



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Grant Application with the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services for the 2018 STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program on behalf of the Pinellas County School Board.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval by Department Director of the grant application for the Pinellas School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

This grant application provides funding for the SVPP that will be implemented by the Pinellas County School Board. This program is designed to improve school security through evidence-based school safety interventions for acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency.

The SVPP is part of a two-phase plan to deploy a centralized and automated lockdown system in each of Pinellas County's 122 schools. The system will provide first responders and law enforcement interactive access to live information during the event of an active assailant or other emergency incident.

### **Background/Explanation:**

The SVPP is part of comprehensive school safety planning efforts in Pinellas County to establish and enhance school safety equipment to prevent violence in Pinellas County schools. Phase I is to provide the infrastructure for this system in all Pinellas County schools. Phase II is to build upon the infrastructure with enhanced cutting-edge technology blended with best practices to meet the challenges of constantly evolving threats.

If the grant is awarded, SVPP funds will provide the Phase I infrastructure components necessary to not only expedite notification of local law enforcement during a school emergency, but reduce opportunities for human error and call system malfunctions.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The grant application is for \$488,365.20 in federal funding for a two-year funding period starting October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2020. A 25% local match is required; the Pinellas County School Board will provide the full amount of the match totaling \$162,788.40 from capital outlay funds.

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the Human Services Department Director to sign this grant application is granted under the County Administrator's delegation of authority dated March 28, 2016.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Pinellas County School Board

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services

**Attachments:**

Approved Intent to Apply

Grant Application

Project Abstract

Pinellas County School Board Request

Letter of Support from Dr. Grego