School Security Disbursement (SSD)
Grant Program

Potential Applicants Webinar

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Agenda

- Welcome
  - Please ensure that your mic is muted
  - Please put your name and agency name in the chat
  - The chat will be monitored for questions

- Intro to Office of School Safety (OSS) Grant Unit

- SSD Grant Program Overview

- Commitments to the grant
  Reporting requirements

- Application

- Questions

- Closing

Intro to Office of School Safety

Vision

The Office of School Safety provides Colorado schools and communities with the tools and resources to create safe and positive school environments for all Colorado students, pre-kindergarten through higher education.

Mission

The three units of the Office of School Safety support Colorado schools with the School Safety Resource Center providing resources, consultation, training, and technical assistance, the Crisis Response Unit training school personnel in responding to critical incidents and assisting when called upon and the Grants Unit researching and managing grant opportunities for schools.

- Created through SB23-241 and approved by Governor April 27- 2023.
- 1st Fiscal year began July 2024
- The SAFER grant program was transferred from Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to OSS.

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The OSS Grants unit

The Grants Unit is established in the Office of School Safety to manage available school safety grant funding from state and federal authorities and provide grant training and consultation to schools across Colorado.

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Grant Manager

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The OSS is the sole point of contact concerning these funds and all communications must be made through the Office of School Safety.

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About the Grant

Thank you for your interest in the SSD Grant program

- The School Security Disbursement (SSD) Grant Program enacted by SB23-241 provides disbursements to local education providers and eligible nonprofit organizations to use for the purpose of improving security within public schools.

- *The Maximum application amount for this round is $100,000.00.*

Allowable Expenses

1. Capital construction that improves the security of a public school facility or public school vehicle, including any structure or installed hardware, device, or equipment that protects a public school facility or public school vehicle and the students, educators, and other individuals who attend, work in, or visit a public school facility or are transported in a public school vehicle from threats of physical harm including but not limited to any structure or installed hardware, device, or equipment that:
   a. Prevents the entry of unauthorized individuals into a public school facility or a protected space within a public school facility or onto a public school vehicle; or
   b. Can be used to expedite communication when a threat is present;
2. Training in student threat assessment for all school building staff who have contact with students, which must include best practices for conducting threat assessments, such as instruction on how to prevent bias when conducting a threat assessment;
3. In collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, providing the training for peace officers on interactions with students at school;
4. School emergency response training for all school building staff.;
5. Programs to help student become more resilient in meeting the daily challenges they face without resorting to violence against themselves or others, including addressing the fundamental causes of violence and aggression and helping students become responsible members of their schools, neighborhoods, communities, and families;
6. Developing and providing training programs, curricula, and seminars related to school safety incident response;
7. Developing best practices and protocols related to school safety incident response;
8. Implementing a school resource officer program; and
9. Implementing a co-responder program.

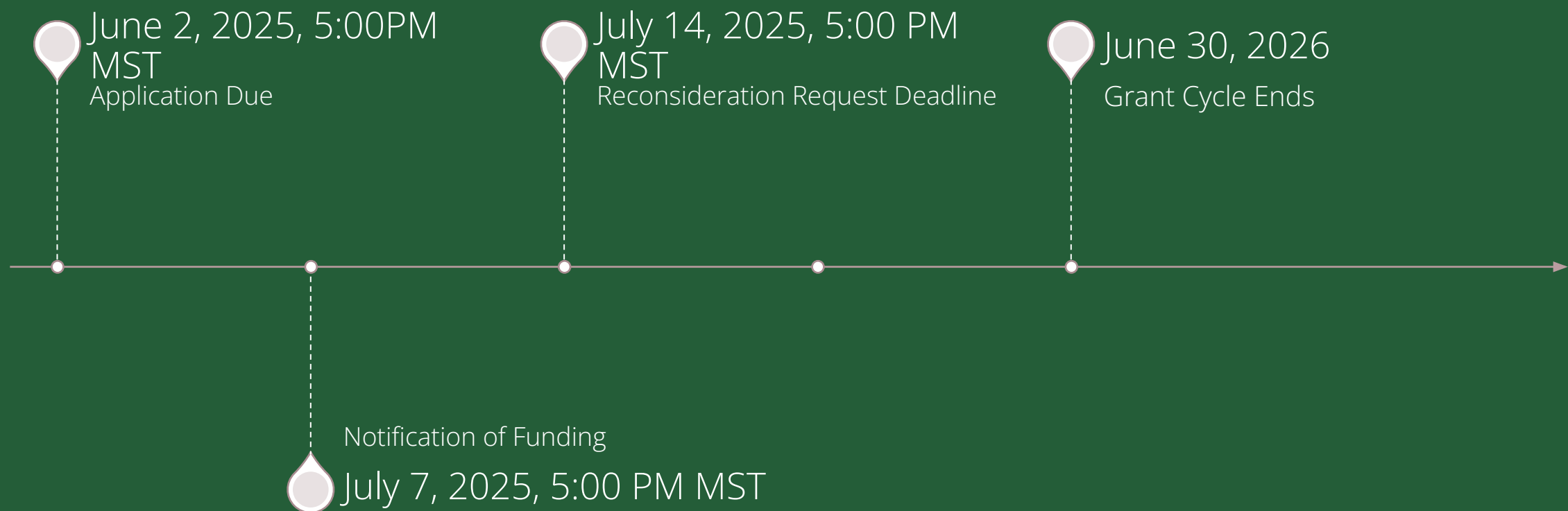COLORADO

Eligible Participants

- Local education providers, including school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative services, or any combination of local education providers who wish to apply together as a single regional applicant are eligible to apply.

