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PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# ARKANSAS SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT 2025



# Grant Information

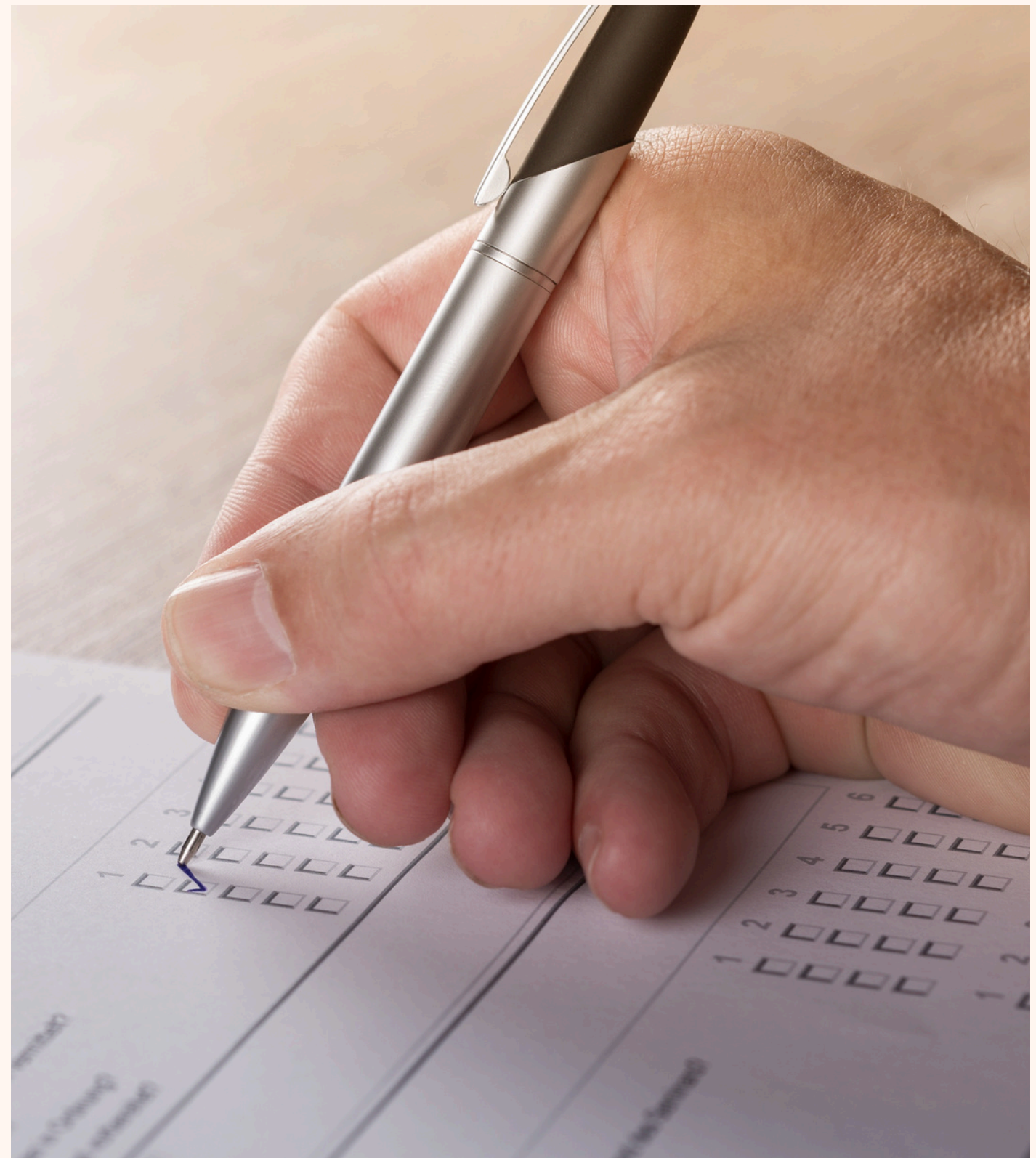
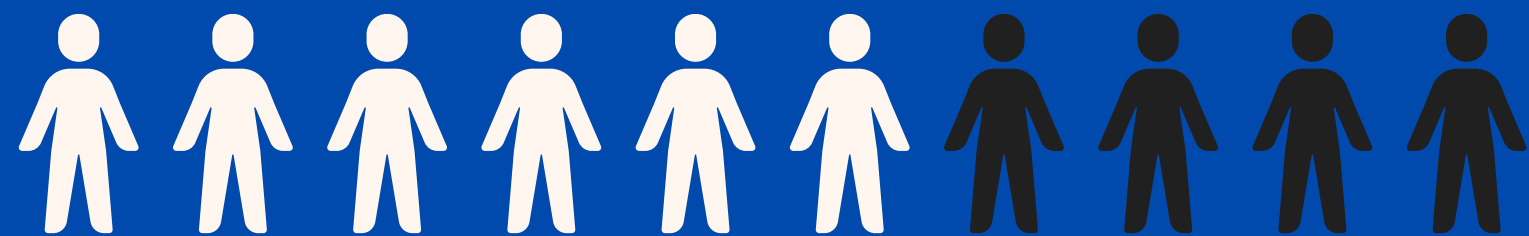
On January 28th, ADE announced the Arkansas School Safety Grant for 2025. The school safety grant funds are intended to support the implementation of recommendations from the School Safety Commission, as outlined in Governor Sanders' Arkansas LEARNS Act, and to ensure a safe environment for students and staff. A prioritized list of eligible expenses was included. This grant is State Funded.



