Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Secure School Safety Grant Program

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History of Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 1

- In the Fall of 2012, Attorney General Greg Zoeller sent out surveys to the school corporations, law enforcement, and citizens asking about school safety and school resource officers.

- As a result of the survey, Senator Pete Miller sponsored legislation that established the Secured School Safety Grant Program.

- On May 7, 2013 Governor Mike Pence signed SEA 1 into law.

Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 1
Indiana Secured School Safety Fund

- Enacted July 1, 2013 (start of State Fiscal Year [SFY] 2014)

- Grant program codified in law at IC 10-21

- Provide matching grants to local school corporations, charter schools, or a coalition of schools applying jointly to:
  1. Employ a school resource officer
  2. Conduct a threat assessment
  3. Purchase equipment to restrict access to schools or expedite notification of first responders

School Resource Officer (SRO)

- An SRO is an individual who:
  - Has completed Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) training (IC 5-2-1-9)
  - Is employed or assigned to one or more school corporations or charter schools
- Before being appointed, an SRO must have received at least 40 hours of certified SRO training through:
  - Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (IC 5-2-1-3)
  - National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)
  - Another organization certified to instruct SROs

School Resource Officer (SRO)

- An SRO may be employed:
  - By one or more school corporations or charter schools
  - By one or more school corporation or charter schools through a contract between a local law enforcement agency and the school corporation
  - By a local law enforcement agency that assigns an SRO to a school corporation or charter school through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - Through a contract between a business that employs persons who meet the qualifications of a school resource officer and the school corporation(s) or the charter school(s)

Secured School Safety Program

- Indiana Department of Homeland Security administers the grant
- Provides $20 million for this grant program
- Applicants may apply annually
- Average Daily Membership (ADM) of at least 1,000 can apply for up to $50,000
- Average Daily Membership (ADM) of less than 1,000 can apply for up to $35,000

Secured School Safety Program

- Matching Requirements
  - State share shall not exceed 50 percent of the total project budget
  - Grantee contributions must be reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary under the grant program and must comply with all requirements and regulations
  - Example:
    - If the total cost of an eligible project is $50,000, the grant recipient is eligible to receive $25,000 in FY2014 Secured School Safety Grant Program funding; the balance of $25,000 is the grant recipient's (match) share.

Secured School Safety Board

1. The Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (or designee)
2. The Attorney General (or designee)
3. The Superintendent of Indiana State Police (or designee)
4. A local law enforcement official appointed by the Governor
5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction (or designee)
6. The Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (or designee)
7. An employee of a local school corporation or charter school appointed by the Governor

Secured School Safety Grant Application

- Applications will be submitted via the Indiana Grants Management System (iGMS) and will include:
  - Confirmation of a certified school safety specialist
  - Description of the school corporation/charter school's security needs
  - Estimated cost of the program and a budget breakdown
  - Sustainability of the project and other funding opportunities pursued
  - Look at the big picture. How can funding be best utilized?
  - Extent to which the school corporation or charter school has access to and support from a nearby law enforcement agency

Secured School Safety Grant Application

- Applications will be submitted via the Indiana Grants Management System (iGMS) and will include:
  - The average daily membership (ADM) of the school corporation or charter school (or the combined ADM of the coalition of schools applying jointly)
  - Confirmation that the school's safety plan has been filed with the county school safety commission
    - A school corporation is required to provide their school safety plan to a member of the Secured School Safety Board, if the member requests the plan (IC 5-2-10.1-9(d)(2))

Indiana Grants Management System (iGMS)

- All applications for funding will be processed through the iGMS:
  - http://myoracle.in.gov/hs and also available on the IDHS homepage
- A notice of intent should be submitted via email to kstewart@dhs.in.gov by September 15, 2013.
  - Email needs to include School Corporation applying and the point of contact's name and email
- A webinar tutorial of the iGMS as well as an iGMS user manual are posted on the Grants Management Page of the IDHS Web site at http://www.in.gov/dhs/grants.htm

Reporting Requirements

- Available beginning on the 1st day of each quarter
- Due four (4) times each year
  - January 15
  - April 15
  - July 15
  - October 15
- Reporting based on milestones outlined in the proposals
- Submission is totally electronic at this time

Physical Equipment Inventory

- Recipients of funding are required to keep an inventory of the property/equipment that is purchased in whole or in part with funds managed by IDHS.
- Equipment or property is defined as:
  - Tangible, non-expendable property
  - Useful life of more than one year
  - Acquisition cost of $500 or more per unit.
- Equipment such as cameras, door locks, security doors etc. must be properly maintained, functional, and inventoried.
- The iGMS can provide a standardized and archived way to capture the required information.

Timeline

Date	Event
August 1, 2013	Secured School Safety Grant Program Guidance Released and proposal (application) submission window opens
September 15, 2013	Deadline to submit notice of intent
September 30, 2013	Deadline to submit proposal for grant funds
October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013	Proposal review and approval by Secured School Safety Board members
November 1, 2013	Projected award notifications
October 31, 2014	Projected award end date

Secured School Safety Grant Program

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