



State of Tennessee
Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Office of Homeland Security

STATEWIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) PROGRAM APPLICATION

Grant Information

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As the result of Governor Lee's School Safety Initiative, the funding for the State of Tennessee's Statewide School Resource Officer Program was appropriated by the Tennessee General Assembly with the intent to provide funding for the purpose of placing one full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in each K-12 public school and public charter school.

The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security has developed policies for administration of this grant in accordance with legislative guidelines and in consultation with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office. Failure to complete this application in its entirety, to include the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Supplier Direct Deposit Authorization and the U.S. Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service W-9 forms, and in the prescribed format could potentially result in the rejection of the application.

Applications shall be submitted to the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security through the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's website at <https://tdoshs.com>.

Conditions of the grant

Eligible law enforcement agencies are those which have the responsibility to provide SROs to K-12 public and/or public charter schools within their jurisdiction. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security shall make grant funds available to the local law enforcement agencies after that local law enforcement

agency presents to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security an executed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the agency and the local education agency or the public charter school, pursuant to which the local law enforcement agency shall provide one full-time SRO to every school in the local education agency or to a public charter school. The MOU shall be in the form prescribed by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. A MOU template is included in the grant application.

Local law enforcement agencies are eligible to apply for funding not to exceed \$75,000 per year, per SRO, per school for which they are responsible for providing SRO services. Funding shall not be awarded for more than one SRO per K-12 public or public charter school. Funding may only be used for expenses directly related to placing an SRO in a school (i.e., salary, benefits, training, and equipment). SROs are required to receive 40 hours of specialized training within the first year of their assignment and must obtain 16 hours of specialized training annually thereafter.

Awardee's management of this grant is subject to periodic audit and must submit reports as deemed necessary by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Each recipient of this grant must provide quarterly information to the Department in the following format:

- The number of local education agencies and public charter schools that have executed an MOU with a law enforcement agency as part of the program.
- The number of local education agencies and public charter schools that have executed an MOU with a law enforcement agency as part of the program and have been provided a full-time SRO.
- The percentage of public elementary schools that have an executed MOU and the percentage of those that have been provided a full-time SRO.
- The percentage of public secondary schools that have an executed MOU and the percentage of those that have been provided a full-time SRO.
- The number of SRO's assigned to each school and the name of each SRO assigned to each school.

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