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# Application

Completed applications must be submitted by **February 28, 2025**, to [Safe.Schools@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Safe.Schools@ade.arkansas.gov). Upon approval of the application, the district may seek reimbursement by processing expenses through eFinance using the program code and source code for the appropriate priority provided.





# How Funding was calculated:

The amount of funding available to a district was calculated using the following formula:

**1**

Base Amount  
\$25,000.00 Per LEA

**2**

Plus \$19 per student.  
Based on October 1,  
2024, enrollment.

**3**

Grant  
Awarded

**\$909,977.00**



# Priorities Of Expenditures (A-L)

**A.** Fencing, including but not limited to fencing, limiting foot traffic through campus and between buildings, that allows access to only the main entry. Perimeter fencing if applicable.

**B.** Locks for all classroom doors. Recommendation: Door locks that are always locked from the outside, allow . outside access by authorized personnel, and allow for egress.

**C.** Vision panels or covers on classroom doors that prevent viewing into the classroom and allow a blind area to “hide” during a lockdown.

**D.** Bleeding control materials and AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator).

**E.** Intercom / 2-way communication system .

**F.** Visitor management system.

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**G.** Safety measures for buses and transportation (cameras, radios, etc.).

**H.** Numbers on classroom interior and exterior surfaces (wall, door, or window) that are easily identifiable to first responders.

**I.** Touch bar exit devices to replace crash bar exterior door egress hardware, including replacement of doors if necessary.

**J.** Visible signage on school campuses to clearly identify visitor requirements, closed campus areas, and traffic flow.

**K.** Establish a single point of entry .

**L.** Grand master key system for the school district, ensuring that each campus has a master key available and may be provided or accessible to local law enforcement for use during a critical incident.

# Additional Approved Safety Expenditures for Grants (M-AB)

- M.** Shatter or ballistic resistant film or other reinforcement for glass.
- N.** Electronic access controls for high frequency use exterior doors.
- O.** Confidential Reporting System “tip line” software.
- P.** Behavior Threat Assessment and Management software.
- Q.** Software or other mechanisms to monitor communication platforms on school owned devices.
- R.** Weapon detection equipment.
- S.** Security cameras for school campuses.
- T.** Physical barrier to prevent access, including bollards, low walls, etc. especially at the main entrance or pick-up areas.

# Additional Approved Safety Expenditures for Grants (M-AB)

**U.** Shot detection equipment.

**V.** Door-prop alarms.

**W.** School Resource Officer equipment.

**X.** Comprehensive School Safety Assessment from a third party.

**Y.** Equipment and supplies to support full scale incident exercise or preparation for emergency response teams.

**Z.** Hazardous material disposal (involves the proper handling and removal of waste materials that pose a significant risk to human health, safety, or environment).

