



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.



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* 1. Please select the category that applies to your organization:

- Nonpublic School, including Approved Private Schools and Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions
- Municipality, Law Enforcement, or Approved Vendor



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2. Per Section 923.3-A of the PA Public School Code, a “nonpublic school” means 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).

Please visit the [PA Department of Education Educational Names and Addresses \(EDNA\)](#) and search for your school entity. Please select the classification of your school as listed within EDNA. Please note, if your school does not fit into one or more of these categories, you may not be eligible for funding under this solicitation.

Please select your nonpublic school type:

- Approved Private School
- Diocese
- Licensed, Private Academic school
- Nonpublic, Non-Licensed School
- Private Residential Rehabilitation Institution
- Other (please specify)

3. Please provide your nonpublic school’s name.

4. Please provide your nonpublic school’s AUN.

5. Please provide your nonpublic schools address.

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

6. Nonpublic School’s Phone Number.

7. Nonpublic School’s County

PCCD will use the contact information below to reach your nonpublic school if you are approved to start the final application process. Please make sure that all information provided is typed accurately.

8. Primary Contact Person's Name

9. Primary Contact Person's Email Address

10. Primary Contact Person's Preferred Phone Number

11. Primary Contact Role/Title

12. Secondary Contact Person's Name

13. Secondary Contact Person's Email Address

14. Secondary Contact Person's Preferred Phone Number

15. Secondary Contact Role/Title



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16. Please provide a short description about your nonpublic school, including the location of the school, total number of student-occupied buildings, and total student enrollment figures.

17. Please describe your nonpublic school's experience and efforts related to improving school safety, including any current or recent security investments or initiatives you have taken over the past three years.

18. Has your nonpublic school been awarded a security-related grant (e.g., PCCD Nonprofit Security Grant; PEMA Nonprofit Security Grant; PDE Targeted School Safety Grant) within the last three years?

- Yes
- No



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19. Since you indicated that you had previously received a security grant, please provide the amount you received and a general list of items or services purchased, or will be purchased, with the grant(s).



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20. Please describe your nonpublic school’s actual need for this targeted security grant, including any statistics related to school violence (see examples in the written funding announcement). This response should include an explanation as to your overall financial situation and why funding is needed and how these funds will help fill a gap.



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Physical Security

21. A priority focus of the SSSC is to ensure that all school entities, at a minimum, meet a basic standard of safety for students and staff. A full listing of these basic standards, called Level 1 Baseline Criteria, for both physical security and behavioral health can be found on [PCCD’s School Safety webpage](#).

PCCD recognizes that the Baseline Criteria were developed with public schools in mind, so it is possible that certain standards are not relevant for some nonpublic schools. Further, many of these criteria are NOT REQUIRED of nonpublic schools. However, as these are a basic standard for student and staff safety as recommended by experts in the field, priority consideration will be given to entities requesting level 1 items and/or items identified as a gap within an assessment conducted by someone on PCCD's School Assessor Registry.

Please note, PCCD may randomly audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and compliance with provisions of the grant program, which includes confirming the schools Level 1 Baseline Criteria status.

Please select any and all level 1 physical security criteria that your school does not currently meet. You are not required to select any gaps in criteria that do not pertain to nonpublic school entities. If your school entity meets all level 1 baseline criteria listed below, please select the last option.

- A physical security assessment (aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC)) has been conducted of a school building representative of the school entity.
- School entity has vehicle barriers and/or fencing of entrances and/or critical areas (as identified in a physical security assessment conducted in alignment with guidance and standards adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC)) for each school facility.
- School entity has exterior lighting of all entrances and critical areas (as identified in a physical security assessment conducted in alignment with guidance and standards adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee) for each school facility.
- School entity has external, protective doors with viewing pane.
- School entity has door handles that cannot be barred.
- School entity has a school visitor buzz-in entry system that allows for visual observation, including a documented log of school visitors and packages.
- School entity's interior doors are capable of being locked from within each room.
- All exterior doors have working locks.
- School entity has policies and/or procedures for handling school visitors and packages and designated staff are trained on this. This should include procedures related to flagging immediate security concerns/risks/persons of concern to prevent entry/building access.
- School entity has cameras in blind spot areas.
- School entity has policies, procedures, and/or communications in place to educate students, staff, school visitors, and any other individual authorized to be in the facility on the importance of keeping exterior doors closed and secured.
- There is a single entry in and out of each school building during school hours.
- School entity has an active memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction and associated policies and/or procedures in place.
- If school security personnel are present, they have been hired/contracted and trained according to requirements in Pennsylvania state law.
- School entity has working mechanisms in place to communicate quickly to potentially affected individuals within and outside the building when necessary.
- School entity has adopted an emergency preparedness or emergency operations plan (EOP) (consistent with Title 35 Pa.C.S. Chapter 77, Subchapter B § 7701), including a communication and reunification plan.

