



# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

Agenda Section: Presentation / Report

Agenda Item Title: SAFE Grant, Cycle 2

From: Andy Rocha; Executive Director of Operations

Description: Safety Grant to improve safety on our district campuses. Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 61, school districts, subchapter CC Commissioner's rules concerning school facilities, 61.1031, school safety requirements.

Recommendation: To provide a safe and secured learning environment

Funding Budget Code and Amount:



## To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	December 14, 2023
SUBJECT:	Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant Cycle 2 Information
CATEGORY:	School Safety
NEXT STEPS:	LEAs complete the Compliance Assessment

### Overview

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On May 31, 2023, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released the [adopted 19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter CC, Commissioner's Rules Concerning School Facilities, §61.1031, School Safety Requirements](#), also known as the School Safety Standards, to provide a minimum safety standard for educational facilities throughout the state of Texas.

### SAFE Grant Cycle 2

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The 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session appropriated \$1.1B to support school systems in meeting the adopted School Safety Standards. SAFE Grant Cycle 2 will award \$279.5M from the overall legislative appropriation to local educational agencies (LEAs) through a formula grant process. This funding is designated to help LEAs meet the required safety standards as well as other statutory school safety requirements.

#### Eligibility

LEAs meeting the enrollment criteria below are eligible to apply for this grant program:

- School districts and open-enrollment charter schools with a reported enrollment of at least one student from the October 2021 PEIMS fall snapshot submission will be eligible for funding.
- Charter schools that opened prior to January 1, 2024 (the date of grant availability).
- Note: Private schools are not eligible recipients for funding.

#### Required Compliance Assessment

As part of the process to receive a SAFE Cycle 2 grant award, LEAs are required to complete a compliance assessment. The window to complete the compliance assessment is December 14, 2023, to January 31, 2024. The compliance assessment can be accessed through the Intruder Detection Audit Dashboard.

### SAFE Grant Cycle 2 Webinars

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To support LEAs through the Compliance Assessment and Cycle 2 grants process, TEA will be hosting a series of webinars in January. Please click the link below to sign up for a webinar.  
*Note: webinar attendance is optional.*

- [Register for the January 9<sup>th</sup> webinar at 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Register for the January 10<sup>th</sup> webinar at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- [Register for the January 11<sup>th</sup> webinar at 12:00 p.m.](#)

## **Reminder – SAFE Cycle 1 Application**

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The SAFE Grant Cycle 1 application window closes January 8, 2024, for awarded districts. Please submit your application in the eGrants portal through January 8, 2024.

Grant details are available on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page.

## **Additional Supports and Questions**

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Please visit the [School Safety](#) page often to stay up to date on the most recent school safety guidance. If you have any questions, please email [safeschools@tea.texas.gov](mailto:safeschools@tea.texas.gov).