**AA.** School safety training (Mental Health and Prevention, Active Attack/Shooter, Cybersecurity, CSSO training, etc.).

**AB.** Emergency Alert/Management System



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# Communications

- **Interagency Communication in Emergencies:**

Other departments have encrypted their radios, making it impossible for us to communicate with or monitor their transmissions. Our current radios operate on a single, isolated channel, preventing direct communication with local law enforcement, fire, and EMS during emergencies. Upgraded radios will allow seamless coordination with all agencies.

- **Expanded Coverage & Efficiency:**

Adding three additional radios ensures that all officers have access to secure communications, improving operational effectiveness and response times across the district.

- This purchase was approved to be covered by our budget but will now be purchased by the grant.



**\$36,194.40**

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# Communications

- **Improved Communication & Safety:** Ensures quick and reliable communication between school staff and security personnel.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Enhances response times during incidents, lockdowns, or medical emergencies.
- **Seamless Coordination:** Provides schools with additional radios for communication to enhance their safety.

**\$28,313.39**



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# SRO Equipment

- **Aging & Donated Equipment:**

Our current handguns were donated and are approximately 11 years old, exceeding the typical firearm lifespan of 10 years. Upgrading ensures reliability and officer safety.

- **Standardization & Officer Readiness:**

Some officers currently use personal firearms, creating inconsistencies in training, maintenance, and operational efficiency. Standard-issued handguns improve uniformity and preparedness.

- **Rifle Consistency & Safety:**

Officers are using a mix of personal rifles, leading to variations in performance and handling. Standardizing rifles ensures consistency in training, equipment functionality, and response effectiveness.



Handgun Replacement

**\$27,803.50**

Rifles

**\$46,002.00**

Simunition training guns

**\$1,023.00**

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# Certification, Policy and Compliance Software

- **State & LEARNS Act Compliance:**

Officers must complete ongoing certifications through the Criminal Justice Institute and the State of Arkansas, each with different renewal timelines.

- **Policy Access & Accountability:**

A centralized system ensures all policies are in one place, tracks officer acknowledgment, and assigns updates as needed.

- **Efficient Policy Integration:**

Allows access to the Chiefs of Police model policies, ensuring we have up-to-date policies readily available.

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DO IT ALL ON ONE PLATFORM

Accessible

Policy and doc management

Certification friendly

The advertisement features a central laptop displaying a dashboard with various charts and data. To its left is a smartphone and to its right is a tablet, both showing the software interface. The text 'DO IT ALL ON ONE PLATFORM' is prominently displayed above the devices. Below each device is a descriptive label: 'Accessible' for the smartphone, 'Policy and doc management' for the laptop, and 'Certification friendly' for the tablet. At the top of the advertisement is the PM.AM.HCM logo, which includes a globe icon and the text 'Around the World Around the Office'.

**\$12,750.00 for 5 years.**

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# Body Armor and Carriers

- **Manufacturer & NIJ Recommendations:**  
Safe Life and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recommend replacing body armor every 5 years to maintain effectiveness.
- **Wear & Tear Impact:**  
While proper care extends lifespan, frequent use and environmental factors can degrade protection over time.
- **Officer Safety & Readiness:**  
Ensuring officers have reliable, up-to-date protective gear enhances safety and compliance with industry standards.



**\$9,397.30**

# Police Vehicles

- **Replace Aging Loaned Vehicles:**

The three 2014 Ford Taurus police vehicles, loaned by Sebastian County, have high mileage and ongoing maintenance issues, making them unreliable for daily operations.

- **Reliable & Cost-Effective:**

Purchasing three State Bid Dodge Durangos ensures dependable transportation while reducing long-term repair costs.

- **Safety & Operational Readiness:**

Installing partition equipment and emergency lights enhances officer and detainee safety, ensuring vehicles are fully equipped for law enforcement duties.



Purchase 3 State Bid Dodge Durangos  
**\$37,106.00 Each      \$111,318.00**

Equipment Install  
**\$15,000.00**

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# Access Control

- **Enhanced Security:**

Installing additional access control to strengthen campus security by restricting unauthorized entry.

