

Update on the School Security Equipment Grant Program

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Background

- **Governor's Taskforce on School and Campus Safety recommendations to the General Assembly included funding for school security upgrades.**
- **Legislation enacted during the 2013 Session, HB 2343 and Item 139 C.13. of the 2013 Appropriations Act (Chp. 806), created the School Security Equipment Grants Program.**

HB 2343/Chp. 806 Provisions

- **Directs VPSA to issue up to \$6.0 million in notes in FY13 and FY14 to fund grants in FY14 and FY15 for school security equipment.**
- **VPSA issued \$6.0 million in notes in spring 2013 to fund the first grants in FY14.**
- **First year debt service for FY13 issuance is \$1.3 million paid in FY14 from the Literary Fund.**
- **No more than \$30.0 million in notes may be outstanding over any ongoing revolving five-year period.**

HB 2343/Chp. 806 Provisions

- **School divisions, regional programs, and VSDB may apply to DOE by Aug. 1 for grants of up to \$100,000 per year for purchase of security equipment in eligible schools.**
- **Eligible schools are those subject to state accreditation and that report fall membership as well as regional programs and VSDB.**
- **Grants awarded by DOE on a competitive basis using criteria developed by DOE/DCJS.**

HB 2343/Chp. 806 Provisions

- **25% local match required; divisions with a comp. index below 0.2000 may have the local match reduced and VSDB exempt from the match requirement.**
- **Divisions certify they will purchase the equipment within 6 months of receiving the grant.**
- **Grant funds paid on a reimbursement basis from accounts administered by VPSA account manager (SNAP).**

Grant Application Process

- **Divisions specify the security equipment requested for each school, estimated cost, and information on the competitive criteria. Only security equipment requested in the application may be purchased.**
- **Each school application individually reviewed and scored on the competitive criteria.**
- **DOE rank-ordered the application scores and awarded grants for schools whose scores were above the cut-off for funding.**

Equipment Eligible for Reimbursement

▪ **Generally includes:**

- 1) Intercom Systems**
- 2) Security Film**
- 3) Technology Equipment to Support Security Systems**
- 4) Security Door Hardware**
- 5) Electronic Access Control Systems**
- 6) Visitor Badging System**
- 7) Surveillance Equipment and Cameras**
- 8) Security Scanning Equipment**
- 9) Two-way Radios**
- 10) Security Alarm Systems**
- 11) Mass Notification Telephone Systems**
- 12) Security Panic Systems**
- 13) Security Lighting Systems**

Competitive Criteria

- Applications were scored based on the following six criteria (max. of 100 points):
 - 1) School has (10 pts.) or does not have (20 pts.) security equipment currently.
 - 2) Previous school security audit recommended the requested equipment be installed in the school (15 pts.).
 - 3) Age of school - built prior to 1980 (10 pts.); built in 1980 or after (5 pts.).
 - 4) Comp. Index - .0000-.2999 (25 pts.); .3000-.5999 (20 pts.); .6000-.8000 (15 pts.).

Competitive Criteria

- 5) Percent of students in the division impacted by the requested equipment – 75%-100% (10 pts.); 50%-74% (8 pts.); 25%-49% (6 pts.); 1%-24% (4 pts.).**
- 6) Number of school-level weapons, property, and offense against persons incidents per 100 students is at or above statewide percentiles – 75th %tile or above (20 pts.); 50th %tile or above but below 75th %tile (15 pts.).**

(For FY14, applications scoring 59 pts. or more were funded.)

FY14 Grant Time Line

- **June 21 - program guidelines/application released to divisions.**
- **Aug. 1 - completed applications due to DOE.**
- **Aug. - DOE/DCJS staff reviewed equipment requests and scored applications.**
- **Early Sept. - grant awards made to divisions.**
- **Sept.-March - security equipment purchased for reimbursement by June 30**
- **Summer 2014 - second round of \$6.0 million in grants awarded for FY15.**

FY14 Grant Requests/Awards

- **553 school applications received from 94 divisions, regional programs, and VSDB requesting \$10.6 million in funding. The average school grant request was \$19,189.**
- **The most requested types of equipment were video monitoring systems, electronic-access controls, and two-way radios.**
- **459 schools in 86 school divisions, regional programs, and VSDB were awarded the \$6.0 million in funding. The average school grant award was \$13,072.**
- **83% of the school applications were funded. Statewide impacted number of students is 256,328 (21% of students statewide).**

Appendix – FY14 Grant Awards by Div./Sch.

