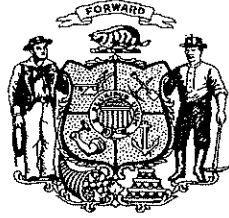


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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: March 23, 2023

Re: DOJ Report to JFC

Attached is a report on grants awarded by the Office of School Safety from the Department of Justice, pursuant to s. 165.88(4), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Report on Grants – Wis. Stat. § 165.88(4)

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Wisconsin Department of Justice

March 23, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of School Safety (OSS) respectfully submits this report pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.88(4), which requires the department to submit “an annual report to the chairpersons of the joint committee on finance providing an account of the grants awarded under [Wis. Stat. § 165.88(2)] and the expenditures made with the grant moneys.”

For more information about OSS programs and initiatives, including the resource center that supports the statewide “Speak Up Speak Out” (SUSO) 24-hour threat reporting system, please visit the [OSS website](#) or refer to the [2022 SUSO Annual Report](#).

2017 Wisconsin Act 143 allocated \$100 million in grant funding to the department to improve school safety. As of December 2022, OSS has allocated \$99,982,767.63 of those funds to nine school safety grant initiatives, as further explained below and detailed on the enclosed chart.<sup>1</sup> No unallocated funds remain. As of the same date, OSS has processed \$94,357,114.65 in reimbursement requests, with remaining funds earmarked for continued support of school safety initiatives, as explained further below.

2021 Wisconsin Act 109 allocated an additional \$2,000,000 in grant funding to the department to support critical incident mapping of school buildings and facilities. As of December 2022, all monies have been awarded, less \$355.35.<sup>2</sup> Because demand for the critical incident mapping grant opportunity has exceeded available funds, monies previously allocated for the Culturally Responsive School Safety Initiative (CRSSI) and simulation exercise projects will be transferred to the open critical mapping grant opportunity in March 2023.

#### 01 - Rounds 1 & 2 of Act 143 Grand Funding

OSS provided this funding to enhance physical security within Wisconsin schools. All funds have been dispersed and associated grants closed as of August 2021. Improvements included the addition of security systems, cameras, and in some cases, structural modifications to building infrastructure.

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<sup>1</sup>During the Legislative Audit Bureau’s review of School Safety Grants and Plans (Report 19-28, December 2019), two ineligible payments totaling \$17,232.37 were identified. These ineligible payments were refunded by the recipients, but because the refunded payments were received after the close of the fiscal year, the money was deposited into the state’s general fund pursuant to the State Accounting Manual.

<sup>2</sup>The amount remaining (\$355.35) will be available for distribution once combined with additional funds allocated to critical incident mapping, as explained elsewhere in this report.

#### 02 - Adolescent Mental Health Training (AMHT)

AMHT was delivered to school staff across the state, with focus on adolescent development, mental health, verbal de-escalation techniques, and family engagement. Trainings are complete, funds dispersed, and associated grants closed.

#### 03 - Digital Threat Assessment (DTA)

OSS designated monies for basic and advanced DTA courses. Courses included review of commonly used social media and online platforms, and methods to garner publicly available information to investigate reported threats. Trainings are complete, funds dispersed, and associated grants closed.

#### 04 - Critical Incident Response

This program provides schools with financial assistance to support staff and students who experience unusual or atypical acts of school-related violence or trauma. Funding awarded supports crisis response and recovery in affected school communities. This opportunity remains open for schools to apply.

#### 05 - Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO) Promotional Materials

The OSS implemented a statewide confidential reporting system, SUSO, in September 2020 with the goal of providing a safe place for community members to share information concerning school violence. The prevention-focused features of SUSO promote the reporting of concerns before violence happens.

Funding allocated to this initiative supports marketing associated with SUSO. SUSO-branded products are available to schools to drive utilization of the platform.

#### 06 - Threat Assessment Protocol Validation Study

In March 2019, OSS introduced the Wisconsin School Threat Assessment Protocol, an evidence-based threat assessment tool. OSS partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and schools across the state to evaluate the efficacy of this initiative. For participation, award recipients receive funding to support mental health services for students.

#### 07 - School Resource Officer (SRO) Project

OSS designated funding to support training of SROs in Wisconsin. Over 200 SROs were trained in school safety best practices. Trainings are complete, funds dispersed, and associated grants closed.

#### 08 – Culturally Responsive School Safety Initiative (CRSSI) Project

Work on this project has not begun. Monies allocated for this project will be transferred to the critical incident mapping grant opportunity. Demand for the critical incident mapping grant opportunity has exceeded available funds.

#### 09 - Simulation Exercise

Work on this project has not begun. Monies allocated for this project will be transferred to the critical incident mapping grant opportunity. Demand for the critical incident mapping grant opportunity has exceeded available funds.

#### 10 - Critical Incident Mapping

2021 Wisconsin Act 109 provides funding for schools to acquire mapping data of their buildings and facilities to share with law enforcement for use in responding to a critical incident. Critical incident mapping data is site-specific, and used to enhance security and increase situational awareness for first responders. As noted above, almost all of the funds allocated under Act 109 have been awarded. Because demand from schools exceeded the initial funding, OSS has transferred funds from the CRSSI and simulation exercise projects to the critical incident mapping grant opportunity.

**OSS State Grant Funds**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Allocation Per Initiative</b>	<b>Awarded Through Grant Agreements</b>	<b>Reimbursed</b>	<b>Allocated, Not Awarded</b>
<b>01 - Round 1 &amp; 2</b>	Closed	\$90,685,428.42	\$90,685,428.42	\$90,685,428.42	\$0.00
<b>02 - AMHT</b>	Closed (part of Round 2)	\$1,275,126.18	\$1,275,126.18	\$1,275,126.18	\$0.00
<b>03 - DTA</b>	Closed (part of Round 2)	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	\$0.00
<b>04 - CIR</b>	Remains open for schools to apply	\$2,000,000.00	\$327,779.22	\$251,879.22	\$1,672,220.78
<b>05 - SUSO Promo</b>	Remains open for schools to apply	\$1,456,000.00	\$900,183.38	\$900,183.38	\$555,816.62
<b>06 - UWTA</b>	Remains open until study is complete	\$2,884,672.00	\$2,844,672.00	\$1,091,297.45	\$40,000.00
<b>07 - SRO Project</b>	Closed (part of Round 2)	\$79,200.00	\$79,200.00	\$79,200.00	\$0.00
<b>08 - CRSSI Project</b>	Funds will replenish critical incident mapping	\$1,378,341.03	-	-	\$1,378,341.03
<b>09 - Simulation Exercise Project</b>	Funds will replenish critical incident mapping	\$150,000.00	-	-	\$150,000.00
<b>10 - Critical Incident Mapping</b>	Remains open for schools to apply	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,999,644.65	-	\$355.35
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$101,982,767.63</b>	<b>\$98,186,033.85</b>	<b>\$94,357,114.65</b>	<b>\$3,796,733.78</b>