



Montana

Office of Public Instruction

**Student Support Services
Education Advocates**

June 20, 2023



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

This project focuses on:

- preventing acts of targeted violence in Montana schools.
- strengthening resources and providing services for schools across the spectrum of violence prevention.



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

- Grant awarded December 23, 2021
- Project period: Date of award through September 30, 2024 (no-cost extension will likely be requested to extend project period)
- Grant award: \$324,122.00
- Match amount coming from the OPI: \$108,041.00
- Grant requires a 25% match (LEA)



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Tier 1 (Universal) Approaches: focuses on creating a positive school climate and strengthening social and emotional skills, especially skills focused on forming positive relationships.

Tier 2: focused on providing training to law enforcement, including school resources officers (SROs) on how to prevent school violence and support students.

Tier 3: Responding to acts of violence before they occur : In 2023 and 2024 we will provide training and best-practice recommendations for schools to work with local law enforcement to prepare to respond to an active shooter incident or other incident of violence.



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Grant award breakdown:

- Salary and benefits for the OPI's School Safety Program Manager (1 full time equivalent position)
- Travel for the OPI's School Safety Program Manager
- Subawards to schools (LEAs) to use for the purpose of training law enforcement/SROs (\$53,200)
- Contract with the Montana Safe Schools Center to provide:
 - Create content and provide six regional trainings to law enforcement/SROs
 - Provide eight threat assessment trainings
- Contract with iCHAMPS to create a virtual training module on how to prevent school violence: the signs that a student may be on a path towards violence and how to effectively intervene.



Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

Qualifying public and nonpublic schools and community programs will receive federal grant awards between \$70,000 and \$250,000 a year for five years.

These grant dollars connect learning programs before school, after school, and during the summer months for families that meet economic thresholds.

These programs serve students and families through:

- academic support in reading and math
- music and art
- health and wellness
- technology and career development
- drug and violence prevention
- social skill development



21st Funding Timeline

- Funds are awarded in full during the first three years of the grant.
- During the fourth year, Montana 21st CCLC funds will pay 80 percent of the original award.
- During the fifth and final year of the grant, Montana 21st CCLC funds will pay 70 percent of the original award. This reflects the applicant's commitment to sustaining the program locally.
- Awarded programs will receive the first year of funds on July 1, 2023.
- Programs were awarded amounts based on a sliding scale. Programs that scored higher received a larger percentage of the funds requested. Due to the sliding scale, OPI was able to fund additional programs to ensure that more students are served.



Programs awarded a 5-year 21st CCLC grant

Boulder Elementary

East Helena K-12

Phillips County Coalition for Healthy Choices

Box Elder High School

Greater Gallatin United Way

Rocky Boy High School

Boys & Girls Club of Cascade County

Hamilton K-12

Ronan Elementary

Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown

HELP Committee and Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-line

Conrad Elementary

Missoula Elementary

Seeley Lake Elementary

Boys & Girls Club of Richland

Townsend K-12

Hot Springs K-12

Bridger K-12

Huntley Project K-12

Troy Elementary

Butte Elementary

Livingston Elementary



Stronger Connections Grants

The SCG has reopened on EGrants for all districts and will close on June 20th at 4:00 PM, there will be no late submissions accepted. Please note, if districts completed an application and did not hit the 40% poverty numbers, the application will be re-graded during this round, there is no need to resubmit.

Through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) of June 2022, the Montana Office of Public Instruction was awarded **\$4.8 million** in additional funding for Title IV, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Funds are awarded through a competitive subgrant application process.



Stronger Connections Grants

The SCG to all districts that have high needs in **two or more** of the following:

- high student-to-mental health professional ratio
- high rates of chronic absenteeism
- exclusionary discipline
- referrals to the juvenile justice system
- bullying/harassment
- community and school violence
- substance abuse
- natural disaster or traumatic event that has had a significant impact on students (Covid-19 does not qualify)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paige Sedahl, paige.sedahl@mt.gov, or Michelle Cusey, michelle.cusey@mt.gov.