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Legislative Directive

Session Law 2019-222, Part III Section 3, directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish the School Safety Grants program with the purpose of improving safety in public school units through additional school resource officers.

Specific allocations for the 2020-21 school year include:

- \$18.0 million for School Resource Officers (SROs)

This report will serve as the required reporting by Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division as indicated in SECTION 3.1 of Session Law 2019-222.

Per legislation, this report includes:

- Identity of each entity that received a grant through the Program
- Amount of funding provided to each entity that received a grant
- Use of funds by each entity that received a grant
- Recommendations for the implementation of additional effective school safety measures. (2019-222, s. 3.1(a).)

[Appendix A](#) of this report includes the identity of each entity that received a grant through the program and the amount of funding provided to each entity.

Grant Details

For 2020, the School Safety Grant Program made available \$18 million to public schools for the hiring and/or training of School Resource Officers (SROs). These funds were available to district, charter, and other independent public schools serving elementary and middle school grades.

One hundred and forty-five (145) entities (Public School Units and individual schools) were awarded \$16.7 million. Collectively, funds for 387 SRO FTE's were requested by applicants ([Appendix A](#)).

	(\$Millions)		
	Available Funding	Funding Requests	Awarded Funds
School Resource Officers	\$18.0	\$16.9	\$16.7*

**Includes \$16,475,654 million for salaries, benefits, and contracted services, and \$207,962 in training.*

Eligible Uses of 2020 School Safety Grant Funds:

- Salaries and benefits for SROs
- SRO training

- Both salaries/benefits and training

Matching Funds Requirement:

School Safety Grants for SROs shall be matched based on two dollars (\$2.00) in state funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) in non-state funds.

Eligible SRO Training:

Training shall be provided by a community college, a local law enforcement agency, or the North Carolina Justice Academy, and shall include instruction on research into the social and cognitive development of elementary and middle school-aged children.

Costs associated with out-of-state training are not allowable under this grant.

Safety Grant Application Timeline:

Round 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open: May 15, 2020 • Close: June 19, 2020
Round 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open: Nov. 23, 2020 • Close: December 22, 2020
Application Approvals	Due to the myriad of challenges PSUs faced due to COVID-19, a limited number of applications were received and the requested amount of funding was less than the appropriated amount; therefore, all qualifying applications were accepted by the NC Safety Grant Committee and approved by the State Superintendent.

** The second round of applications was opened for PSUs that had missed the original deadline due to challenges associated with COVID-19.*

School Safety Grant funding for SROs were distributed in two allocations:

Cycle 1 Funding	\$15,093,481.46
Cycle 2 Funding	\$1,630,494.75
TOTAL	\$16,723,976.21

Role of SROs:

SROs are police officers who work in elementary, middle, and high schools, and they are highly valued members of school safety teams. They are responsible for working with school administrators, security staff and faculty on developing comprehensive safety plans to ensure schools are safer, secure, and offer an environment conducive to student learning.

All SROs are required to complete a Basic School Resource Officer Training course developed and delivered by the North Carolina Justice Academy. Yearly refresher training is also required.

Schools awarded funds are encouraged to coordinate with their local law enforcement agencies to assess the need for improving safety in their facilities. Through the school safety grants, strategic relationships are developed and strengthened between schools and local law enforcement through MOUs or letters of support from local law enforcement.

Anticipated Future Needs

In 2019, available school safety grant funds totaled \$30 million. NCDPI award \$29.7 million; the difference was due to cap limitations on individual grant programs. Requested funds in the applications received, however, exceeded available funding. The 2019 awards included funding for SROs as well as staff training, safety equipment, students-in-crisis services, and school mental health support personnel.

The 2020 school safety grant funds were limited to \$18 million and use of those funds were restricted to the hiring and training of SROs. Considering this, and that the requested amount by PSUs in their 2019 applications exceeded the \$30 million provided at that time, there is a demonstrated interest by PSUs for additional funding for school safety initiatives to include the hiring SROs as well as for staff training, safety equipment, students-in-crisis services, and school mental health support personnel.

Recommendations

The following changes would help improve the effectiveness of the school safety grant program advance to goal of strengthening school safety across the state:

1. Appropriate recurring funds for 3 additional FTEs for the NC Center for Safer Schools Staff to increase training capacity and support to schools across the state.
2. In addition to funding for SRO's, also appropriate funds for staff training, safety equipment, students-in crisis-services and school mental health support personnel.
3. Appropriate recurring funds or funds for both years in the biennial budget. Lower wealth and smaller Public School Units, in particular, require planning and startup time.
4. Permit carryforward of encumbered, unexpended funds. This allows public school units to finish critical trainings over the summer, extend student-in-crisis services during the summer months, and complete procurement processes. This is particularly critical due to the ongoing challenges and disruptions caused by COVID-19.
5. Establish a grant-writer assistance program, whereby NCDPI can contract with universities or nonprofits to assist public school units with fewer resources in writing grant applications for the state school safety grants and federal school safety grants.
6. Amend the match requirements to reduce the match ratio for lower wealth districts or authorize the use of in-kind match.

