



## **School Safety Grant Availability March 28, 2023**

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 became law June 25, 2022. It provides over \$1 billion in funding through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title IV, Part A and Title IV, Part B. The former takes the form of Stronger Connection grants to states for safer and healthier learning environments. This program includes equitable services as the means for delivering services to non-public schools.

For more information, see the US Department of Education website, <https://oese.ed.gov/bipartisan-safer-communities-act/>.

The Stronger Connection grant program FAQs from USDE can be found here, [https://oese.ed.gov/files/2022/11/BSCA Stonger Connections FAQs 11-2022-FINAL.pdf](https://oese.ed.gov/files/2022/11/BSCA_Stonger_Connections_FAQs_11-2022-FINAL.pdf), and you will find a discussion of equitable services for non-public schools in Section E beginning at page 32.

Schools will want to reach out to their Local Education Agency (LEA) in order to begin consultation if they are interested in the program's offerings. At present only the following states have made application to the federal government to participate in the grant program, though others will surely follow:

1. Colorado
2. Iowa
3. Louisiana
4. Maryland
5. Montana
6. New York
7. Nevada
8. Ohio
9. Utah
10. Washington
11. Wisconsin

ACSI is not endorsing the program. This is meant simply to inform member schools that may have an interest of the program's availability. The LEA will provide services, so a school will want to express to the LEA what its needs are during the consultation process. For states that have not yet made application, there is greater opportunity to speak into what items would be funded by the grant.