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SOCFBA School Security Second Round Grants Now Substantially Approved

On January 13, 2022, <u>Governor Murphy signed</u> legislation (A-6258/S-4309) approving eligible Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (SOCFBA) School Security Grants pursuant to the second round of applications. The grants listed in the legislation and in the above link are now considered substantially approved.

Key steps/actions

A list of substantially approved grant awards for each grant are now posted to the <u>School Facilities webpage</u>. Districts with substantially approved grant awards based on proposed projects are now able to enter into contracts with vendors for the work outlined in the district's eligible grant application. Districts will be notified when reimbursement is available within the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system.

As this legislation was signed on January 13, 2022, the NJDOE has now finalized project periods for SOCFBA grants, which depend on whether the project is completed or proposed. The project period for completed projects will end at the close of the current fiscal year, on June 30, 2022. The project period for proposed projects will be 45 days after the completion of the proposed project, but no later than June 30, 2023.

Contact information

Districts should contact the School Security Grant email address with questions: securitygrant@doe.nj.gov.

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