

SFY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program

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Q. Must the letter of support come from the local police department's chief, or can it come from another police department representative that knows our school/business safety needs well?

A. OGR prefers letter of support be signed by the Chief of Police, however if the Chief is unavailable, the letter of support may be signed by the Deputy/next in command.

Q. For the mailed application, how will we know it has been received? Will OGR let us know when the hard copy materials have been received?

A. Yes, OGR will confirm recipient of the hard copy submittals once they have arrived to the office. Please send an email to Vicky.mboka-boyer@mass.gov to confirmation receipt of your hard copy submission.

Q. Are we supposed to email the documents pertaining to the grant application or should we send them through the postal service?

*A. Yes, you will need to send a hard copy of your application through the postal service as well as submit an electronic form that is apart of the application. We will **not** be accepting documents through email.*

Q. What does 'trained and qualified' mean regarding the personnel applicable for the grant award?

A. -A You should select vendors that provide trained and qualified security services personnel.

Q. Is it an allowable cost within the grant award guidelines to hire existing staff or is the grant funding only for hiring someone to fill a new position?

A. No, this grant is not for hiring staff. Only contracted security personnel are allowable.

Q. Can the funds be used to cover security related software/hardware and implementation by the consultant?

A. Unfortunately, no. The only allowable cost under this grant is for contracted security personnel. Please apply for our CNSGP- Commonwealth Non-profit Security Grant award on our website <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/commonwealth-nonprofit-security-grant-program>

Q. Are digital security consultants an allowed expense (for example, a consultant who does threat assessment/digital monitoring of domestic terrorism specific to our organization)?

A. No, this is strictly for hiring contracted security personnel.