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Dear Colleague,

On May 24, 2022, our neighbors in Uvalde CISD experienced the tragic loss of nineteen students and two educators. To help the community heal and prevent such tragedies from happening again, I want to inform you of several grant opportunities that may be of interest to your school district. I recognize that many of the deadlines are rapidly approaching; my office stands ready to assist. Please contact my District Director, Jalen Falcon (Jalen.Falcon@mail.house.gov), and my Grant Coordinator, Marshal Hoak (Marshal.Hoak@mail.house.gov) with any questions or for support.

Currently open opportunities include:

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Deadline: June 9, 2022

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Administering Agency: Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services

Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2022-171229

Program Summary: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 134,000 officers. COPS Office information resources, covering a wide range of community policing topics such as school and campus safety, violent crime, and officer safety and wellness, can be downloaded via the COPS Office's home page, www.cops.usdoj.gov. **NOTE: CHP funds can be used for hiring School Resource Officers (SROs), however, the grant request must come from local primary law enforcement.**

COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

Deadline: June 14, 2022

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=339699>

Administering Agency: Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services

Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2022-171214

Program Summary: The goal of the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology. SVPP awards will contribute to this goal by funding projects which include funding of civilian personnel to serve as coordinators with local law enforcement, training for local law enforcement officers, purchase and installation of certain allowable equipment and technology, and other measures to significantly improve school security. Anticipated outcomes of SVPP awards include: improved information sharing with local law enforcement; increased interaction and improved communications between law enforcement and school officials; reduced notification times to law enforcement; improved response time to threats and events; accurate identification of danger (without resort to discriminatory stereotypes or violating privacy) and follow-up; increased knowledge of and use of community policing principles; and increased school safety and sustainability planning efforts.

STOP School Violence Specialized Training and Technical Assistance Program

Deadline: June 14, 2022

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=339699>

Administrating Agency: Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services

Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2022-171214

Program Summary: Congress recently reauthorized the Secure our Schools (SOS) program through the STOP School Violence Act of 2018 (Title V of Division S of P.L. 115-141). Under this program, grants can be awarded to state, local, and tribal governments for evidence-based programs to improve security at schools and on school grounds. Specifically, grants can be used for

- training school personnel and students to prevent student violence against others and self;
- developing and operating anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and Internet websites;
- developing and operating school threat assessment and intervention teams that may include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel and specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises;
- 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; and
- any other measure that, in the determination of the BJA or the COPS Office may provide a significant improvement in security.

State, local, and tribal governments can use grant funds awarded for the purposes outlined above to make contracts or subgrants to local educational agencies, non-profit organizations (excluding schools), and units of local government or tribal organizations. Grantees under this program are required to provide a 25% match.

FY 2022 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

Deadline: June 16, 2022

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Administrating Agency: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2022-171282

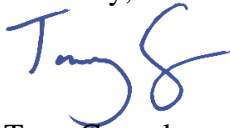
Program Summary: OJP's Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations (CBOs), law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

I also want to share some helpful links from the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/dbhis/caring-kids-after-school-shooting>
- https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-school-violence-resources-national_0.pdf
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/dbhis/parent-guidelines-helping-youth-after-recent-shooting>

Again, if I can be of assistance to you in any way with these grant opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact my Grant Coordinator, Marshal Hoak, at Marshal.Hoak@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Tony Gonzales
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