- **The 86 divisions and regional programs awarded security grants for FY14 for security upgrades at 459 schools and regional facilities are listed below:**

Accomack County – \$51,248 for security improvements at Arcadia High, Arcadia Middle, Chincoteague Combined, Kegotank Elementary, Nandua Middle and Pungoteague Elementary

Albemarle County – \$39,994 for Albemarle High, Jack Jouett Middle, Jackson P. Burley Middle, Joseph T. Henley Middle, Leslie H. Walton Middle, Monticello High, Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle, Murray High, Paul Cale Elementary, Red Hill Elementary, Scottsville Elementary and Western Albemarle High

Amelia County – \$100,000 for Amelia Elementary, Amelia High and Amelia Middle

Appomattox County – \$59,730 for Alternative Ed Center, Appomattox County Elementary, Appomattox County High, Appomattox County Middle and Appomattox County Primary

Bath County – \$56,866 for Bath County High and Valley Elementary

Bedford County – \$75,597 for Bedford Elementary, Bedford Primary, Stewartsville Elementary and Thaxton Elementary

Bland County - \$13,836 for Bland High/Elementary School, Rocky Gap Elementary and Rocky Gap High

Buckingham County - \$94,961 for Buckingham County High, Buckingham County Middle and Buckingham Preschool

Charlotte County – \$87,273 for Bacon District Elementary, Eureka Elementary and Phenix Elementary

Charlottesville - \$68,800 for Buford Middle School, Johnson Elementary and Walker Upper Elementary

Chesapeake – \$100,000 for Great Bridge High, Greenbrier Middle, Hickory Middle and Hugo A. Owens Middle



Appendix – FY14 Grant Awards, Continued

Covington – \$33,600 for Covington High School

Craig County – \$38,849 for Craig County High/Middle and McCleary Elementary

Culpeper County – \$73,462 for A. G. Richardson Elementary, Farmington Elementary, Pearl Sample Elementary and Sycamore Elementary

Cumberland County – \$40,000 for Cumberland Elementary

Dickenson County – \$79,226 for Clintwood Elementary, Ervinton Elementary and Sandlick Elementary

Essex County – \$11,479 for Essex Intermediate and Tappahannock Elementary

Fairfax County – \$100,000 for Edison High School, Lee High School and West Potomac High School

Fauquier County – \$42,846 for Taylor Middle and Warrenton Middle

Franklin – \$36,800 for Franklin High and J. P. King, Jr. Middle

Franklin County – \$75,760 for Franklin County High

Frederick County – \$34,385 for Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle, Apple Pie Ridge Elementary, Bass-Hoover Elementary, Dowell J. Howard Center, Northwestern Regional Educational Programs and Stonewall Elementary

Gloucester County – \$77,259 for Achilles Elementary, Botetourt Elementary and Gloucester High School

Grayson County – \$50,536 for Baywood Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Fries School, Grayson County High and Independence Middle

Halifax County – \$52,080 for Clays Mill Elementary, Halifax High, Meadville Elementary, Scottsburg Elementary, Sinai Elementary and Sydnor Jennings Elementary

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Hampton – \$100,000 for A.W.E. Bassett Elementary, Aberdeen Elementary, Alfred S. Forrest Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Barron Elementary, Benjamin Symns Middle, Bethel High, Booker Elementary, C. Alton Lindsay Middle, Captain John Smith Elementary, Cesar Tarrant Elementary, Christopher C. Kraft Elementary, Francis Asbury Elementary, Francis W. Jones Middle, George P. Phenix School, Hampton High, Hunter B. Andrews, Jane H. Bryan Elementary, Jefferson Davis Middle, John B. Cary Elementary, John Tyler Elementary, Kecoughtan

High, Luther W. Machen Elementary, Paul Burbank Elementary, Phillips Elementary, Phoebus High, Samuel P. Langley Elementary, Thomas Eaton Middle, Tucker-Capps Elementary and William Mason Cooper Elementary

Highland County – \$5,500 for Highland High

Hopewell – \$61,567 for Carter G. Woodson Middle and Hopewell High School

Isle of Wight County – \$86,205 for Carrsville Elementary, Hardy Elementary, Smithfield High, Westside Elementary and Windsor High

King and Queen County – \$80,000 for Central High School and Lawson Marriott Elementary

King George County – \$100,000 for King George Middle and Potomac Elementary

King William County – \$64,000 for Aquinton Elementary, Hamilton Holmes Middle and King William High

Lee County – \$100,000 for Dryden Elementary, Elydale Elementary, Flatwoods Elementary, Jonesville Middle, Pennington Middle, Rose Hill Elementary, St. Charles Elementary and Thomas Walker High

Louisa County – \$100,000 for Louisa County Middle and Trevilians Elementary

Lunenburg County – \$48,000 for Central High School, Kenbridge Elementary, Lunenburg Middle and Victoria Elementary

