

Revised GaDOE AFY23 School Security Grant FAQs

May 22, 2023

1. What type of funds are these?

These are reimbursable funds, which means the funding must be spent first by the school systems before requesting reimbursement.

2. Is a match required?

No.

3. For what purposes can these funds be used?

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to local school systems for school security needs/enhancements. These funds cannot be used for ongoing expenses (such as salaries, rent, monthly charges, admin costs, etc.), phones, or vehicles.

4. When can I start using this funding?

Invoices must be dated after March 10, 2023 (HB18's effective date). Any invoices dated prior to this date will not be eligible for payment. Your budget must be approved in the Consolidated Application before you request reimbursement for the items identified in its budget narrative. *You cannot start requesting reimbursement until July 1, 2023.*

5. Do we have to allocate \$50,000 per school?

No.

Funds can be used as the district sees fit for facilities that are used for student instruction or other places where students would routinely be. This would include any schools or spaces used for student activities, but not administrative space at system offices, RESAs, storage facilities, etc.

6. Can we use these funds for non-allocated schools or facilities?

Yes.

Funds can be used as the district sees fit for facilities that are used for student instruction or other places where students would routinely be. This would include any schools or spaces used for student activities, but not administrative space at system offices, RESAs, storage facilities, etc.

7. What LUA Chart of Account Codes should be utilized?

Fund 100, Revenue Source 3800, Expenditure Function Code 2600, Program Code 1695. There may be exceptions, depending on the activity. Please contact Financial Review with questions about the financial reporting.

8. What if I already submitted my budget in the Consolidated Application prior to the revised changes?

You can amend your budget in the Consolidated Application at any time.

9. How do I submit for reimbursement and what documents are required?

You cannot start requesting reimbursement until July 1, 2023. You cannot submit for reimbursement until your budget is approved through the Consolidated Application. Once your budget is approved, school systems will submit their requests through Grants Applications in the GaDOE portal. Invoice and a purchase detail form must be submitted to receive payment.

10. When do these funds expire?

June 30, 2024, but systems must submit their reimbursement requests for GaDOE review no later than March 1, 2024. Districts are encouraged to request reimbursement on these funds in as timely a manner as possible, please communicate with GaDOE if these dates cannot be met.

11. Who can I contact at GaDOE with questions?

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