PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING
TWO PROGRAMS
$52.5 MILLION
APPLY BY
NOVEMBER 4, 2019

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS
The Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949 created the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) within PCCD. The SSSC was tasked with developing the criteria school entities are to use in performing school safety and security assessments, issuing a survey to school entities to measure school safety and security preparedness, and administering grants.

For Fiscal Year 2019-20, two (2) separate funding announcements for the School Safety and Security Grant Program were announced on September 9, 2019:

1. The 2019/20 School Safety and Security – Meritorious funding announcement, makes available $18.72 million for school districts only.
2. The 2019/20 School Safety and Security – Competitive funding announcement, makes $33.78 million available for any school entities.

WHO CAN APPLY
1. MERITORIOUS GRANT: Any school district within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may apply for the School Safety and Security Meritorious Grant. Awards are based on daily membership and are as follows:
   - A school district with an average daily membership of more than 3,900 shall receive a minimum allocation of $45,000.
   - A school district with an average daily membership of more than 2,100 but less than 3900 shall receive a minimum of $40,000.
   - A school district with an average daily membership of more than 1,200 but less than 2100 shall receive a minimum of $35,000.
   - A school district with an average daily membership of less than 1,200 shall receive a minimum of $30,000.

Applications will be reviewed at the February 2020 SSSC meeting. Those applications which are approved may not have a project period that starts earlier than July 1, 2019 and may not have an end date that is later than June 30, 2021.

All applications approved at the February 2020 meeting of the SSSC will be up to 24-month projects with a projected start date of March 1, 2020. The end date for each project may vary, but budgets shall not exceed a two-year project period.

HOW TO APPLY
Information to apply for both the 2019/20 School Safety and Security – Meritorious funding and the 2019/20 School Safety and Security – Competitive funding can be found on the PCCD/SSSC website https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/default.aspx.

Deadline to apply:
11:59 p.m., November 4, 2019.
2. **COMPETITIVE GRANT**: Any school entity which is defined as a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school, regional charter school, approved private school, chartered school for the education of the deaf or blind or private residential rehabilitation institution may apply for School Safety and Security Competitive Grant. The purchase of security-related equipment including communications and surveillance equipment is an approved activity under this program.

Applicants are eligible to apply for up to $450,000, with the exception of the School District of Philadelphia, which is eligible for up to $4.155 million, and Pittsburgh Public Schools, which is eligible for up to $1.755 million. There is no matching requirement under this funding announcement.

**ALLOWABLE COSTS:**

Funds for both programs must be used to support any, all, or one of the items or activities that address safety and security, which are outlined in the grant guidelines. Among the items covered is “Security planning and purchase of security-related technology, which may include metal detectors, protective lighting, specialty trained canines, surveillance equipment, special emergency communications equipment, automated external defibrillators, electronic locksets, deadbolts, trauma kits and theft control devices and training in the use of security-related technology. Security planning and purchase of security-related technology shall be based on safety needs identified by the school entity’s board of school directors.”

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**


Information on both the Meritorious and Competitive Grant can be on the PCCD’s School Safety and Security webpage - [https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/default.aspx). Applicants can also seek assistance from the Egrants Help Desk with technical or system questions Monday through Friday until 4:00 p.m. and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or emailing RAeGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

**MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OFFERS A PROVEN BASIS FOR YOUR APPLICATION**

We offer a wide range of solutions to promote safety and security, increase operational efficiency and connect officers to help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **MOTOTRBO™ Commercial Radios** – For many schools, DMR Tier III commercial radios such as MOTOTRBO provide a cost-effective way to connect key campus personnel for instant communication and everyday emergencies. Simple push-to-talk activity on a secure and resilient private radio network allows critical communications to continue even when local cell towers are swamped with traffic during an emergency.

- **APX™ Mission-Critical Radios** – Operating on the more resilient P25 radio networks preferred by first responders, APX radios provide the uncompromising quality and reliability demanded by public safety professionals. In many school districts, the School Resource Officer carries both DMR and P25 radios to manage communications with first responders and the school radios users simultaneously.

- **Video Security** – A recent Motorola Solutions acquisition, Avigilon, offers advanced video security and analytics solutions. A complete line of intelligent high-definition cameras, comprehensive Access Control and Video Management software solutions, and advanced video analytics harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence help schools use video to their fullest advantage. Access Control solutions designed specifically for schools also assist in controlling who enters campus buildings.