Agenda

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

- SAFER Grant Program Overview

- Commitments to the grant
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- Application

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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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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 SAFER Grant program

- The School Access for Emergency Response program (SAFER) originally enacted by SB18-158 provides funding for interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance and training to allow for seamless communications between existing school communications systems and first responder communications systems.

- $4,850,000 of funding is available to eligible applicants.

Purpose of Funding

1. Implement an interoperable technology solution to provide or to upgrade the following:

    • A system or technology that can be activated and deactivated by the   public safety 911 answering point, the network, administrator, and the school, using both the radio system and other communications networks;
    • for Radio and other technology bridge ability that is not radio vendor- specific for connecting independent school networks across the school district and public safety networks in the regions; and
    • An interoperability solution that operates over radio networks and other communications networks;

2.   To maintain or improve a school's existing interoperable communication hardware or software or to provid interoperable communication hardware and/or software to a school that does not yet have it; and

3. For any necessary radio system capacity expansions where school loading has been determined to have significant impact on public safety system loading.

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Allowable Expenses

- Interoperable communication hardware
- Interoperable communication Software
- Equipment maintenance
- Training to allow for seamless communications between new or existing school communications and first responder communications systems

Eligible Participants

- Schools- district/public school/charter school/board of cooperative services)

- Public safety communications system owners

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Grant Life Cycle

The SAFER Grant Program has a two year grant life Cycle

May 6, 5:00PM MST
Application Due

June 17, 2024
Reconsideration Request Deadline

June 30, 2026
Grant Cycle Ends

Notification of Funding
June 10, 2024

Disbursement deadline
June 30, 2026

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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		January 30	April 30	July 30	October 30	June 30, 2026	July 15,2026
Reporting Period		Oct- Dec	Jan-March	April-June	July-Sept		

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 31st.

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REPORTING Cont.

THE PROGRESS REPORT CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS, THE NARRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL UPDATES. THESE REPORT KEEPS OSS INFORMED WITH CURRENT INFORMATION ON YOUR GRANT. THE REPORTS REQUIRE ORIGINAL OR DATED ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.

NARRATIVE INFORMATION:
- CAPTURES SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY COMPLETED DURING THE QUARTER
- IDENTIFIES CHALLENGES/ISSUES WITHIN THE PROJECT
- IDENTIFIES ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED FROM OSS (NOTE IN THE PROGRESS   REPORT IF THERE WERE NO EXPENSES AND WHY)

FINANCIAL UPDATES:
- IDENTIFIES EXPENDITURES TO DATE
- BROKEN DOWN BY PROJECT AND SOLUTION AREA
PLEASE SEE APPENDIX B FOR MORE DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETING THE QUARTERLY REPORT

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Application

There are two different applications for this grant.

- [Schools and School Districts Application](#)
- [Public Safety Communication Owners Application](#)

Application Resources

- https://oss.colorado.gov/school-access-for-emergency-response-grant-program
- [SAFER Application Handbook](#)
- [SB18-158](#)
- [SB23-241](#)

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Application Requirements

- Complete Application submitted by May 6, 2024 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
- EOP
- MOU

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

- Must be signed by the school district administrator and the 911 authority/owner at a minimum, if this is also your local Law Enforcement agency, even better.

- If other supporting agencies can/will sign, this shows the evaluators that you have buy in from the entire community and the program will likely have greater long term sustainability. Examples include local fire, EMS and EM

- Your EOP should be up to date, within the last 3 years and built for your school. All contacts and rosters should be updated as well.

- In kind contributions are strongly recommended, i.e training, resources, staffing. Show the evaluators that the requestors have some buy in to the project and that they truly understand the project they are embarking on with this grant.

- The MOU must reference SAFER and the Legislation that created it

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All applications must be submitted to the following email address.

CDPS_OSS_Safer@state.co.us

Application Deadline

May 6, 2024, 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
https://oss.colorado.gov/school-access-for-emergency-response-grant-program

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Thank you!

