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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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REVISED 11 June 2020...The following are FAQs for the 2020-21 NC School Safety Grant Program – SRO’s. Ensure that you read Parts II and III of Session Law 2019-222 for clarity. Please note that this is **NOT** a continuation grant and that **ALL** funding for current school resources officers will end on 30 June 2020. This is a NEW competitive grant process and PSUs must apply for any and all SRO’s that their schools will need. **You MUST send questions and/or concerns to schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov .**

Frequently Asked Questions

2020-2021 School Safety Grants

GENERAL FAQs

Q: What is the purpose of this grant program?

A: The purpose of the 2020 School Safety Grants Program-SRO is to improve safety in public school units by providing grants for:

- the hiring and training of school resource officers

Q: Who is eligible to apply for this grant program?

A: A public school unit (elementary & middle schools only) may submit one application to hire or train school resource officer(s).

Q: Has the SRO grants always been competitive?

A: Beginning with the 2018-19 SRO grant funding, the process has become competitive to provide fairness to all districts. We were realizing more request than we had funds and there needed to be a way to help as many districts as possible. Prior to the 2018-19 cycle, the same counties were receiving funding and there was no plan noted for sustainability outside of this funding. This did not allow other counties the opportunity to apply for this much needed funding as their ability to secure local match funding was realized.

Q: What is the term of this grant program?

A: The grant term begins when funds are received and ends on June 30, 2021. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2021, no exceptions. There is an opportunity for a one-year continuation. Continuation awards are contingent upon availability of state funds and are based on the PSU’s ability to demonstrate compliance with state and federal laws and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction policies including reporting requirements, award progress and maintenance of documentation.



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Q: Why does the 2020-2021 school safety grant program -SRO not include other safety grant programs?

A: The SRO funding is recurring per legislation therefore applications can be processed, and announcements made prior to appropriation budget being approved.

Q: When will SRO monies will be released?

A: Monies will be released once the appropriation budget is approved for FY 2020-21 through the NC General Assembly.

Q: Why does the NC School Safety Grant SRO 2020-21 not include safety equipment, services for student in crisis and training monies?

A: For FY 2020-21 the grant process will be divided into two applications. The SRO grant application, which is due Friday, 12 June 2020 is based on recurring monies per Session Law 2019-222 and can be available to districts sooner. NC DPI has not been notified to date of the types of program or amounts for additional funding. Once we have been notified and legislation has been approved, we will launch the additional application announcement.

CCIP FAQs

Q: Are eligible applicants allowed to submit an application outside of the CCIP system?

A: No. The application must be submitted in the CCIP system (ccip.schools.nc.gov) by the due Date Friday, 19 June 2020 at 11:59 EDT. **(This is an EXTENDED deadline)**

Q: I am getting an error message when I log into CCIP with my NCID. Why?

A: In order to edit or approve applications in the system you must have a valid NCID user account and be “known” to CCIP. To become “known,” you must contact your organization’s User Access Administrator (in LEAs, historically, the Title I Funding Application contact) and provide your NCID user ID so the appropriate roles can be assigned.

Q: Although we are an eligible applicant, we are unfamiliar with the CCIP system. Where do I begin?

A: You have two options in obtaining assistance with CCIP. You can go to the NC DPI Resource section in CCIP and access a PowerPoint presentation specific to NC SRO Grant as option one. Option two you can visit CCIP’s document library and review the five training Modules...these modules are more general. These modules can be accessed without a log-in.



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1. Go to <https://ccip.schools.nc.gov> click on “Document Library”
2. Select “Training”
3. Select “What you need to know and do in CCIP”
4. Download and review all five training modules.

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SRO FAQs

Q: If our public-school unit received a grant for SRO(s) in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 academic years, do we need to reapply for the same grant this year?

A: Yes. Applications for 2020-2021 academic year is a new round of funding which has the opportunity for an additional year of continuation for 2021-2022 academic year.

Q: What are eligible uses of grant funds for the SRO grant?

A: Grants for school resource officers may only be used for:

- the salaries and benefits for SROs in elementary and middle schools
- the cost of training SROs
- both salaries/benefits and training

Q: Does the SRO grant requires a match?

A: Yes, grants for SROs shall be matched based on two (2) dollars in State funds for every one (1) dollar in non-State funds.

Q: What trainings for SROs are eligible under this grant?

A: Training shall be provided by a community college, a local law enforcement agency, or the North Carolina Justice Academy, and shall include instruction on research into the social and cognitive development of elementary and middle school-aged children. Costs associated with out-of-state training are not allowable under this grant.



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Q: Can grant recipients use grant dollars to pay for SRO positions that are already provided through traditional allotments?

A: No. School safety grants shall only be used to supplement and not to supplant State or non-State funds. DPI will monitor the payroll data of recipients and compare the number of positions with the number pre-grant. Additionally, independent auditors will include these positions in its annual audit. At the finding of any discrepancies, each LEA must refund the amount allocated for the positions.

Q: For budgeting purposes, what are the Purpose and Object codes for the SRO grant?

A: Please refer to the PRC 039 section of the chart of accounts below. Eligible expenses include the cost of activities concerned with the security and safety of the students, staff, buildings, and grounds. Included in this area are expenses related to school resource officers and security systems.

Purpose	PRC	Object	AcctDescription
5850	039	149	Safety & Security - Salary - SRO
5850	039	211	Safety & Security - Employer's Soc Sec - Regular
5850	039	221	Safety & Security - Employer's Retirement - Regula
5850	039	229	Safety & Security - Other Retirement Cost
5850	039	231	Safety & Security - Employer's Hospitalization Ins
5850	039	311	Safety & Security - Contracted Services
5850	039	312	Safety & Security - Workshop Exp/Allowable Travel

Q: What are acceptable “proof of match” documents?

A. Official payroll documentation highlighting the SRO’s name, rate of pay and frequency of pay. Also, statement on official letterhead signed by Finance Director/CFO indicating schools that the SRO is assigned and how many hours for that school.

Q: What should we do if we need to make modifications to the grant that differ from our original application?

A. The modification request form will be in CCIP and on the Center for Safer School’s website.

Q: What are the circumstances for the funds to be extended into the next fiscal year?

A. Funds must be expended by 30 June 2021. Extensions can only be given by the legislators.