APPENDIX

Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU (LEA) #	FTEs	Total Salary & Benefit	Training	Contracted Services	Total Awarded
Alamance Community School	01F	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Alamance-Burlington Schools	010	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259,059.00	\$259,059.00
Alexander County Schools	020	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Alleghany County Schools	030	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Alpha Academy	26B	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Arapahoe Charter School	69A	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,544.00	\$30,544.00
Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	53B	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Asheville City Schools	111	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Beaufort County Schools	070	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$433,333.00	\$433,333.00
Bertie County Schools	080	1	\$30,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,800.00
Bladen County Schools	090	1	\$33,033.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,033.00
Brevard Academy	88A	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Brunswick County Schools	100	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299,997.00	\$299,997.00
Buncombe County Schools	110	27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$333,333.00	\$333,333.00
Burke County Schools	120	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00
Cabarrus Charter Academy	13B	1	\$28,333.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Cabarrus County Schools	130	22	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$973,826.64	\$988,826.64
Caldwell County Schools	140	4	\$133,332.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$138,132.00
Camden County Schools	150	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Cardinal Charter	92W	1	\$28,333.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Carolina Charter Academy: CFA	93Q	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Carolina International School	13A	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Carteret County Public Schools	160	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266,664.00	\$266,664.00
Caswell County Schools	170	1	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$32,833.00	\$33,333.00
Catawba County Schools	180	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Charlotte Lab School	61M	1	\$30,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
Chatham County Schools	190	5	\$166,665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,665.00
Cherokee County Schools	200	6	\$297,996.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$311,496.00
Children's Village Academy	54A	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,920.00	\$24,920.00
Clay County Schools	220	0	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$31,333.00	\$33,333.00
Cleveland County Schools	230	0	\$0.00	\$4,600.00	\$299,997.00	\$304,597.00
Clover Garden	01C	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,333.00	\$28,333.00
Columbus County Schools	240	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,665.00	\$166,665.00
Community Public Charter	36G	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
Community School of Davidson	60I	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00

Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU (LEA) #	FTEs	Total Salary & Benefit	Training	Contracted Services	Total Awarded
Concord Lake STEAM Academy	13D	1	\$28,333.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Craven County Schools	250	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399,996.00	\$399,996.00
Cumberland County Schools	260	15	\$499,995.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$499,995.00
Currituck County Schools	270	1	\$30,333.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy	65Z	1	\$31,108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,108.00
Dare County Schools	280	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,504.00	\$23,504.00
Davidson County Schools	290	7	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$317,950.08	\$331,950.08
Davie County Schools	300	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00
Dillard Academy	96C	0.5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,520.00	\$11,520.00
Duplin County Schools	310	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266,664.00	\$266,664.00
Edenton-Chowan Schools	210	1	\$30,000.00	\$3,333.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Edgecombe County Public Schools	330	3.75	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$97,882.00	\$101,882.00
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	700	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$33,333.00	\$34,833.00
Elkin City Schools	861	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,548.00	\$32,548.00
Falls Lake Academy	39A	1	\$33,210.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,809.33	\$38,019.33
Franklin County Schools	350	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399,996.00	\$399,996.00
Gaston College Preparatory	66A	1	\$46,899.70	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$47,399.70
Gaston County Schools	360	42	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,209,600.00	\$1,221,600.00
Gates County Schools	370	2	\$63,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00
Global Scholars Academy	32M	0.5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Granville County Schools	390	2	\$142,726.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$142,726.54
Greene County Schools	400	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00	\$133,332.00
Guilford County Schools	410	0	\$0.00	\$1,251.00	\$22,973.00	\$24,224.00
Guilford Preparatory Academy	41C	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Halifax County Schools	420	0	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00
Harnett County Schools	430	5	\$166,665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,665.00
Healthy Start Academy	32B	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Henderson County Schools	450	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,665.00	\$16,665.00
Hertford County Schools	460	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Hoke County Schools	470	1	\$32,295.00	\$1,038.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Hyde County Schools	480	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Innovative School District	295	1	\$32,333.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Invest Collegiate	60Q	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Invest Collegiate - Imagine	11C	1	\$33,014.20	\$318.80	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Iredell-Statesville Schools	490	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$233,331.00	\$233,331.00
Jackson County Public Schools	500	4	\$133,332.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00

