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Comprehensive Safety and Security Assessments
Funding Guidance

Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature has allocated funding through [Section 97c](#) of the State School Aid Act Supplemental for 2022-2023 school year only for districts, intermediate districts, and nonpublic schools to improve school safety. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is authorized to award up to \$2,000 for each school building within a district, intermediate district, and nonpublic school, as provided by [Public Act 93 of 2022, Section 97c](#). Applicants will apply for funds and indicate which school buildings will receive a comprehensive safety and security assessment in the application found at [Michigan Department of Education Section 31aa, 97, 97c, 97d Application \(state.mi.us\)](#). Funds may be used for assessments completed since July 1, 2021.

A district, intermediate district, or nonpublic school that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to contract with a vendor for the completion of comprehensive safety and security assessments in schools operated by the district, intermediate district, or nonpublic school.

A district, intermediate district, or nonpublic school is encouraged to prioritize contracting with a vendor that meets all the following:

1. Has a well-developed and documented process for assessing safety and security in schools. The process described should include both of the following:
 - An assessment of physical security and policies and procedures related to school safety and security
 - A method for assessment of the process
2. Provides actionable recommendations that are documented and within best practice for standard K to 12 environments
3. Provides a description of the process, including costs
4. Has a history of assessing K to 12 schools and the ability to provide a list of references of public or nonpublic schools it has assessed
5. Can provide examples of findings reports with comprehensive reviews of all elements of safety and security, including reviews of board policies, emergency operations plans, environment, exterior and interior, policy and procedures, and training and equipment

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6. Can provide ongoing assistance, including, but not limited to, board presentations, community presentations, and consulting, to any client assisting in the implementation of any recommendations made in any findings reports and the fees associated with the assistance described
7. Can provide basic qualifications for any assessors that will complete assessments on behalf of the vendor, including, but not limited to the following:
 - Education
 - Work history
 - Experience in assessing K-12 schools
8. Has experience in assessing safety and security in programs and facilities used outside of the school day, including, but not limited to, athletic facilities and programs
9. Has experience in assessing safety and security in facilities and programs with specialized needs, including, but not limited to, early-childhood-education facilities, special-needs facilities, community-education programs, and adult-education programs
10. Operates in the best interest of the district without any external vendor influence
11. Does not do any of the following:
 - Represent companies that sell safety and security products
 - Accept referral fees for recommending products
 - Accept or solicit referral fees, or operate on behalf of, any equipment or technology vendors
12. If contracting with subcontractors, ensures that the subcontractors have:
 - experience in safety and security or law enforcement for the provision of services
 - familiarity with the MDE school safety guidelines

The [application](#) can be found through the Grant Electronic Monitoring System and Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS MARS). The application will close on October 17, 2022, at 7:00 a.m.

If you have questions regarding this information or other aspects of this grant program, please contact Mary Teachout, TeachoutM@michigan.gov, or Diane Golzynski, 517-241-5362 or GolzynskiD@michigan.gov.