- **Efficient Access Management:**

Additional access control cards and printing supplies ensure staff and students have secure, up-to-date credentials.

- **Cost-Effective Safety Investment:**

A one-time upgrade improves long-term security, reducing risks and ensuring controlled access across campuses.

**\$75,615.40**



# Technology

## Intercom, Emergency Alert Systems

- **Improved Communication & Safety:**

Enhances daily communication and emergency response capabilities.

- **Reliable & Modern System:**

Replaces outdated equipment, ensuring clear and effective announcements. Increase security coverage.

- **Automated Emergency Response For Shelters:**

Enhances safety by ensuring doors unlock when alerts are triggered.



### Intercom Systems

Location 1 \$81,809.00

Location 2 \$36,555.00

Location 3 \$55,108.00

Location 4 \$50,671.13

**Total \$224,143.13**



**Emergency Alert-Activated Entry Systems**

**\$38,266.10**



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# Cameras

## Audio and Video Cameras for A.L.E. & Special Needs

- **Enhanced Safety & Accountability:**  
Provides clear documentation of incidents, ensuring a safe learning environment for students and staff.
- **Support for Special Needs & Behavioral Management:**  
Helps monitor interactions, improving response to student needs and reinforcing best practices.
- **Transparency & Conflict Resolution:**  
Recorded footage assists in reviewing incidents, addressing concerns, and ensuring compliance with protocols.

43 Cameras  
Impacting 13 Schools  
**\$30,840.68**



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# Cameras

## District Replacement Of Outdated Cameras

- **Improved Security & Surveillance:**  
Upgraded cameras provide clearer, more reliable footage for monitoring school safety.
- **Enhanced Technology & Coverage:**  
Replacing outdated cameras ensures better resolution, wider coverage, and advanced features for incident response.
- **Increased Safety & Accountability:**  
Modern surveillance helps deter threats, document incidents, and support investigations when needed.

**\$26,438.78**



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# Window Coverings

- **Enhanced Security:**

Window coverings prevent visibility into certain areas reducing potential security risks.

- **Safety & Emergency Preparedness:**

Provides an added layer of security during lockdowns or emergency situations.

**\$2,100.00**



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# Visitor Signs

- **Strengthened Security Measures:**  
Clearly directs all visitors to check in at the main office, ensuring controlled access to the school.
- **Increased Safety & Awareness:**  
Helps prevent unauthorized entry and reinforces school safety protocols.
- **Improved Visitor Management:**  
Ensures all guests follow proper check-in procedures, enhancing accountability and security.

**\$1,432.25**



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# Emergency Response Equipment

- **Enhanced Preparedness:**  
Ensures we have the necessary equipment and supplies for emergency drills and real incidents.
- **Effective Training & Response:**  
Supports full-scale exercises to improve coordination and readiness among emergency response teams.
- **Increased Safety & Efficiency:**  
Provides essential tools to mitigate risks and enhance response capabilities during critical incidents.

**\$9,932.35**

**SCHOOL  
EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS**



# Weapons Detection Software



- **Proactive Threat Detection:**

ZeroEyes identifies potential firearms in real-time, enhancing school security.