- School entity has coordinated with and shared their updated emergency preparedness plan or EOP with the county Emergency Management Agency per 35 Pa.C.S. § 7701(g)
- All school entity employees have received annual training on school safety related topics as required by Act 55 of 2022, 24 P.S. §1310- B.
- My school meets all level 1 baseline physical security criteria.

22. Within the past three years, has your school entity conducted a Physical Security Assessment aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the SSSC, **and** conducted by an individual recognized to perform such assessments on the PCCD School Safety and Security Assessor Registry or the PA State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT)?

23. If an assessment was conducted by an approved vendor, please provide the name of the individual that conducted the assessment (note: this individual must be a PCCD Recognized Assessor or with the PSP RVAT Unit):

24. Are you asking for funding to meet any of the criteria listed above?

- Yes, I intend to use some or all funding to meet a Level 1 Physical Security criterion or criteria.
- Yes, I intend to use some or all funding to meet a gap identified within an assessment conducted by someone listed on PCCD's Assessor Registry.
- No, my physical security funding request is not included on this list.
- No, I am not applying for funding for physical security needs.

25. If you will be using a professional assessment conducted by an individual listed on PCCD's Assessor Registry, please scan the pages of your assessment that identify your assessor and the date of the assessment, and **ONLY** scan the pages referencing the items or activities requested and attach it below. If possible, please highlight the sections that pertain to your funding request.

No file chosen



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Behavioral Health

26. Please select one or more level 1 Behavioral Health criteria that your school does not currently meet. You are not required to select any gaps in criteria that do not pertain to nonpublic school entities. If your school entity meets all level 1 baseline criteria, please select the last option.

- A Student Assistance and Behavioral Health Support Assessment (aligned with [standards and guidance](#) adopted by the SSSC) has been conducted that is representative of the school entity.
- School entity has a process in place for coordination of services and referrals as part of a Student Assistance Program.
- School entity has met statutory requirements related to the provision of certified school nursing services.
- School entity has a school counseling program in place to ensure all students have access to qualified services, when needed.
- School entity has a student services plan in place that includes access to a qualified school psychologist.
- School entity has a student services plan that includes access to qualified social work services.
- School entity conducts a survey that includes or addresses school climate-related questions at least every two years.
- School entity has policies and/or procedures in place that comply with state and federal civil rights requirements to respond to discrimination and promote a safe and supportive learning environment for all.
- School entity has policies and/or procedures in place that address the appropriate student use of technology and social media.
- School entity provides age-appropriate prevention education for students aligned with state and federal requirements (e.g. youth suicide awareness and prevention, opioid misuse prevention, threat assessment, etc.).
- Professional training provided to school entity employees pursuant to state and federal requirements.
- School entity has policies and strategies in place to address incidents of bullying and has made that information available as required.
- Where required by state or federal law, school entity has specialized staff training programs in place in the use of de-escalation techniques, and appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention (e.g., training aligned with 22 PA Code Chapter 10 (Safe Schools), Chapter 14 (Special Education Services and Programs), Chapter 711 (Charter School and Cyber Charter School Services and Programs for Children with Disabilities); 24 P.S. §13-§1310-B (relating to school safety and security training), etc.).
- School entity develops a [trauma-informed approach plan](#).
- School entity has established at least one threat assessment team and developed policies and/or procedures for assessing and intervening with students whose behavior may indicate a threat.
- My school meets all level 1 baseline Behavioral Health criteria.