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Johnston County Public Schools	510	12	\$399,996.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399,996.00
Jones County Schools	520	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Kannapolis City Schools	132	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00	\$133,332.00
KIPP: Charlotte	60L	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
Lake Lure Classical Academy	81B	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Lake Norman Charter	60D	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Lee County Schools	530	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00	\$99,999.00
Lenoir County Public Schools	540	3	\$99,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Lincoln Charter School	55A	2	\$66,666.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00
Lincoln County Schools	550	3	\$166,248.33	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$173,748.33
Macon County Schools	560	2	\$66,666.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00
Madison County Schools	570	2	\$132,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,000.00
Mallard Creek STEM Academy	61Q	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Martin County Schools	580	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00	\$133,332.00
Maureen Joy Charter	32A	1	\$49,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00
McDowell County Schools	590	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$263,304.00	\$263,304.00
Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy	60F	0.2	\$7,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,400.00
Mitchell County Schools	610	0.63	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Moore County Schools	630	4	\$133,332.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00
Mount Airy City Schools	862	1	\$33,332.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,332.75
Mountain Island Charter	36C	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Mountain Island Day Community Charter Sc	61X	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Movement Charter School	61T	1	\$33,333.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$34,833.00
NC Leadership Charter Academy	34H	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Neuse Charter School	51A	1	\$33,333.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$36,833.00
New Hanover County Schools	650	11	\$366,663.00	\$13,750.00	\$0.00	\$380,413.00
Newton Conover City Schools	182	1	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$28,000.00
Northampton County Schools	660	3	\$99,999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	70A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,065.00	\$43,065.00
Orange County Schools	680	13	\$159,732.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,732.04
Oxford Preparatory School	39B	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Perquimans County Schools	720	2	\$68,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,000.00
Person County Schools	730	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Piedmont Community Charter	36B	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,667.00	\$66,667.00
Pine Lake Preparatory	49E	1	\$0.00	\$1,333.00	\$32,000.00	\$33,333.00

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Pine Springs Preparatory Academy: CFA	93N	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Pinnacle Classical Academy	23A	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Pitt County Schools	740	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399,996.00	\$399,996.00
Polk County Schools	750	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00	\$133,332.00
Ridgeview Charter School	36F	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	421	2	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00
Rockingham County Schools	790	6	\$287,994.96	\$38,250.00	\$0.00	\$326,244.96
Rocky Mount Preparatory	64A	1	\$33,333.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$34,333.00
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	800	12	\$0.00	\$5,700.00	\$399,996.00	\$405,696.00
Roxboro Community School	73B	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Rutherford County Schools	810	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00
Sampson County Schools	820	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199,998.00	\$199,998.00
Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	63B	1	\$32,456.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,456.48
Scotland County Schools	830	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Shining Rock Classical Academy: CFA	44A	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy	62J	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Stanly County Schools	840	0.5	\$19,377.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00	\$119,376.00
Steele Creek Preparatory Academy	61Y	1	\$28,333.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Stokes County Schools	850	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155,999.00	\$155,999.00
Summit Charter	50A	1	\$64,008.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64,008.40
Surry County Schools	860	4	\$133,332.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,332.00
Swain County Schools	870	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00	\$99,999.00
The New Dimensions School	12A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Thomasville City Schools	292	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00
Union Academy Charter School	90A	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,666.00	\$66,666.00
Union County Public Schools	900	2	\$99,999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00
UpROAR Leadership Academy	61U	1	\$31,219.50	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$46,219.50
Uwharrie Charter Academy	76A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,248.00	\$42,248.00
Voyager Academy	32L	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Warren County Schools	930	1	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$30,333.00	\$33,333.00
Washington County Schools	940	1	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
Watauga County Schools	950	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00	\$99,999.00
Wayne County Public Schools	960	11	\$366,663.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$366,663.00
Weldon City Schools	422	2	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$97,000.00	\$100,000.00
Whiteville City Schools	241	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,469.60	\$20,469.60

Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU (LEA) #	FTEs	Total Salary & Benefit	Training	Contracted Services	Total Awarded
Wilkes County Schools	970	3	\$98,310.00	\$1,689.00	\$0.00	\$99,999.00
Wilson County Schools	980	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$33,333.00
Yadkin County Schools	990	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,595.86	\$52,595.86
Yancey County Schools	995	1	\$33,333.00	\$0.00	\$33,333.00	\$66,666.00
Total		387.08	\$5,856,057.90	\$207,962.80	\$10,619,596.51	\$16,723,976.21

Cycle 1 Funding	\$15,093,481.46
Cycle 2 Funding	\$1,630,494.75
TOTAL	\$16,723,976.21

Returned/Declined Funding	
ArtSpace Charter	\$25,433.10
KIPP Durham College Preparatory	\$41,314.50
KIPP Halifax College Preparatory	\$41,314.50
Bonnie Cone Classical Academy	\$33,333.33
Pocosin Innovative Charter	\$33,333.00
TOTAL	\$174,728.43