

ESSIR FY26 Program Guidelines

1.2 Timeline

Announcement and Application Handbook Available Application: August 28, 2025

Submission Deadline: September 26, 2025, 5:00PM MST

Notification of Funding Recommendations: October 3, 2025

1.3 Issue/Problem Statement:

This funding announcement is in response to the needs identified by the State Legislators to improve law enforcement school safety incident response in public schools.

1.4 Purpose of the Funds:

The purpose of the grant program is to provide disbursements to eligible nonprofit organizations to use for the purpose of improving law enforcement school safety incident response in public schools. Grant recipients may use the money received through the grant program for the following purposes:

1. Developing and providing training programs in school safety incident response to Colorado law enforcement.

1.5 Target Applicants:

An eligible nonprofit organization, which is defined as a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the federal “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”, as amended, that applies to work with specific local education providers or first responders, and that:

- a. Has experience providing law enforcement training for school safety incident response;
- b. Has experience working with law enforcement agencies and other first responders; and
- c. Identifies in its application local law enforcement or first responders that will participate in the law enforcement school safety incident response training programs.

1.6 Award Period of Performance:

August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

1.7 Amount Available and Budget Restrictions:

- \$250,000 Total Award
- Allowable Expenses:
 - 10% Maximum Allowable for **Administrative Costs**: all costs associated with the grant (i.e salary, benefits,etc.).
 - Training sessions for Colorado law enforcement officers
- Unallowable Expenses:
 - Loan or bank fees
 - Lawyer fees
 - Insurance costs
 - Financial system purchases and/or maintenance
 - Building maintenance

- Capital construction/ improvement projects
 - Training outside the scope of the Section 1.4 above
 - Any food expenses
- All training programs, curriculum, and seminars, must be administered to local Colorado law enforcement.
- Time and Effort Reports Submitted for all salary paid on the grant. Only the portion of salary and benefits associated with the time and effort working on the project can be charged to the grant. Raises require prior approval by the Office of School Safety.
- Travel (hotel, mileage and per diems based on the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rates) for participants located 100 miles outside of the training center. Lodging expenses should not exceed the lodging rates for the location of the Travel's stay as published by the GSA
- Training Participants: 10 Minimum per training event required
 - Rosters with Email Address, Name, Employers
 - Agenda with hours of the training specified
- All costs associated with the grant over a cumulative amount of \$5000.00 must follow the State of Colorado Procurement rules and go out for bidding with a minimum of 3 quotes submitted.
- For Sole Source Procurement we must follow the State of Colorado fiscal rules and it must be determined that there is only one available source for the specific goods or services needed. Prior approval must be obtained for any sole source purchases.