

Relevant Near Future Grant Opportunities

Updated December 2021

Please Note: Most of the information presented here are anticipated opportunities, and are subject to change or many not actually be released. The summaries provided in many anticipated cases are based on the last open round for this competition. It is possible that some of the information below will change when the new RFP is released.

Funding Opportunity: Funding for training and education to prevent school violence, development of systems to prevent school violence.

BJA STOP School Violence – Mental Health Training

General: Funds:

- 1) Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students. This can also include specialized training for school officials to respond to mental health crises.
- 2) The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites. Threat assessment and/or intervention teams must coordinate with law enforcement agencies and school personnel.
- 3) The development and deployment of—
 - a) School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel
 - b) Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises

Eligibility: The grant has 4 categories, Category 1 and 2 are for states. School districts and units of local government are eligible for Category 3 and 4.

Funding: For schools and public agencies, approximately 80 awards up to \$750,000.

Priorities: High-poverty areas

Expected Release Date: February-March 2022

For More Information: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/overview>

Opportunity: Funding for school safety improvement.

School Violence Prevention Program

General: SVPP is designed to provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantee's jurisdiction through evidence-based school safety programs. FY 2020 funding may be used for coordination with local law enforcement; training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence against others and self; placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency; and any other measure that, in the determination of the COPS Office Director, may provide a significant improvement in security.

Eligible Costs:

SVPP funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 schools and school grounds for the following activities:

- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Any other measure that, in the determination of the COPS Office Director, may provide a significant improvement in security

The following are the eligible costs:

- **Coordination—Civilian/Nonsworn Personnel (Salaries and Benefits).** Please note that personnel hired under SVPP must function in a role directly related to the SVPP project (examples of allowable personnel may include project coordinators, project managers, technology managers, emergency management coordinators, or trainers).
- **Equipment.** Entry control equipment, school site alarm and protection systems.
- **Technology.** Communication technology, emergency alerts, identification technology, laptops, maps of schools and bus routes, printers, social media monitoring, tracking systems, and video surveillance technology.
- **Supplies.** Manuals, paper, pens, and postage.
- **Travel/Training** for law enforcement officers to prevent school violence.
- **Contracts/Consultants.**
- **Subawards.**
- **Other costs.** Allowable overtime, other office supplies not already listed, and shipping costs.

School Resource Officers is not an eligible cost.

Eligibility: The COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) solicitation is open to all states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies.

Funding: Up to \$500,000 over the 3 year period. Expected awards nation-wide 150. Up to \$50 million is available through this year's COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).

There is a 25% local match for this grant.

Expected Release Date: March-May 2022

Project Duration: Three years

Recommendations: *It is recommended school districts first consult with their local law enforcement agency and county mental health agency in regard to their interest. They will need to be either a partner or the lead agency. This is competitive but there is twice as much funding this year, so it is less competitive than last year.*

For More Information: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>

Opportunity: Purchase food service equipment.

FY 2021 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant for School Food Authorities (SFAs)

The School Food Service Equipment Grant is intended to provide schools the opportunity to purchase equipment that will allow the school to: serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns, improve the overall quality of meals, improve efficiency of production and service and expand participation.

Eligibility: All schools under a School Food Authority (SFA) in the NSLP are eligible. The SFA will apply on behalf of their eligible schools.

Requirements: The SFA will submit a separate application for each piece of requested equipment for an eligible school.

Priorities/Bonus points:

- High Level of participation in the NLSP– 5 points
- 40% FRL or above – 5 points
- If the school hasn't had a previous award – 10 points

Note: We (not NYSED) recommend you don't apply unless you have at least 10 bonus points

Previous Food Service Equipment Grant Recipients

Funds Available: \$1.8 million statewide, grants minimum is \$1,000 and grant maximum is \$20,000.

Expected Release Date: January – March 2022

Analysis: This is a simple application. If assistance is provided, it will still be up to the food service director to identify the equipment, get at least three (apples to apples) quotes, and provide the reason the equipment is needed.

For More Information: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/2020-national-school-lunch-program/home.html>

For Assistance: Contact Chris Semler at Chris.Semler@WFLBOCES.org

Opportunity: Funding for archiving records and establishing records management systems.

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grants

General: Provides funds to help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components.

Eligible Funding Costs:

- Records-lifecycle management of electronic mail.
- Disaster Management
- Historical Records
- File Management
- Document Conversion and Access.

Eligibility: Municipalities, school districts, BOCES, and consortiums of eligible organizations. Shared Services projects (two or more eligible applicants working together – to include past the grant

cycle) continue to be a priority for funding and the State Archives. Preference will be given to applications proposing to establish new shared services consortiums for the management of records. This preference will be expressed in the form of bonus points (10).

