

To: TN Sheriff's Association & TN Association of Chiefs of Police

From: Commissioner Jeff Long

Date: June 25, 2025

**Subject: FY2026 School Resource Officer (SRO) Grant Program**

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DOSHS) is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2026 Statewide School Resource Officer Grant Program. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security continues funding the established School Resource Officer (SRO) program, which provides funding to local law enforcement entities to place one full-time, POST-certified SRO in each K-12 public school or public charter school. Beginning this fiscal year, Alternative Learning Schools will now be included within the SRO Grant Program as well.

For Fiscal Year 2025, 153 endowment grant applications from law enforcement agencies were approved and executed. 1,368 schools are included in the current Memorandum of Understanding between Law Enforcement Agencies and Local Education Agencies, with a total of \$102,600,000 in state funding being distributed. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security is committed to having an SRO in every eligible school across Tennessee.

There have been a few changes in our Grant personnel. Grants Administrator Claire Wisely is no longer with the department. Misty Walker, [misty.walker@tn.gov](mailto:misty.walker@tn.gov) has been appointed as our new Grants Administrator and will be assisting your agency with the SRO Grant process, which will be the same application process as FY25.

As a reminder, please keep accurate records of invoices, documentation, mandatory training hours and dates, and the SROs' benefit expenditures. This will result in a simplified process for quarterly and final expenditures, reporting, and a more efficient audit process for both auditors and the agencies.

We appreciate your partnership with the department and your continued commitment to school safety.

Thank you,



Jeff Long  
Commissioner & Homeland Security Advisor