POOL/PACT Risk Management

Grant opportunity for member school districts

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FY 2026 BJA STOP School Violence Program

Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program

U.S. Department of Justice | Bureau of Justice Assistance

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Purpose. Improve school safety by giving students and teachers the tools to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

AWARD SIZE	MATCH	PERIOD	TOTAL FUNDING
Up to $1,000,000 per award for school districts (Category 2)	**None required** No cost share under this NOFO	**36 months** Starting January 1, 2027	**Up to $111.1 million** Both categories; 80 Category 2 awards anticipated

DEADLINES (EASTERN TIME)

Step 1: Grants.gov — SF-424 due **October 30, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET** (8:59 p.m. Pacific). Active SAM.gov registration required.

Step 2: JustGrants — Full application due **November 6, 2026, 8:59 p.m. ET** (5:59 p.m. Pacific).

Note: October 30 is Nevada Day. The POOL/PACT office is closed. Plan to finish Step 1 early.

WHAT IT CAN FUND

1. Training to prevent student violence against others and self, for school staff, students, and local law enforcement.
2. Behavioral threat assessment and intervention teams that coordinate with law enforcement and school staff.
3. Anonymous reporting tools, such as apps, hotlines, and websites, and other technology solutions that improve school safety.
4. Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

Activities outside these uses will not be funded.

WHAT IT WILL NOT FUND

Target hardening equipment (see the COPS School Violence Prevention Program); hiring armed security or school resource officers; food; trinkets and promotional items.

WHO CAN APPLY

School districts apply under Category 2. Public charter schools apply as independent school districts.

Counties, cities, towns, and special districts may also apply, including in partnership with a school district.

One application per applicant. Districts that want to work together must choose one lead applicant. Partners join as subrecipients.

Awards carry added requirements for student privacy and data security, and for the suitability of people who work with minors.

Thinking about applying?

Our grant consultant can answer questions and help you decide if this grant fits. Application writing is not included. Contact POOL/PACT Risk Management to learn more.

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