 2024

- **Applications will be awarded upon satisfying PCCD requirements.**
- Contingent upon submission of formal application before awards can be finalized.

January 2025

- Project implementation begins **January 1, 2025** (18-month projects)

June 2026

- Project end date: **June 30, 2026 (unless extended by request)**



Recap: Application Steps

- ✓ Eligible nonpublic schools submit initial funding requests to PCCD using the SurveyMonkey form (deadline = September 26th)
- ✓ PCCD will conduct review/scoring of submitted initial funding requests.
- ✓ PCCD will engage applicants recommended for an award to develop a formal application in PCCD's Egrants System.
- ✓ Up to 18-month-projects will end on June 30, 2026.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Common questions and concerns we hear from grantees...and what you've asked us to cover!

How to Ask Questions



Today's webinar!



Email PCCD staff (RA-CD-NPSEC-GRANT@pa.gov)



Answers will be posted on PCCD's Funding Announcement Q&A webpage.



Check the online Q&A page before asking a question. We might have already answered it.



Read the online Q&A page before submitting your application.

Maybe someone else asked a question that you didn't know you needed the answer to...



 <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Active-Funding-Announcements.aspx>

Find the Q&A on the Active Funding Announcements Webpage (link above!)


Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

This solicitation will remain open from October 19, 2023 until all funding has been committed.

- [Funding Announcement](#)
- [Funding Announcement Q&A](#) (Updated 8/1/2024)

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FAQs

2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools

Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker

Updated on August 20, 2024

***New Questions & Responses Added in Red**

Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PATSS2024>

About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools](#) funding announcement and application process, which opened on 8/8/2024. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through 9/27/2024.

Q&A for Municipalities, Law Enforcement, and Approved Vendors is located under section 4 of this document.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-CD-NPSEC-GRANT@pa.gov with '2024-25 Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools' in the subject line.

- Eligible Applicant Pool
- Eligible Items/Activities
- Priority Considerations
- Info on Assessments and Baseline Criteria
- Process-related questions
- Financial-related questions
- Technical questions – Troubleshooting SurveyMonkey





Other Questions?

Please use the “Q&A” feature to submit your question(s), if you haven’t already done so.

PCCD staff are reviewing and will answer as many questions/topics as we can over the next few minutes.

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Thank You!