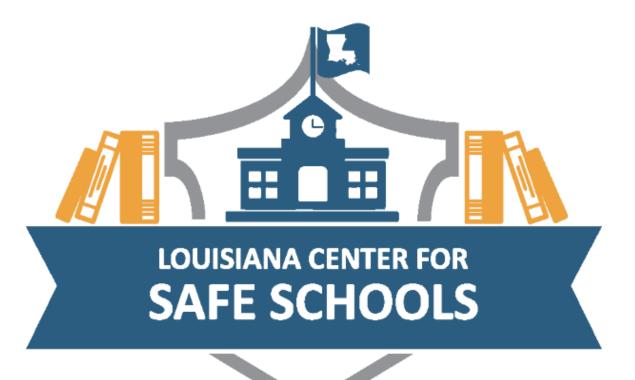


# Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security







I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Pledge of Allegiance III. Adoption of the Agenda IV. Old Business V. New Business VI. Adjournment





### **V. New Business**

### A. Name Change of Grant

- The current "Louisiana School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program" for school safety closely mirrors GOHSEP's "Nonprofit Security Grant Program" for the protection of Faith-based and Nonprofit Organizations from targeted attacks in title. The two grants also became available in the same months.
- LCSS was overwhelmed with calls intended for the GOHSEP grant.
- Potential Changes:
  - Louisiana School Safety Grant
  - Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS) Grant





# **B. Approval of Course of Action for FY25 Applications**

- 252 Applications Submitted for FY-24 Grant
  - 126 Applicants Awarded per Vote by the Commission
  - \$5,000,000 Awarded Average Award: \$40,180
- Commission Voted to Advance All non-selected Applicants for an Award in FY-25
- FY-25 Available Funds \$5,000,000
  - 126 Applicants Advanced
  - Total Eligible Funding Requested:
    - \$4,419,013.40





### **B.** Approval of FY25 Applications Course of Actions

- GOHSEP/LCSS Notified all 126 FY25 Applicants on 20 June 2024 they were being awarded a grant.
  - Grant applicants received an additional email on 9 August 2024 based on the status of their application:
    - Application approved, no actions required (78 Applicants)
    - Application approved, budget modifications required (41 Applicants)
    - Application approved, grant modifications required (7 Applicants)
  - Current Allocations:
    - Ready to be awarded: \$4,119,089
    - Pending Review: \$100,000 (2 Applicants)
    - No Response: \$199,924 (4 Applicants)
    - Funding Still Available: <u>\$580,986</u>





### **B. Approval of FY25 Applications Course of Actions**

- Recommendations for Awarding the Remaining Funding:
  - Pending Review: \$100,000 (2 Applicants Awaiting Signature for FY24)
  - No Response: \$199,924 (4 Applicants)
  - Funding Still Available: <u>\$580,986</u>
    - Open to All Schools
    - <u>Targeted Schools</u>
    - FY24 District Applications





# Course of Action #1 for Award Allocation - Open to All Schools -

Method:

- LCSS will notify all schools that have completed the data call and did not receive funding from FY-24 or FY-25 that they are invited to submit an application for the unallocated funding.
- Applicants will be selected based on the quality of their grant applications
  - The previous evaluation system for FY-24 applicants will be utilized
- Due to the limited amount of funding, it is recommended funding not be allocated by region and awarded to the highest scoring applicants





# Course of Action #1 for Award Allocation - Open to All Schools -

Pro:

 Allows schools who were not part of the original application an opportunity to submit an application Cons:

- Significantly more time consuming and will require substantial resources for outreach, training, and evaluation (Estimate of 3 – 4 months to complete the full cycle) for a limited amount of funding
- Delays remaining FY-25 funding to Late Winter / Early Spring





# Course of Action #2 for Award Allocation - Open to Targeted Schools -

- Funding will be distributed to targeted schools based on the following:
  - Schools that have been actively seeking help from LCSS
  - Schools located in high crime areas with the goal to help stop community violence from spilling into the schools
  - Not eligible if they have received funding from LCSS or DoE in the last year
- Schools will submit applications and be evaluated prior to receiving funding
- To ensure appropriate distribution, targeted allocations will align closely with the following distributions:
  - Public Schools 50%
  - Charter Schools 25%
  - Private / Diocese Schools 25%





# Course of Action #2 for Award Allocation - Open to Targeted Schools -

<u>Pro:</u>

- Provides funding to schools that lack resources
- Targets schools that have been actively seeking help from LCSS
- The grant process has been socialized with these schools and they will be able to quickly submit applications
- Proposed projects have been shared and are within grant guidance
- Allows LCSS to distribute the funding to affect current school year (Late Fall / Early Winter)