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Lynchburg – \$100,000 for Bedford Hills Elementary, Dearington Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Linkhorne Elementary, Paul Munro Elementary, Perrymont Elementary, Robert S. Payne Elementary, Sandusky Elementary, Sheffield Elementary, Thomas C. Miller Elementary and William Marvin Bass Elementary

Madison County – \$100,000 for Madison County High, Madison Primary, Waverly Yowell Elementary and William Wetsel Middle

Manassas – \$41,728 for R. C. Haydon Elementary and Weems Elementary

Manassas Park – \$85,949 for Cougar Elementary, Manassas Park Elementary, Manassas Park High and Manassas Park Middle

Martinsville – \$79,408 for Albert Harris Elementary, Martinsville High, Martinsville Middle and Patrick Henry Elementary

Mecklenburg County – \$96,763 for Bluestone High School, Bluestone Middle, Chase City Elementary, Clarksville Elementary, LaCrosse Elementary, Park View High School, Park View Middle and South Hill Elementary

Middle Peninsula Regional Special Education Program – \$2,080

Middlesex County – \$100,000 for Middlesex Elementary and St. Clare Walker Middle

Montgomery County – \$60,565 for Christiansburg Elementary, Christiansburg High, Christiansburg Primary and Harding Avenue Elementary

Nelson County – \$100,000 for Nelson High, Nelson Middle, Rockfish River Elementary and Tye River Elementary

Newport News – \$72,658 for An Achievable Dream Elementary, Carver Elementary, Charles Elementary, Deer Park Elementary, Denbigh Early Childhood Center, Dutrow Elementary, Epes Elementary, General Stanford Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Hidenwood Elementary, Hilton Elementary, Jenkins Elementary, Kiln Creek Elementary, Lee Hall Early Childhood Center, Lee Hall Elementary, Marshall Early Childhood Center, McIntosh Elementary, Nelson Elementary, Newsome Park Elementary, Palmer Elementary, Richneck Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Sanford Elementary, Saunders Elementary, Sedgefield Elementary, Watkins Early Childhood Center and Yates Elementary

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- Norfolk – \$75,974 for Azalea Gardens Middle, Bayview Elementary, Booker T. Washington High, Fairlawn Elementary, Ghent Elementary, Granby Elementary, Jacox Elementary, Lindenwood Elementary, Little Creek Elementary, Northside Middle, Norview Elementary, Suburban Park Elementary, Willard Model Elementary and Willoughby Elementary**
- Northampton County – \$40,230 for Kiptopeke Elementary, Northampton High and Occohannock Elementary**
- Northumberland County – \$78,931 for Northumberland Elementary, Northumberland High and Northumberland Middle**
- Orange County – \$75,876 for Gordon Barbour Elementary, Lightfoot Elementary, Orange County High, Orange Elementary, Prospect Heights Middle, Taylor Education Administration Complex and Unionville Elementary**
- Page County – \$89,265 for Grove Hill Preschool, Luray Elementary, Shenandoah Elementary, Springfield Elementary and Stanley Elementary**
- Patrick County – \$92,668 for Hardin Reynolds Memorial, Patrick County High, Stuart Elementary and Woolwine Elementary**
- Petersburg – \$78,400 for A. P. Hill Elementary, Blandford Academy, J.E.B. Stuart Elementary, Robert E. Lee Elementary, Walnut Hill Elementary and Westview Early Childhood Education Center**
- Pittsylvania County – \$100,000 for Brosville Elementary, Chatham Elementary, Chatham Middle, Dan River Middle, Gretna Elementary, Gretna Middle, John L. Hurt Jr. Elementary, Kentuck Elementary, Mt. Airy Elementary, Southside Elementary, Stony Mill Elementary, Tunstall Middle, Twin Springs Elementary and Union Hall Elementary**
- Poquoson – \$47,040 for Poquoson High and Poquoson Middle**
- Portsmouth – \$99,960 for Brighton Elementary, Churchland Middle, Cradock Middle, Douglass Park Elementary, Emily N. Spong Preschool, John Tyler Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Mount Hermon Preschool, Park View Elementary, Westhaven Elementary and William E. Waters Middle**

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Powhatan County – \$21,592 for Pocahontas Elementary, Pocahontas Middle and Powhatan Jr. High

Prince George County – \$78,356 for David A. Harrison Elementary, J.E.J. Moore Middle, North Elementary and William A. Walton Elementary

Prince William County – \$88,914 for Fred Lynn Middle, Godwin Middle, Graham Park Middle, Parkside Middle, Rippon Middle, Saunders Middle, Stonewall Middle and Woodbridge Middle

