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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: STOP School Violence Grant



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STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance is accepting applications for the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program. This grant is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

Eligible applicants may apply under one or more of the following purpose areas:

1. Train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence against others and themselves and includes anti-bullying training. This can also include specialized training for school officials to respond to mental health crises.
2. Develop and implement threat assessment and/or intervention teams to operate technology solutions, such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites. These teams must coordinate with law enforcement agencies and school personnel.

The program's objective is to increase school safety through the training of school staff, implementing threat assessments and intervention teams that help identify school violence risks among students, or using other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

Public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit entities will be selected through a competitive process. Applications are due **March 3, 2020**. For more information about the grant and how to apply, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17313>.

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