- **Faster Emergency Response:**

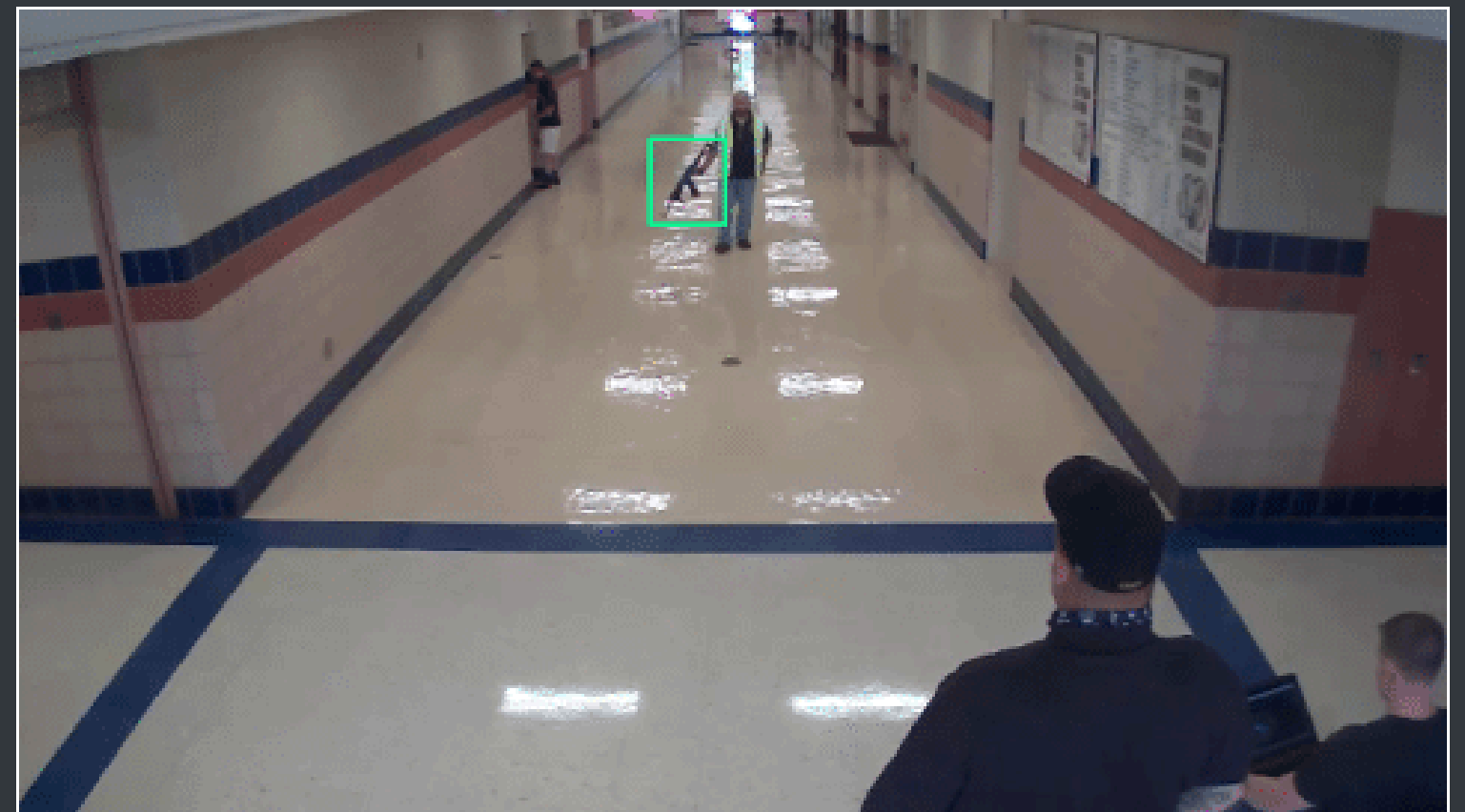
Immediate alerts allow law enforcement to respond quickly and mitigate threats.

- **Continued Campus Safety:**

Renewing the software ensures ongoing protection for students, staff, and visitors.

**\$155,520.00**

Alert: 155 / Camera: HighSchoolNew500Camera1.stream



Dispatch

False Positive

Clear Alerts

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# Chemical Removal

- **Safety & Compliance:** Proper removal of expired chemicals ensures compliance with hazardous material regulations and prevents potential health risks.
- **Environmental Protection:** Safe disposal prevents contamination and ensures responsible waste management.
- **Risk Reduction:** Eliminates the dangers associated with storing outdated or unstable chemicals in school labs.

**\$8,856.00**



# Summary

**Total Expenditures**    **\$861,541.28**

**SRO Equipment**    **\$97,570.80**

**Communications**    **\$64,507.79**

**Technology**    **\$319,688.69**

**Emergency Response & Signage**    **\$11,364.60**

**Access Control & Window Coverings**    **\$37,715.40**

**Vehicles**    **\$126,318.00**

**Zero Eyes**    **\$155,520.00**



**ZEROEYES™**



**Waste Disposal**    **\$8,856.00**



# Questions

