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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2024

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Diane L. Golzynski, Deputy Superintendent
Finance and Operations 

SUBJECT: School Safety Funding Opportunities

Pursuant to [Public Act 93 of 2022](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces the availability of limited funding opportunities specific to school safety. These funds are remaining from previous application opportunities and will be open until funding has been depleted. Districts that previously received funding for these sections are not eligible. The application process will be done via email, on a first-come, first-served basis until funding has been depleted.

Section 97c is funding to contract with a vendor for the completion of comprehensive safety and security assessments in schools operated by the intermediate school district (ISD) and local education agency (LEA), both traditional public school district and public school academy (PSA), or nonpublic schools. Grants are available in amounts not to exceed \$2,000 per building.

Section 97d is funding to contract with a vendor for critical incidence mapping in schools operated by the ISD, LEA, PSA, or nonpublic school.

To apply for funding under Section 97c, Section 97d, or both:

- Send an email to MDE-97c97d@michigan.gov.
- Indicate if you are submitting for 97c (School Safety Assessment) or 97d (Critical Incident Mapping) or both.
- If applying for 97d (Critical Incident Mapping), a vendor quote with the amount requested must be sent as an attachment to the email.

Please use the following language, as applicable, in your email:

To make a request under **Section 97c**, you may cut and paste the following into your email:

“(Name of district) has XX number of buildings requiring school safety assessments.

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This district agrees to the following rules for Section 97c:

- a. In contracting with a vendor as described, the district agrees to prioritize contracting with a vendor that meets all the following:
 - i. Has a well-developed and documented process for assessing safety and security in schools. This process should include an assessment of physical security and policies and procedures related to school safety and security and a method for assessment of the process.
 - ii. Provides actionable recommendations that are documented and within best practices for K-12 environments.
 - iii. Provides a description of the process, including costs.
 - iv. Has a history of assessing K-12 schools and the ability to provide references of public or nonpublic schools it has assessed.
 - v. Is able to provide examples of findings reports that include a comprehensive review of all elements of safety and security.
 - vi. Is able to provide ongoing assistance, including, but not limited to, board presentations, community presentations, and consulting, to any client to assist them in the implementation of any recommendations made in a findings report and the fees associated with the assistance described.
 - vii. Is able to provide basic qualifications for any assessors that will complete assessments on behalf of the vendor, including, but not limited to, all of the following qualifications:
 - a. Education.
 - b. Work history.
 - c. Experience in assessing K-12 schools.
 - viii. 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.
 - ix. 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.
 - x. Operates in the best interest of the district without any external vendor influence.
 - xi. Does not do any of the following:
 - a. Represent companies that sell safety and security products.
 - b. Accept referral fees for recommending products.
 - c. Accept or solicit referral fees, or operate on behalf of, any equipment or technology vendors.
 - xii. If contracting with subcontractors, ensures that the subcontractors have:
 - a. Experience in safety and security or law enforcement for the provision of services.
 - b. Familiarity with the MDE school safety guidelines.”

To make a request under **Section 97d**, you may cut and paste the following into your email:

“(Name of district) has XX number of buildings that need critical incident mapping. Total amount requested for critical incident mapping (vendor quote attached): XX. Rationale for use of the funds: XX.

(Name of District) agrees to prioritize contracting with a vendor that will provide critical incidence mapping for which all of the following apply:

- i. It must be compatible with platforms and applications used by local, state, and federal public safety officials.
- ii. It must not require the purchase of additional software.
- iii. It must be provided in a printable format.
- iv. It must be verified for accuracy through a walk-through of a school building and school grounds.
- v. It must be oriented true north.
- vi. It must include accurate floor plans overlaid on or current aerial imagery of a school building or school plan.
- vii. It must include site-specific labeling that matches the structure of the school building.
- viii. It must include site-specific labeling that matches the school grounds.
- ix. It must include a gridded overlay with x/y coordinates.
- x. It must include information that best assists first responders in an emergency.”

For additional questions, please contact Mary Teachout at TeachoutM@michigan.gov or 517-241-7092.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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