27. Within the past three years, has your school entity conducted a Student Assistance and Behavioral Health Assessment aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the SSSC, and conducted by an individual recognized to perform such assessments on the PCCD School Safety and Security Assessor Registry)?

28. If an assessment was conducted by an approved vendor, please provide the name of the individual that conducted the assessment (note: this individual must be a PCCD Recognized Assessor).

29. Are you asking for funding to meet any of the criteria listed above?

- Yes, I intend to use funding to meet a Level 1 Behavioral Health criterion or criteria.
- Yes, I intend to use funding to meet a gap identified within an assessment conducted by someone listed on PCCD's Assessor Registry.
- No, my behavioral health funding request is not included on this list.
- No, I am not applying for funding for behavioral health needs.

30. If you will be using a professional assessment conducted by an individual listed on PCCD's Assessor Registry, please scan the pages of your assessment that identify your assessor and the date of the assessment, and ONLY scan the pages referencing the items or activities requested and attach it below.

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Budget Detail and Summary

31. Nonpublic schools can apply for any eligible activity allowed under [24 P.S. §13-1306-B\(j\) \(1-31\)](#) as revised by Act 55 of 2024 . **PLEASE USE THE LINK PROVIDED TO REFER TO THE FULL ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY LIST AND NOTE THE CORRESPONDING SECTION/ACTIVITY NUMBERS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.** For example, if you are seeking funding for school security personnel, the corresponding activity section is 18; if you are seeking funding to support a physical assessment, the corresponding activity section is 1, etc.

In the following box, please type in all the activities or categories you are seeking funding for (e.g., I am seeking funding for activities: 1, 12, 18, 26).

I am seeking funding for activities:

32. Please enter the total amount of funding you are requesting (NOTE: Applicants can request up to \$75,000 for an 18-month project period).

33. Using the following script, please summarize your proposed project, a justification for the need for your request, and include budget estimates. If you are addressing any Level 1 Baseline Criteria gaps as noted in previous questions, you should provide an explanation in this section. You are not required to have bids at this point as estimates are acceptable; however, the reviewers should have a CLEAR understanding of what you are requesting funding for and how much you intend to budget for each item, activity or service requested (e.g., \$50,000 to support the salary of a school security personnel officer; 10 security cameras at \$200 each (\$2,000 in total) and \$10,000 for their installation). The script is as follows:

[Name of nonpublic school] is requesting \$[insert grant amount request here] for the following: [provide bullet points of the requested items (see above for details)].

Funding for the proposed project is being requested due to: [provide a 3-5 sentences that justify your funding request].

By funding this project, [describe how the requested funds will help meet or solve the need identified].

34. Discuss how outcomes will be determined and data, if applicable, collected.



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Municipality, Law Enforcement Agency, or Approved Vendor

35. Please provide your organization's name.

36. Please select what type of organization:

- Municipality
- Law Enforcement Agency
- Approved Vendor

37. Please list your organization's address.

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

38. Please select your organization's county.

PCCD will use the contact information below to reach you if you are approved to start the final application process. Please make sure that all information provided is typed accurately.

39. Primary Contact Person's Name

40. Primary Contact Person's Email Address

41. Primary Contact Person's Preferred Phone Number

42. Primary Contact Role/Title

43. Secondary Contact Person Name

44. Secondary Contact Person's Email Address

45. Secondary Contact Person's Preferred Phone Number

46. Secondary Contact Role/Title

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47. Please provide information about your entity, including your location and who you serve, and information about the school entity or nonpublic school that you will be supplying with school security personnel services.

48. Please describe your organization's experience and efforts related to improving school safety, including any current or recent initiatives or activities. If a municipality, law enforcement agency or approved vendor, please include information about how your organization/agency complies with requirements for school security personnel under Article XIII-C (School Security).

49. Please explain current funding gaps for the proposed project and how these funds will help fill that gap. Include a description of why additional financial resources are needed to enhance security. This description should give the reviewer a general sense of the applicant's overall financial situation.