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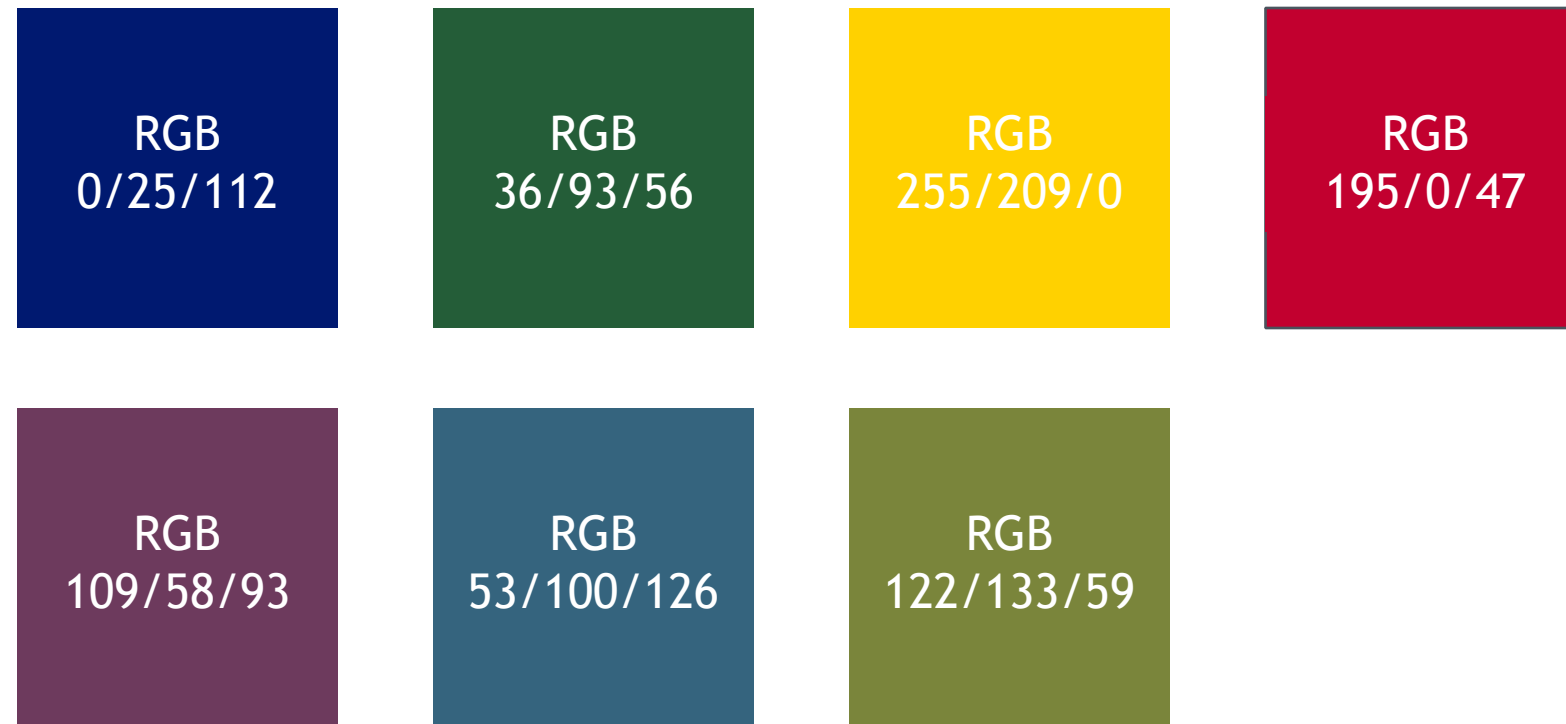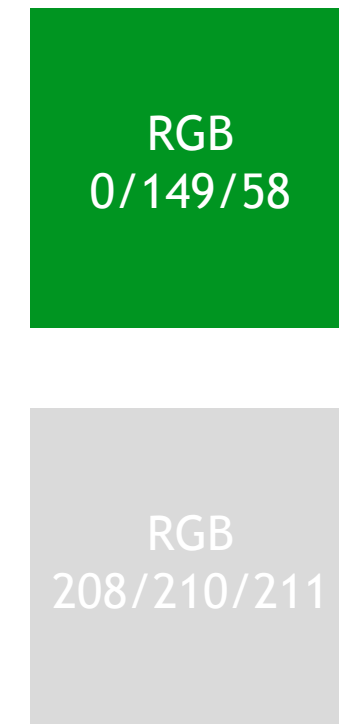
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- Reference the Colorado Brand Guidelines for more information.