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To: Chief School Administrators

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Specialists

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Division of Finance

Deadline: October 13, 2021

Second Round of Securing our Children's Future Bond Act School Security Grant Applications Open

The Department of Education (Department) is pleased to announce the opening of the second round of applications for the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (Bond Act) School Security Grant. The second round of applications is open to any public school district with a remaining School Security Grant allowance, including those that have not yet submitted a grant application.

Key steps/actions

Completed School Security Grant applications that were preliminarily approved by the county offices of education, but are not on the list of <u>substantially approved grants</u> posted on July 2, 2021, will be reviewed by the Department for advancement to legislative approval in accordance with the Bond Act. Any district with such an application does not need to take further action at this time.

District applications must be submitted through the Department's <u>Electronic Web Enabled Grant System (EWEG)</u>. Eligible projects include those set forth in the <u>School Security Grant Final Guidelines</u> document and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> <u>6A:26A</u>, including projects to comply with Alyssa's Law and the list of other eligible projects set forth on page 12 of the final guidelines. **Grant applications are due on October 13, 2021.**

Please note that access to the School Security Grant system is contingent on approval in the Alyssa's Law compliance system (also found in EWEG), which is separate from the grant application.

A separate <u>grant application</u> is available for school district preschool buildings, charter schools, and renaissance school projects. Information on the second round of Bond Act CTE Expansion Grants will be released soon through a separate broadcast.

Contact information

Questions regarding the School Security Grant application should be directed to SecurityGrant@doe.nj.gov. For information regarding Alyssa's Law compliance only (not the grant application), please contact New Jersey Schools Development Authority at Alyssaslaw@njsda.gov.

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