

Item VI. FY 2019 School Safety Grant Program Applications

Motion:

To direct staff to release an application to solicit school safety projects from LEAs and Maryland School for the Blind with a maximum total allocation of \$10 million. Each LEA's distribution will be proportional to the share of the total \$10 million as identified in Table 1 based upon the September 30, 2017 Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) full time equivalent enrollments as defined by Education Article, §5-202 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for each LEA, rounded to the nearest 1,000.

Optional: To delegate authority to approval of eligible projects within the total LEA allocation to IAC staff and IAC designees, with a report of project allocations submitted to the IAC at regularly scheduled meetings.

Background Information:

HB 1783 created Education Article, §5-317 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which creates the School Safety Grant Program (SSGP), states that:

§5-317.

- (a) In this section, "Program" means the School Safety Grant Program.
- (b)
 - (1) There is a School Safety Grant Program.
 - (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to county boards for school security improvements, including:
 - (i) Secure and lockable classroom doors for each classroom in the school;
 - (ii) An area of safe refuge in each classroom in the school; and
 - (iii) Surveillance and other security technology for school monitoring purposes.
- (c) The Program shall be implemented and administered by the Interagency Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Center for School Safety.
- (d) The Interagency Commission shall:
 - (1) Provide grants to county boards for public school security improvements;
 - (2) Develop a procedure for a county board to apply for a grant under the Program; and
 - (3) Develop eligibility requirements for a county board to receive a grant under the Program.
- (e) In addition to the annual amount otherwise provided in the capital improvement program of the Public School Construction Program, the Governor shall provide an additional \$10,000,000 in the annual operating or capital budget bill that may be used only to award grants under the Program.
- (f) The State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for public school construction purposes to a county board from any other source.
- (g) The Interagency Commission shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this section.

In total, \$20 million is allocated to the School Safety Grant Program - \$10 million in Paygo funding and \$10 million from bond premiums allocated through the capital budget bill.

In order to allocate funding as quickly as possible to meet critical security needs across the

state, IAC staff recommends that the IAC distribute funding across two funding cycles, first allocating \$10 million on a per pupil basis, rounded to the nearest 1,000 as identified in Table 1 based upon the MSDE's September 30, 2017 enrollment data:

Table 1 Local Education Agencies School Safety Grant Program Proposed Allocations Based on MSDE Enrollment Data as of September 30, 2017			
LEA	Full Time Equivalent Enrollment	Percentage	Allocation Distribution
Allegany	8,166	0.95%	95,000
Anne Arundel	80,350	9.33%	933,000
Baltimore County	109,343	12.70%	1,270,000
Calvert	15,435	1.79%	179,000
Caroline	5,469	0.64%	64,000
Carroll	24,935	2.90%	290,000
Cecil	14,782	1.72%	172,000
Charles	26,085	3.03%	303,000
Dorchester	4,526	0.53%	53,000
Frederick	40,752	4.73%	473,000
Garrett	3,649	0.42%	42,000
Harford	36,877	4.28%	428,000
Howard	55,372	6.43%	643,000
Kent	1,866	0.22%	22,000
Montgomery	156,995	18.23%	1,823,000
Prince George's	127,013	14.75%	1,475,000
Queen Anne's	7,536	0.88%	88,000
St. Mary's	17,155	1.99%	199,000
Somerset	2,697	0.31%	31,000
Talbot	4,406	0.51%	51,000
Washington	21,901	2.54%	254,000
Wicomico	14,341	1.67%	167,000
Worcester	6,304	0.73%	73,000
Baltimore City	74,853	8.69%	869,000
MSB	210	0.02%	3,000
Total	861,016	100.00%	10,000,000
<p>Note: The enrollment data is based on the Maryland State Department of Education's September 30, 2017 enrollment data. Due to rounding, funding allocations would be \$1,000 less than the full \$10 million. In Table 1, the additional \$1,000 has been applied to Maryland School for the Blind.</p>			

When the FY 2014 Security Initiative was in place, maximum allocations were based upon each LEA's total square footage, rather than their enrollment. The IAC could also consider allocating on this basis.

Table 2 Local Education Agencies School Safety Grant Program Proposed Allocations Based on School Facility Square Footage as of July 1, 2018			
LEA	Total Square Footage	Percentage	Allocation Distribution
Allegany	1,777,848	1.27%	127,000
Anne Arundel	13,304,397	9.50%	950,000
Baltimore County	16,353,450	11.68%	1,168,000
Calvert	2,393,330	1.71%	171,000
Caroline	853,767	0.61%	61,000
Carroll	4,176,741	2.98%	298,000
Cecil	2,227,767	1.59%	159,000
Charles	3,942,228	2.81%	281,000
Dorchester	949,120	0.68%	68,000
Frederick	6,474,834	4.62%	462,000
Garrett	741,671	0.53%	53,000
Harford	6,190,123	4.42%	442,000
Howard	8,112,006	5.79%	579,000
Kent	440,226	0.31%	31,000
Montgomery	24,175,294	17.26%	1,726,000
Prince George's	17,998,634	12.85%	1,285,000
Queen Anne's	1,293,781	0.92%	92,000
St. Mary's	2,300,101	1.64%	164,000
Somerset	606,461	0.43%	43,000
Talbot	702,975	0.50%	50,000
Washington	3,352,187	2.39%	239,000
Wicomico	2,201,977	1.57%	157,000
Worcester	1,236,053	0.88%	88,000
Baltimore City	17,820,409	12.72%	1,272,000
MSB	424,413	0.30%	34,000
Total	140,049,793	100.00%	10,000,000
Note: The school facility square footage data was extracted from the IAC Facility Inventory database as of July 1, 2018 and as reported in the IAC's Managing for Results report for FY 2018. The facility inventory is updated annually by each Local Education Agency. Due to rounding, funding allocations would be \$4,000 less than the full \$10 million. In Table 2, the additional \$4,000 has been applied to Maryland School for the Blind.			

Upon approval of the IAC, staff is prepared to release a preliminary application to the LEAs for eligible projects at the conclusion of the August 30, 2018 IAC meeting. Applications would be due by September 21, 2018 for IAC approval at their October meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2018. LEAs that require additional time could continue to submit application, to be approved at subsequent regularly scheduled IAC meetings.

Alternatively, the IAC could delegate authority to approve projects to IAC staff and IAC designees, with a report of project allocations submitted to the IAC at regularly scheduled meetings.

A Current draft of the procedures guide for the program identifies eligible projects as:

- (i) Secure and lockable classroom doors for each classroom in the school;
- (ii) An area of safe (visual) refuge in each classroom in the school;
- (iii) Surveillance and other security technology for school monitoring purposes;
- (iv) Other security and safety projects as identified by the LEA.

The Draft School Safety Grant Program Application and Procedure Guide were unavailable at the time of the IAC agenda publication but will be made available to members and on the IAC website at www.pscp.state.md.us prior to the August 30, 2018 IAC meeting.