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50. Are you applying for funding to supply school security personnel services to a school entity or nonpublic school to assist them in meeting a gap in their Level 1 Physical Security Baseline Criteria (i.e., the school entity currently does not have school security personnel)?

51. Within the past three years, has the nonpublic school(s) or school entity/ies you will be (or have previously) provided school security personnel services conducted a Physical Security Assessment aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the SSSC, and was conducted by an individual recognized to perform such assessments on the PCCD School Safety and Security Assessor Registry or the PA State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT)?



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Assessor Name

52. Please provide the name of the assessor.



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53. Are you applying to support a school police officer?

54. Do the budgeted personnel satisfy the following requirements?

- 1) Are retired federal agents or retired state, municipal or military police officers.
- 2) Are independent contractors of the school entity or nonpublic school.
- 3) Are compensated on an hourly basis and receive no other compensation or fringe benefits from the school entity or nonpublic school.
- 4) Have completed annual training as required by the municipal police officers' education and training commission under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subchapter D (relating to municipal police education and training).
- 5) The requirements of Section 111 of the PA Public School Code.
- 6) In the case of a school entity, have been indemnified by the school entity under 42 Pa.C.S. § 8548 (relating to indemnity).
- 7) Are utilized by a school entity or nonpublic school that has not employed a school police officer within the three years immediately preceding the effective date of this section.

55. Are you applying for funding to support school security personnel that have already completed the training and qualifications required under Article XIII-C?

56. If your municipality, law enforcement agency, or approved vendor has been funded previously, please discuss any past funding that has been used to support school security personnel, if applicable, including why grant funding is needed to support the proposed project.



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Project Summary and Budget Request

57. Please enter the total amount of funding you are requesting (NOTE: Applicants can request up to \$75,000 for an 18-month project period).

58. Using the following script, please summarize your proposed project, a justification for the need for your request, and include budget estimates. If you are addressing any Level 1 Baseline Criteria gaps as noted in previous questions, you should provide an explanation in this section. You are not required to have bids at this point as estimates are acceptable; however, the reviewers should have a CLEAR understanding of what you are requesting funding for and how much you intend to budget for each item, activity or service requested. The script is as follows:

[Name of municipality, law enforcement agency, or approved vendor] is requesting \$[insert grant amount request here] for the following: [provide bullet points of the requested items (see above for details)].

Funding for the proposed project is being requested due to: [provide a 3-5 sentences that justify your funding request].

By funding this project, [describe how the requested funds will help meet or solve the need identified].



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All Applicants

59. Thank you for participating in the initial request for a 2024-25 Targeted School Safety grant. Please read through and check the boxes below to confirm that you understand the following, and sign the final attestation:

- Once you click the submit button on the next page, your initial request will be submitted to PCCD and you will not be able to make any other edits to your request. SurveyMonkey will not provide you with an acknowledgement that your initial request was received. Please be assured that once you hit the “Submit Your Application” button below, PCCD has received it. Do not contact us for a copy of your initial request.
- In the event you accidentally submit an incomplete request, or if you want to add more information to a request, you are able to resubmit a request in SurveyMonkey at any time during the open request period. Ultimately, only one application per organization will be reviewed. PCCD will use the last submitted request from an applicant in the review process and will not consider earlier submittals.
- If you are selected to move forward in the process, you will receive an email from PCCD staff outlining information relating to submitting a final application within PCCD’s Egrants system. Please note: Pursuant to changes made by Act 55 of 2024, nonpublic schools will be submitting their own application through PCCD’s Egrants system and will no longer need to utilize their local IU as an applicant.
- PCCD is not liable for any costs incurred prior to the start date of the award. Further, grant recipients will be required to submit financial reports in PCCD’s Egrants system and PCCD will reimburse grantees for reported, eligible expenditures. Please see the webpage for more information about the reimbursement process.

60. Final Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that should this initial request be accepted for an award by the Commission, my organization is responsible for completing a final application via PCCD’s Egrants system and meet all further programmatic and fiscal requirements prior to receiving the official award.

Signed:

Date:

By submitting this final acknowledgement and hitting the “Submit Your Application” button below, your initial request has been completed. **Survey Monkey will not generate a confirmation of your submission.** Thank you.