

CENTEGIX School Safety Funding Guide

Schools are looking for cost-effective safety solutions. Various federal and state funding sources are available to purchase solutions that empower schools to comply with school safety legislation and requirements. School districts nationwide choose CENTEGIX Safety Platform™ for its multilayered approach to school safety.

Federal School Safety Funding Sources

COPS School Violence Prevention Program:

Funds evidence-based school safety programs and technology to enhance security and prevent school violence; provides funding for school safety measures, including technology for expedited notification of law enforcement during emergencies, deterrent hardware, and training for local law enforcement. Requires a 25% local cash match.

BJA Stop School Violence Program: Funds schools to implement programmatic solutions that improve school climate, including behavioral threat assessment protocols and crisis intervention teams; funds can also be used for new and improved technology shown to increase school safety.

In Washington, retired Yakima School District
Deputy Superintendent Stacey Locke knows
firsthand how <u>CENTEGIX's purpose-built school</u>
<u>safety systems</u> create a <u>culture of safety</u>:



For our staff, it has been mindblowing. [With CENTEGIX technology], they now feel valued. We now have 2,000 additional eyes and ears on the safety of not only the Yakima School District, but also the community as a whole. I can tell you what a difference that has made when we talk about a comprehensive culture of safety.

OJJDP Enhancing School Capacity to Address

<u>Youth Violence</u>: Supports targeted, evidence-based prevention and intervention programs to address youth violence in schools and improve school safety.

FEMA Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention

Grant: Funds evidence-based approaches to prevent acts of targeted violence in communities, including schools; eligible uses of funding include the development of threat assessments, intervention teams, community violence prevention efforts, and technology that facilitates early detection and rapid response to threats.

School Emergency Response to Violence: Provides short-term funding to support local education agencies and institutions of higher education that have experienced a violent or traumatic event that has disrupted the learning environment.

State School Safety Funding Sources

Nonprofit Security Grant Program: Provides funding to enhance the physical security of nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist attacks or extremist violence; funds can be used for physical security enhancements; nonprofits must apply through their State Administrative Agency.

State Homeland Security Grant Program: Funds state, local, tribal, and territorial government efforts to enhance their ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other emergencies; entities must apply through their State Administrative Agency.

<u>Title I, Part A:</u> Aims to provide all children with an equitable, high-quality education; funding is provided to schools with high numbers or percentages of students from low-income families.

Title IV, Part A: Supports efforts to provide students with a well-rounded education, improve school conditions for learning, and advance the effective use of technology. To support safe and healthy students, funds may be used for school safety training, emergency planning, and physical enhancements, including panic alert systems.

<u>IDEA:</u> Supports early intervention and special education services for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families; safety solutions that enable immediate, accessible communication during emergencies, including behavioral and medical incidents, qualify for funding.

<u>Title V, Part B:</u> Provides formula grants to small, rural school districts, enabling flexible use of funds from other Title programs, including school safety investments like panic-alert systems.

State School Safety Grants: Many states provide dedicated funds for school safety. In some states, lawmakers set aside recurring dollars and perschool allocations to help districts install panic alarm systems mandated by Alyssa's Law.

Districts can also fund the purchase and implementation of safety technology by investing their capital improvement funds or general budgets in safety projects. In addition, districts can pool multiple funding streams. By pursuing federal relief and education grants, state safety appropriations, and local budget funds, schools can secure the resources needed to implement comprehensive safety technologies that keep students and staff safe.

CENTEGIX Districts Reduce Response Times

When school districts invest funding into safety solutions like the CENTEGIX Safety Platform, they reduce response times. Dr. Kim Morgan, Superintendent, Brantley County Schools, says, "Safety comes first. And I'm sure [every] superintendent feels that way in their heart as well. And I don't know of another product out there that can help control the response time to emergencies. Whether it is a whole campus situation—the unthinkable—or these different medical emergencies, or classroom events. I cannot think of anything that's going to speed up a response the way [Safety Platform] does, or enable as many employees to be able to get help and initiate a response."

