



NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA) – GRANTS

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Stop School Violence (SAFE NJ)

NOFA REFERENCE NO.:

DFHS27SSV

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS SHALL BE USED:

The Stop School Violence (SSV)- SAFE NJ program is the first-of-its-kind trauma-informed, human and healing-centered approach anonymous reporting system (ARS) and school safety program for students, staff, families, and communities. SSV meets the needs of families by providing access and linkages to basic, crisis, and mental health resources while ensuring the privacy and dignity all people deserve. SAFE NJ has the full capabilities, safeguards, and escalation procedures of an ARS, while keeping incidents managed locally, and reducing the lift on exhausted school personnel. The SAFE NJ app teaches students about the importance of asking for help as a life skill. Everyone in the community (students, staff, families) is encouraged to ask for help for themselves and others involved in the school community at the earliest point possible.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONEY

IN THE GRANT PROGRAM: \$ 1,142,000.00

AWARD PERIOD:

From 10/1/26 **Through** 9/30/27

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants. https://www.nj.gov/health/grants/documents/terms_conditions.pdf
 2. General and specific grant compliance requirements issued by the awarding division or commission.
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GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

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| ☐ Municipal Government | ☐ Institution of Higher Education |
| ☐ County Government | ☐ Hospital |
| ☐ State Government | ☒ Non-profit Organization (501(c)3) |
| ☐ Indian Tribal Gov't (Federally Recognized) | ☐ Other: |
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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

This is a non-competitive (continuation) award that is open to applicants previously awarded under the DFHS26SSV NOFA.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Eligible applicants will submit grant applications through the Department's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE), in accordance with the Request for Applications (RFA). The RFA may be requested from the contact listed below.

- Applicants must have up-to-date NJ Charities Registration Letter and Tax Clearance Certificate to apply.
 - A grant application will be made available to all "Eligible" agencies in the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) <https://dohsage.intelligrants.com/>.
 - Applicants may initiate and submit a grant application via "My Opportunities" on the SAGE home page by selecting the "Stop School Violence 2027" grant program.
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DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE: 10/15/26

SAGE PROGRAM NAME: Stop School Violence 2027

DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED: 10/30/26

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS: 11/01/26