- Eligible Non-Profits

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Eligible Participants: Non-Profits

- Eligible nonprofits are defined by the legislation as a organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code or 1986, as amended," that applies to work with specific local education providers or first responders, and that:
  - Has experience providing training for school safety incident response;
  - Has experience working with law enforcement agencies and other first responders;
  - Has experience working with school districts, school personnel, and students on issues related to school safety incident response; and
  - Identifies in its application location education providers or first responders that will participate in school safety incident response training or programs.

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Grant Life Cycle

The SSD Grant Program has a one year grant life Cycle
Period of Performance: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

June 2, 2025, 5:00PM MST
Application Due

July 14, 2025, 5:00 PM MST
Reconsideration Request Deadline

June 30, 2026
Grant Cycle Ends

Notification of Funding
July 7, 2025, 5:00 PM MST

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Commitment to the Grant
Reporting

Progress reporting is a requirement of the grant. Progress reports are due quarterly, 30 days after the end of the calendar reporting period, as shown in the table below.

Quarterly Reporting	Spending begins	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q4	Spending deadline	Final Report
Due dates		April 30	July 30	October 30	Jan 30	June 30, 2026	July 15,2026
Reporting Period		Jan-March	April-June	July-Sept	Oct- Dec		

From inception of your Small Dollar Grant Agreement (SDGA), Progress Reporting begins, no matter where it falls in the table below. For example, if you have your SDGA effective July 1st – your first progress report is due October 30th .

Commitment to the Grant
Reporting

The progress report consists of two sections. The narrative information and the financial information. These reports keeps OSS informed with the current information on the grant. The reports require wet or certified electronic signatures for the organizations' authorized representatives.

- Narrative Information:
  - Capture significant activity completed during the reported quarter.
  - Identifies challenges and issues within the project.
  - Identifies any technical assistance needed from OSS.
- Financial Information:
  - Identifies expenditures within the quarter and to date.
  - Expenditures are broken down into spending categories
  - Identifies the entities spend rate and amount of funding remaining.

Application

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Application

Applications: There are three different application templates for this grant.
- SSD Grant Program Application- Schools
- SSD Grant Program Application- BOCES and School District
- SSD Grant Program Application- Non-profit

Resources
- [Application Guide Book](#)
- [Applications](#)
- [SB23-241](#)

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General Instructions

<u>Read your Guidebook before you complete the application</u>

- Ensure that all requested information is accurate, clearly written, and directly related to the grant's objectives.
- Double check all budget calculations to ensure consistency across all budget related sections.
- Any incomplete or incorrect applications may be subject to rejection.
- Please follow the instructions listed in the sections and questions.
- Late (applications and application documents received after June 2, 2025, 5:00PM) or incomplete submissions will not be eligible for consideration

Applications

- **SSD Grant Program Application- Schools**

    Single Schools: Complete this application if you are applying for one School

- **SSD Grant Program Application- BOCES and School District**

    BOCES Applicants: If you are a BOCES serving multiple districts, it is not necessary to list the schools individually. Please list each district's project budget. When listing, please clearly identify how many schools within each district are included in the district's projected budget.

    School Districts and multi-campus schools Applicants: If the prospective project will serve multiple schools within a single district, or multiple campuses under one organization's name, each school's project budget is required to be listed separately.
    - If the project serves more than 10 schools, please categorize the schools by school type (e.g. high school, middle school, elementary school) and consolidate the budget accordingly.
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- SSD Grant Program Application- Non-Profit

    Non-Profit Applicants : Complete this application if you are applying as a Non-Profity entity.

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Risk Assessment

The Self-Risk Assessment Tool is a critical component of the SAFER Grant Program, helping to ensure responsible financial stewardship of grant funds. Applicants should complete this assessment thoroughly to demonstrate their capability to manage grant funding efficiently.

There are two sections:

1. Applicant Information (Section A)

2. Assessment Tool (Section B)

   a. For each question, select Yes, No, or N/A from the drop-down menu

   b. Each "Yes" response earns one point, while " No" or "N/A" responses receive 0 points

   c. Use the comments column to provide explanation or additional context where needed Scoring and Risk Level

Score less than 4 Risk =Level High risk (Red)

Score 4-11 = Medium risk (Yellow)

Score 11+ = Low risk (Green)

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Application Requirements

- Completed and correct application submitted by June 2, 2025 by 5:00 MST
  - Excel version of application must be submitted solely or in addition to a PDF version
  - Signature Page- Must contain physical signature or certified signature with time stamps included
  - W-9
  - UEI- SAMS.GOV

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All applications must be submitted to the following email address.

CDPS_OSS_SSD@state.co.us

Application Deadline

June 2, 2025, 5:00 PM MST

Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed or considered for funding.

The application and application handbook are located online

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Grant Pre-Award Timeline

- Announcement Released: May 1, 2025
- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 1 May 12,2025 2:30PM
- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 2 May 20,2025 11:00AM
- Potential Applicant Q&A Drop-In: May 22,2025
- Application Deadline: June 2,2025, 5:00PM
- Application Review Period: June 9,2025- June 30, 2025
- Notice of Funding Recommendations: July 7,2025, 5:00PM
- Request for Reconsiderations: July 14,2025, 5:00PM

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Thank you!

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Questions?

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