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Campus Security Support Program Grant

Questions received as of October 24, 2025

Would hazing be considered a violent crime and/or harassment?

Response: Without reviewing the proposal to understand the issue the funds would seek to address, we are unable to make that determination. Institutionally sanctioned organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for increase threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment should submit proposals that align with the purpose of the Campus Security Support Program Grant as outlined in the Campus Security Support Program RFP.

Is more than one formal quote from an individual in-person vendor needed to show competitive consideration between vendors?

Response: The RFP does not require multiple quotes, but institutionally sanctioned organizations should follow their institution's procurement policies and ensure costs fall within comparative industry standards.

Do you expect a formal quote from an individual vendor who has visited the site in person?

Response: Institutionally sanctioned organizations should follow their institution's internal procurement policies and ensure that all proposed costs fall within comparative industry standards.

Is getting a quote from online sources acceptable by itself?

Response: Institutionally sanctioned organizations should follow their institution's internal procurement policies and ensure that all proposed costs fall within comparative industry standards.

Does "student organization must lead the project" mean students are responsible for writing the grant, administering it, and submitting reports?

Response: No, "student organization must lead the project" means the Institutionally sanctioned organization seeking funds through the Campus Security Support Program Grant must play a central role in designing and implementing the project, while the sponsoring institution serves as the fiscal agent and handles administrative and reporting responsibilities.

Is there a standard SVA form to be used?

Response: Yes. The SVA template was posted along with the Campus Security Support Program grant RFP at https://rfp.ohiohighered.org.

It is difficult to get a security vulnerability assessment at rural sites due to those certified to give that assessment are not readily available. Is there a solution to this barrier in applying?

Response: Local law enforcement, military personnel or security professionals experienced in conducting SVAs can complete the assessment. If your institution secure a suitable security professional, staff at the Ohio School Safety Center can conduct them. Your institution would need to fill out this form: Request a Security and Vulnerability Assessment | Ohio School Safety Center

Are these funds tied in any way to the ongoing government shutdown?

Response: No, these are not federal funds or grants. These funds were appropriated in the state budget.

Can we have a copy of the slide?

Response: To request a recording of the Campus Security Support Program Overview, please contact the ODHE Safety Grants Team at ODHESafetygrants@highered.ohio.gov.