



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



To: Superintendents of Schools, Municipal Chief Executive Officers, and
Emergency Management Directors

From: William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner

Date: May 28, 2013

Re: **Release of School Security Grant Program**

We are pleased to notify you of the release of the Connecticut **School Security Competitive Grant Program**. This competitive grant program is a component of the recently passed Public Act 13-3 Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety Act and is jointly administered by the State Department of Education (SDE), Department of Construction Services (DCS) and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DESPP/DEMHS). Each local and regional board of education may apply on behalf of its town or member towns.

These grants may reimburse school districts for a portion of the costs associated with making safety and security improvements to schools. Eligible projects completed on or after April 4, 2013 may be applied for under this program. The funding will go to the schools with the most need — buildings with little or no existing security infrastructure located in school districts that are designated as Priority School Districts according to section 10-266p of the General Statutes. The first round of School Security Grant Program is funded at \$5 Million. Two additional rounds of \$5 Million each (for a total of \$15 Million) are expected within the next year.

Application materials can be found on the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security website: www.ct.gov/demhs or at the State Department of Education website: www.sde.ct.gov. The application materials must be received on or before **Monday, July 29, 2013**.

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If you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding the Connecticut School Security Competitive Grant Program, please contact us at DESPP/DEMHS via e-mail at schoolsecuritygrant@ct.gov or by phone at 860.685.8038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William P. Shea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William P. Shea
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security