Funding: Individual grant projects will typically receive up to \$75,000. Shared services projects will receive up to \$150,000.

Expected Release Date: December 2021-January 2022

For More Information: http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml

Analysis: This is an achievable grant but it has a very low return on investment and is already a CoSer service. Very time intensive. Requires a detailed inventory of records by the grantee.

Opportunity: Fund synchronous interactive distance learning to expand educational opportunities from colleges and other schools. Recommended for districts with a municipal population with less than 10,000 and where students are not able to take courses due to low-enrollment.

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

The grant to provide distance learning in rural communities. There are three categories of eligible purposes: 1) equipment; 2) acquiring instructional programming, (to include video conferencing licenses); and 3) technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment. The intent of the program is to benefit rural areas (20,000 or less). Typical end-users are rural facilities such as elementary, secondary, and other educational institutions, rural hospitals, primary care centers, or other community facilities. The program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and clinicians with students in a rural school or on their personal device with both educational and clinical services.

Eligibility: Non-profits, School Districts (in communities of less than 20,000 people), hospitals, municipalities, government agencies, tribal governments.

Awards: Approximately 80 to 90 up to \$1,000,000, 3-Year program.

Match: A 15% match is required.

Expected Release Date: February-April 2022

Analysis: This is a very achievable grant. Districts may purchase the equipment after they submit an application but would need to wait for reimbursement until the application is approved for funding.

[For More Information](#)

Opportunity: Establish a farm to school program to gain better access to local foods.

USDA Farm to School Grant Program

General: Funds the establishment of a Farm to School Program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

- 1) **Support Service grants** are intended for eligible entities working with schools or school districts to further develop and provide broad reaching support services to farm to school initiatives.
- 2) **Implementation grants** are intended to help schools or school districts scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives.
- 3) **Planning grants** are for schools or school districts just getting started on farm to school activities and are intended to help these entities organize and structure their efforts for maximum impact by embedding known best practices into early design considerations. WFL BOCES has already been awarded this grant, the next step is the Implementation grant.
- 4) **Training grants** are intended for eligible entities to support trainings that strengthen farm to school supply chains, or trainings that provide technical assistance in the area of local procurement, food safety, culinary education, and/or integration of agriculture-based curriculum. This is a state-level fund.

Priorities: Applications from school districts (i.e. the school district is the lead applicant): schools or school districts will receive at least 50 percent of the overall number of planning and implementation awards.

- Applications from Indian Tribal Organizations and entities serving Native communities.
- Projects that reach more than one school.
- Projects that serve a high proportion of children (at least 40 percent or more) who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. (Weighted average of all districts will be used, so we can include districts below 40 percent).

Eligibility: Eligible schools are considered pre-K - 12 school food authorities (SFAs) that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs and/or operate USDA's Summer Food Service Program.

Matching Funds: There is a 25% matching fund requirement. This can be met with in-kind donations or state and/or local funds.

Awards:

- 1) Planning grants are expected to range from \$20,000 - \$50,000 (a district or group of districts could do a planning grant, while others participate with WFL BOCES on an implementation grant);
- 2) Implementation grants are expected to range from \$50,000 - \$100,000 (Not recommended if you have not conducted previous planning – WFL BOCES has done a previous planning grant);

Anticipated Release Date: October 2020

For More Information: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

Opportunity: School Violence Prevention

FY 2022 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program

Purpose: The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act) describes the following for K-12 school safety projects:

- Training to prevent school violence, including training for local law enforcement officers,

school personnel, and students.

- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites.
- The development and deployment of— Multidisciplinary intervention and threat assessment teams that, when necessary, evaluate serious risks of violence in schools and include coordination with law enforcement agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders, and school personnel.
- Specialized training for school officials in responding to student mental health crises, including training on when and how to involve mental health professionals.
- Support for any other measure that, in the determination of the BJA Director, may provide a significant improvement in training, threat assessments and reporting, and violence prevention.

Eligibility: Category 2: City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, and Independent school districts.

Awards: Up to \$1,000,000 (last round 140 awards, moderate competition)

Expected Release: May – June 2022

For More Information: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-47003>

Opportunity: Prekindergarten placements

Additional Grants for the Expanded Prekindergarten for Three- and Four-Year Old Students

Purpose: The purpose of Additional Grants for Expanded Prekindergarten for Three- and Four-Year Old Students is to increase the availability of high quality prekindergarten placements for high need children and schools within New York State.

Eligibility: All public schools

For More Information: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/upk/>

Analysis: *It is not recommended to apply, unless you have an established waiting list.*