

Possible areas of funding for School Resource Officers (as of June 2010)

1. A SROs Law enforcement agency and their school district typically split the cost of the time the officer is in the school, usually ten months out of the year. Can be any % division (50/50, 70/30, 90/10, etc). Both entities have a stake in keeping their community schools safe and usually will share the cost of a sworn police officer in their school. Double check with your chief or sheriff to determine if this funding arrangement could work for your SRO position.
2. ***Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant***- offered on an annual basis by the Ohio Attorney General. The Ohio Attorney General's Office is empowered to administer a drug abuse resistance grant program funded through license reinstatement fees and the sale of impounded vehicles. *Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.191, (L)(2)(e)*. **Applicant Eligibility:** Agencies with school resources officers, D.A.R.E. or other peace officers who instruct qualifying **drug use prevention programs** (important qualifier) in Ohio's schools are eligible to apply for the Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant funds. ****Eligibility guidelines change so always check the AG's website for the most updated information.** In 2010, the Grant announcement was June 1 with a deadline of June 18. Beginning in 2011, the announcement will be earlier in the spring, closer to March. www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/DrugUsePrevention
3. A **COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS)** grant provides funding to state, local, or tribal governments to assist with the development of school safety resources. This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts within their communities. The COPS Office is optimistic that this grant program will help place agencies at the forefront of innovative school safety developments. Funding under this program may be requested for such things as:
 - Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
 - Security assessments
 - Security training of personnel and students
 - Coordination with local law enforcement
 - Any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

Please Note: There will be two deadlines for the FY 2010 Secure Our Schools program. Priority consideration will be provided to those applicants that submit complete and accurate applications by the first deadline. The deadline for priority consideration will be June 21, 2010, and the second and final deadline will be July 2, 2010.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2368>

4. ***Asset Forfeiture Monies***- Check with your department regarding its use of asset forfeiture funds as described in ORC SECTION 2981.13. Check into the availability of this funding source if, as an SRO, you conduct programs to educate adults or children in the dangers of drug misuse or abuse and these monies are available in your county/department. Please read the ORC link below, particularly paragraph D. <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2981.13>