

School Security & Safety

The **Stronger Connections Grant (SCG)** focuses on Improving Conditions for Student Learning by incorporating evidence-based activities, programs, and practices to promote positive school climates. We recognize this may include school security measures.

The proposed security measure must fit into a **comprehensive system of supports** for staff and students. Schools must also develop and have in place a relevant way to assess or evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed security measure within the school environment as demonstrated through student outcome data.

Implement accountability measures and data-driven annual evaluations of the program (See also [Guiding Principles for SROs](#)), including by collecting, maintaining, and analyzing data and reporting disaggregated data including by a student's race, ethnicity, age, sex, type of offense, English language learner status, and disability, regarding student interactions with law enforcement, including referrals of students, arrests, and citations, to ensure nondiscrimination based on disability, race, color, national origin, gender, or another protected class.. Allowability will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The following are considered school security measures and will require additional supporting documentation from the LEA:

- School Resource Officers (SROs)
- Security Guards/Personnel
- School Security Equipment such as video cameras, etc.
- School Badge/ID Systems
- Hardening of School Facilities, including window and/or door locks, door barricades, fences
- Vaping Detectors or other such devices
- School Safety Hot Line or Tip Line
- Any other device or equipment deemed as a school security measure

NDDPI notes the following information must be included in the grant proposal if it involves the inclusion of school security measures.

The LEA **must include** the following additional information:

1. Demonstrate a need: Provide your most recent School Safety Audit or other needs assessment with relevant data supporting the need for security measures.
2. Demonstrate alignment with the district priorities through an updated strategy map.
3. Evidence-based research supporting the benefits for the requested program, position, product.

NOTE: Funds may not be used for the provision to any person of a dangerous weapon or training in the use of a dangerous weapon as prohibited under Section 13401 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which amends section 8526 of the ESEA.