



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners


FROM: Blount County Schools

DATE: September 17, 2025

RE: Appropriate funding for the Public School Security Grant

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Blount County Schools
has been awarded the Public School Safety Grant for FY26 which was
established by Governor Lee to enhance school safety for students and staff.
In the past these funds assisted in funding additional bus and school cameras,
protective window film, and rekeying exterior doors. FY26 projects will be
similar in nature and are driven by Homeland Security's district assessment.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) BCS is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment and this grant
assists in purchasing equipment that supports our commitment to safety.
School safety is always a top priority and the additional grant funds
will allow BCS to increase the amount of safety upgrades executed in the
current fiscal year.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) The budget increase
of \$216,904.52 would equally effect both revenue and expenditures resulting
in a net zero effect to fund balance. Funds are not subject to a local match.
The grant has already been awarded by the State so the implementation
of new safety measures can begin immediately.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 125,000.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 216,904.52
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 341,904.52



Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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