

Program Details

Loudon County (530) Public District - FY 2020 - Safe Schools - Rev 0 - Safe Schools

Needs Assessment and Project Narrative

* Describe how the available funds will be utilized to address needs. Identify the outcomes that you hope to achieve and your plans for evaluating the project.

Loudon County would like to continue to strengthen the security at each of our nine schools by installing a visitor screening system. The visitor screening system allows the schools and district to screen and track everyone coming into our schools. The system screens for sex offenders, alerts staff of custody violations, and provides district wide reporting for all visitors. The total cost for the equipment purchase, set up, and supplies for the visitor screening system is approximately \$14,800. This system will assist SROs and office staff in knowing who is in the building and if they are a danger to the students or staff members.

While doing our school assessments we noticed that some schools have blind spots in their camera coverage. Loudon County would like to use approximately \$5,800 dollars to upgrade the camera coverage in some areas of high need.

Loudon County schools would also like to use the safety money to install and upgrade new speakers on the outside of all nine schools. Our students have many academic activities and projects that take them outside of the building. Currently our schools have either no or inadequate speaker coverage on the outside of the building. These speakers will be used to inform students and teachers of any emergency issues happening inside or outside of the school. The school system needs 50 speakers to fully address the needs of our school communication shortfalls outside of the building. The total cost is approximately \$24,000.

North Middle School and Eaton Elementary are also in need of some new radios for their building. These radios would be used to communicate issues inside or outside the building between teachers, administrators, and SROs. The schools would need 24 TK-3230 ProTalk Portable UHF on-site two-way radios. The total cost of these would be approximately \$4,000.

Loudon High School needs an AED machine for the football field and weight room. These facilities are far from the

main building where the other AEDs are located. The total cost for this item is approximately \$1,200.

Loudon High School needs 60 red emergency bags. Our system uses these in all emergency drills and situations. These bags are taken with the teachers and students anytime they leave the classroom. These bags contain hard copies of all class rosters and some emergency supplies. The total cost of this is approximately \$1,500

Loudon High School needs to have their intercom system replaced. The week prior to school starting the high school lost the ability to make announcements and address safety concerns in the event of an emergency. The high school currently communicates with a less effective secondary method. This is a concerning issue that should be corrected. The cost to replace this system is approximately \$20,000.

While doing our school safety surveys, we noticed all of the schools in our county have windows with no coverings or tinting. It is easy to see into the building areas where students congregate. These areas include the cafeterias, hallways, gyms, band rooms, and others. We would like to use approximately \$5,000 dollars to tint the windows of these unprotected areas.

Loudon County Schools would like to contract with a safety consultant to provide CPR, AED, and First Aid training to all employees. The consultant will provide safety plan and drill support. He or she will provide feedback to improve overall safety planning within the district. We would like to take a proactive approach to dealing with safety concerns. The consultant will strive to find safety issues before they arise in the county or school. The approximate cost will be \$4,200.

Loudon County Schools would also like to assist the Loudon County Sheriff's Department financially given the extra duties their officers perform for several of the schools. The officers provide security for athletic events throughout the year. The officers provide security for any after school event where families are present. The cost of this would be approximately \$5,000.

Matthew Tinker will be responsible for tracking all expenditures, contacting vendors, contacting and scheduling with schools, overseeing the installation, and updating the director of schools.

Prior Year Report

Provide a brief report on the results of your system's previous Safe Schools Act project.

* At a minimum this report should include a summary of the activities or programs implemented and the outcomes achieved. A copy of your report may be forwarded to members of the General Assembly upon request.

In 2018-19 Safe Schools Grant monies allowed Loudon County to purchase digital security cameras for all nine of our schools. The cameras were purchased to replace older cameras that had limitations the new cameras do not have. They were also purchased to be placed in high needs areas around the perimeter of the school. These have helped with monitoring who is coming and going from the building as well as any activities the students are engaged in while outside. These cameras have helped SROs easily investigate situations both inside and outside of the school. The cameras have been used to help administrators with safety issues in the school and serve as a deterrent for disruptive student behavior. Loudon County Schools also contracted with a safety consultant to provide CPR, AED, and First Aid training to all staff members. The consultant also provided safety plan and drill support at the school and district level.

Local Match

In the Related Documents section, download the Excel spreadsheet template entitled PROPOSED BUDGET TO SHOW LOCAL MATCH. Complete the document to reflect your Local Match for your Safe Schools program. Upload the completed document to the "Upload" link on the Related Documents page. Your district's Local Match amount must be at least the amount listed below.

Local Match Amount: 36900