Cons:

• Process is closed and limited to a few schools





## Course of Action #3 for Award Allocation - Open to Districts who Applied in FY-24 -

#### Method:

- 6 School Districts requested a total of \$1,599,000 in funding in FY-24
- A total of \$300,000 has been awarded or is pending award
- All six school districts would be eligible to put in additional grants for campuses that were not awarded
  - Applications will be at the school campus level, not at the district
- Applications will be evaluated using existing evaluation criteria from FY-24





# **Course of Action #3 for Award Allocation** - **Open to Districts who Applied in FY-24** -

<u>Pro:</u>

- Rewards applicants who took the initiative to apply for the FY-24 funding
- Applicants are already familiar with the process (1 2 month cycle)
- Allows LCSS to distribute the funding to affect current school year (Late Fall / Early Winter)
- Doesn't require significant staff resources

#### Cons:

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• Keeps funding to a limited number of applicants with less statewide distribution





# 8 Priority Responsibilities of LCSS according to the School Safety Act of 2023

- Develop the Statewide Framework
- Identify and Prioritize Resources
- Coordinate with BESE & LDOE for Policy and Best Practices
- Facilitate the Collection & Dissemination of Information
- Provide Training and Technical Assistance
- Assist in the Development and Revision of Emergency Operation Plans
- Promote Safety and Resiliency
- Identify and Offer Training for School Resource Officers



- Attending regional, state, and national school safety events and conferences.
- Co-hosted the 3rd Annual School Safety Summit.
- Providing presentations at the Louisiana Emergency Managers & School Resource Officers Conference.
- Partnered with Calcasieu Sheriff for I Love U Guys' Response & Reunification training.
- Providing direct support to schools and receiving feedback of successes and concerns.
- Developed a monthly newsletter and continue website updates.
- LCSS continue to fund security enhancements through our Grant Program
- Continue to develop the statewide dashboards and grant portal with SDMI & LDOE.
  - LCSS Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for GMPro
  - Reimbursement submission workflows with checks, balances, redundancies.
  - Security Assessments, EOPs, Bleed Kits, etc.
  - Data Call Questionnaire School Safety Survey 2025



#### **Developing/Enhancing School Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) Workshop**

- A comprehensive overview of the whole-community collaborative planning for schools
- The basis for a complete and comprehensive all-hazards school EOP
- Closing the integration gap between research and practice
- National & State best practices for crisis and emergency response for K-12 schools







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- Purchased and dispersing bleed kits as schools complete the required trainings.
  - Kits exceed the required components in the Principals Handbook from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).
  - 3 and 6 pack kits were allocated per student population (LHSAA high school class sizes converted for middle & elementary schools).
  - Three tourniquet types (SWAT-T, TMT, and CAT-T) also based on student populations and average or typical student body types and sizes.
- LCSS renewed the emergency notification system for teachers and anonymous reporting system for students contracts.
  - Emergency Notification roughly 83% of all schools are compliant.
  - Anonymous Reporting active in 600 schools, new total campuses Oct.1





### **E. Additional New Business**

- US Secret Service to provide Threat Assessment trainings through the National Threat Assessment Center yielding Train-the-Trainer certifications for local Sheriffs/Deputies and School Resource Officers.
  - 3 trainings with up to 100 participants each (Lafayette, New Orleans, Shreveport).
  - Provides resiliency for School Safety Assessments and EOP planning engagement.
    - Sheriff's Association (LSA)
    - Police Chief's Association
    - Louisiana Commission for Law Enforcement (LCLE)
    - Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Council
    - Association of School Resource Officers (LASRO) support
    - Louisiana Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officers





### **E. Additional New Business**

- Data Call Questionnaire (School Safety Survey) 2025 for school safety reporting
  - Planning for additional data questions and submission of attachments
  - Full participation is needed for accurate operating data to apply for federal grants in Spring of 2025.
  - Tentative launch in January & close prior to FY25 Federal and LCSS grant openings.
- Planning for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual School Safety Summit will begin soon
  - Structured engagement providing certification for forth coming missions/efforts
  - Medical Emergency Planning Cardiac Plans, AED & Stop-the-Bleed trainings, District Threat Assessment Teams, and other legislative required components.





### **F. Public Comments**





### **G. Next Commission Meeting Date**

### **Next Commission Meeting Dates for Consideration:**

Monday - December 2, 2024

Monday – December 9, 2024

Monday – December 16, 2024





### **ADJOURNMENT**

