**Securing Our Future (SOF) Grant**

**FAQ’s**

Listed below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the SOF grant program. For any question not addressed please contact the SOF Grant Administrator Katie Francis [kfrancis@osbe.idaho.gov](mailto:kfrancis@osbe.idaho.gov) or your regional analyst.

* What schools are eligible for SOF funding?
  + Any publicly funded Idaho school or district with student occupied building.
* Are public charter schools eligible to apply?
  + Yes
* Are online-only schools eligible to apply?
  + No, online-only schools will not qualify for this grant.
* If a school leases it’s building, may it apply?
  + Yes, but projects should be developed with an emphasis on protecting students, not increasing the value of the property for the building-owner.
* Are schools opening in the fall of 2023 eligible to apply?
  + No, only schools open at the time of the appropriation (Spring 2023) will be eligible to apply.
* My school has multiple buildings, will each building be funded for security improvements?
  + No, a single allotment of funding will be provided to each school as listed [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14ASbupZ-tiMyH5pMVSIhtEG6nIa8R9dc/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109718493161278350060&rtpof=true&sd=true).
* What is the amount of funding my school will receive?
  + The Phase 1 funding will be $20,000.00 per school.
* Must all the funding allocated to a school be expended at that school?
  + No, school districts will have the discretion to aggregate awards to address facilities with significant needs if the needs are within the allowable expenditures.
* My school has more than 20,000 dollars' worth of vulnerabilities in the allowable expenditures categories.
  + Districts may aggregate unused funds from other schools to address major vulnerabilities if the spending fits the allowable expenditures. Districts may also apply for Phase 2 competitive funding to address high-cost/high-value projects.
* Can this funding be used to reimburse for allowable security expenditures already made?
  + No, the intent of the SOF grant program is to supplement, and not supplant, a school’s safety and security spending.
* Will this be an ongoing funding stream?
  + No, the Governor’s request as approved by the legislature was for a one-time allocation.
* Can SOF funding be used for school resource officer or security guard salaries?
  + No, SOF expenditures are limited to physical security improvements within the approved categories listed in the application. One-time appropriations are not a good solution to ongoing funding needs
* Can SOF funding be used for acoustic gunshot detection systems?
  + No, acoustic gunshot detection systems are not demonstrated effective and are therefore not eligible for funding under the SOF grant.
* Can SOF funding be used for A.I.-based weapons detection systems?
  + No, A.I.-based weapons detection systems are not demonstrated effective and are therefore not eligible for funding under the SOF grant.
* Can SOF funding be used for vaping detection systems?
  + No, vaping detection systems are not eligible for funding under the SOF grant.
* What are the reporting requirements?
  + There will be an initial application, periodic progress reporting and a projection completion report.
* Where can I find information about what the eligible expenses are?
  + [Allowable Expenditures Document](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rR7BEPt86b3bQFJW7_eHKqYameiA5d7B/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109718493161278350060&rtpof=true&sd=true)