Pulaski County – \$99,276 for Critzer Elementary, Dublin Elementary, Pulaski County High and Snowville Elementary

Radford – \$13,280 for Radford High

Richmond – \$79,811 for Armstrong High

Richmond County – \$75,992 for Rappahannock High and Richmond County Elementary

Roanoke – \$100,000 for Crystal Spring Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Fallon Park Elementary, Fishburn Park Elementary, Forest Park Academy, Garden City Elementary, Grandin Court Elementary, Highland Park Elementary, Hurt Park Elementary, James Breckinridge Middle, James Madison Middle, Lincoln Terrace Elementary, Lucy Addison Middle, Monterey Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Noel C. Taylor Academy, Patrick Henry High, Preston Park Elementary, Roanoke Academy for Math and Science, Round Hill Elementary, Stonewall Jackson Middle, Virginia Heights Elementary, Wasena Elementary, Westside Elementary, William Fleming High and Woodrow Wilson Middle

Roanoke County – \$95,906 for Cave Spring High and William Byrd High

Rockingham County – \$72,826 for Broadway High, East Rockingham High, Elkton Elementary, Elkton Middle, Fulks Run Elementary, J. Frank Hillyard Middle, John C. Myers Elementary, John Wayland Elementary, Linville-Edom Elementary, McGaheysville Elementary, Montevideo Middle, Ottobine Elementary, Plains Elementary, Pleasant Valley Elementary, Spotswood High, Turner Ashby High and Wilbur S. Pence Middle

Russell County – \$60,555 for Castlewood Elementary, Castlewood High, Honaker Elementary, Russell County Career and Technology Center and Russell County Alternative Center

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Salem – \$71,582 for Andrew Lewis Middle, East Salem Elementary, G. W. Carver Elementary, Salem High and West Salem Elementary

Scott County – \$63,512 for Duffield Primary, Dungannon Intermediate, Fort Blackmore Primary, Gate City High, Gate City Middle, Hilton Elementary, Nickelsville Elementary, Renaissance Program, Rye Cove High, Rye Cove Intermediate, Scott County Career and Technical Center, Shoemaker Elementary, Twin Springs High, Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary

Shenandoah County – \$43,704 for Central High, North Fork Middle, Peter Muhlenberg Middle, Signal Knob Middle, Stonewall Jackson High and Strasburg High

Smyth County – \$22,812 for Chilhowie High, Northwood High and Saltville Elementary

Southampton County – \$96,436 for Capron Elementary, Southampton High and Southampton Middle

Stafford County – \$100,000 for Andrew G. Wright Middle, Donald B. Dixon-Lyle R. Smith Middle, Edward E. Drew Middle, H. H. Poole Middle, Rodney E. Thompson Middle, Shirley C. Heim Middle, Stafford Middle and T. Benton Gayle Middle

Staunton – \$73,301 for A. R. Ware Elementary, Bessie Weller Elementary, Shelburne Middle and T. C. McSwain Elementary

Suffolk – \$100,000 for Booker T. Washington Elementary, Driver Elementary, Elephant's Fork Elementary, Florence Bowser Elementary, Forest Glen Middle, Hillpoint Elementary, John F. Kennedy Middle, John Yeates Middle, Kilby Shores Elementary, King's Fork Middle, Lakeland High, Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary, Nansemond Parkway Elementary, Oakland Elementary and Southwestern Elementary

Surry County – \$40,000 for Surry County High

Sussex County – \$37,402 for Sussex Central High and Sussex Central Middle

Virginia Beach – \$100,000 for Kempsville High

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Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind – \$93,003 for Bass Hall and Cafeteria, Byrd Hall, Healy Hall and Auditorium, Lewellyn Gymnasium and Price Hall

Warren County – \$71,410 for A. S. Rhodes Elementary, Bessie Jeffries Elementary, E. Wilson Morrison Elementary and Leslie Fox Keyser Elementary

Washington County – \$64,448 for Abingdon High, Damascus Middle, E. B. Stanley Middle, Glade Spring Middle, Greendale Elementary, High Point Elementary, Holston High, John S. Battle High, Meadowview Elementary, Patrick Henry High, Valley Institute Elementary, Wallace Middle and William N. Neff Center for Science and Technology

Waynesboro – \$100,000 for Kate Collins Middle and Waynesboro High

West Point – \$57,600 for West Point Elementary, West Point High and West Point Middle

Westmoreland County – \$63,248 for Cople Elementary, Montross Middle, Washington and Lee High, and Washington District Elementary

Williamsburg-James City County – \$57,680 for Jamestown High and Toano Middle

Winchester – \$100,000 for Garland R. Quarles Elementary and Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary