Grants that pay for ballistic protection

Ballistic boards and barriers, bullet-resistant glass and window film: the federal and state programs that fund them for schools, houses of worship and nonprofits.

◆ The program names ballistic items in writing. Other programs fund security upgrades in general.

Federal programs AVAILABLE IN EVERY STATE

PROGRAM	WHO CAN APPLY	FUNDING	WHAT TO KNOW
◆ **Nonprofit Security Grant** FEMA, through your state	Nonprofits: houses of worship, private and religious schools, private colleges	Up to $200K per site · no match	Names portable and fixed ballistic boards and barriers. FY2027 not yet announced
◆ **Homeland Security Grant** FEMA, via emergency management	Local governments, including public school districts	Varies · no match	Names school hardening, including bullet-resistant doors and glass
Community Facilities USDA Rural Development	Public bodies, nonprofits and tribes in towns under 20,000	Grants cover 15–75%	Funds major equipment. Loans too. Rolling applications
Byrne JAG U.S. Department of Justice	Police and sheriff's offices	Formula · no match	Has funded ballistic shields. Covers protecting houses of worship
School Violence Prevention DOJ COPS Office	Public school districts, public charters, local governments, police	Up to $500K · 25% cash match	Equipment reviewed case by case. Closed Aug 11. No private schools

State programs WHERE STATE MONEY EXISTS

STATE	HOUSES OF WORSHIP & NONPROFITS	PRIVATE & RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS	PUBLIC SCHOOLS
California	Nonprofit Security Grant · $250K/site	—	—
Connecticut	◆ Nonprofit Security Grant · $50K/site	◆ School Security Grant · public and nonpublic · 50% match	
Florida	Not open (Oct 2026) · law sets $10K–$150K	Jewish Day School Security Grant	School Hardening Grant · $20M
Georgia	Protection of Communities · guards only, no equipment	—	—
Illinois	Nonprofit Security Grant · $150K/site	—	—
Indiana	—	Secured School Safety Grant · $100K · public and nonpublic · match required	
Louisiana	—	◆ School Safety Grant · $50K/site · public, charter and approved nonpublic	
Maryland	Protecting Against Hate Crimes	—	—
Massachusetts	Nonprofit Security Grant · $60K · **opens this fall**	—	—
New Jersey	Nonprofit Security Grant · $100K	◆ Nonpublic Security Aid · per-student aid via district	—
New York	Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes · $250K · closed Jul 8	Safety Equipment grant · **claims Jan 14**	—
Ohio	Ohio Security Grant · $125K/site	Attorney General School Safety Grant · public and chartered nonpublic	
Oklahoma	—	School and Campus Safety Grant · $50K · public and private	
Pennsylvania	Nonprofit Security Grant Fund · $150K	Targeted School Safety Grant · $75K	School Safety and Mental Health Grant
South Carolina	—	—	◆ School Safety Funds · about $20M
Texas	—	—	School Safety Allotment (formula)

Before you apply

- ◆ **Start with a vulnerability assessment.** Every item you request must answer a risk it identifies.
- ◆ **Don't buy first.** Most programs reimburse approved costs only after the award.
- ◆ **Get competing quotes.** Federal rules require "or equal" specifications, not one brand.
- ◆ **Confirm what qualifies, and watch the calendar.** Each agency decides what it funds, and many rounds stay open only four to eight weeks.

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