1. Can you confirm that (up to $10,000) salary, benefit, supplies, equipment, etc., is reimbursable per SRO officer?

Funds are subject to appropriations by the legislature. This grant will be awarded in the amount of $10,000 per officer per year with a minimum to be matched from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis.

The grant will not be less than $10,000 per officer and shall only be used for the salary and fringe benefits of the awarded officer. The grantee shall match at least $10,000 in local funds or in-kind match which shall be used on equipment for the SROs and/or safety equipment for the school upon which they are assigned or safety related training costs for the SROs.

2. On page 37-40, for form A-D, we are to complete each budget narrative. When you add the cost of salary, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment, etc. that would total more than $10,000.00 per SRO officer. Please advise.

Regardless of the amount, this grant will be awarded in the amount of $10,000 per officer per year with a minimum to be matched from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis.

In accordance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-82, there is hereby established the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant program in the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to provide funding, pursuant to specific appropriation by the Legislature and, to assist law enforcement agencies in providing additional School Resource Officers (SROs) to engage in community policing in and around primary and secondary schools.

The goal of the MCOPS grant is to initiate, enhance and assist agencies that desire to improve their School Resource officer program. It is not merely a fully funding source for a school resource officer program.

3. We intend to request more than 1 officer, that total would be more than $10,000.00. Please advise.

Funds are subject to appropriations by the legislature. This grant will be awarded in the amount of $10,000 per officer per year at a minimum to be matched from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis. A district may request grant funding for more than one (1) officer.

4. Can we do one application for 4 schools correct? (If we fill out the needed paperwork specific for each school) So in my case we would complete one grant proposal and 4 - form 7, "MCOPS Individual Campus Threat Assessments".
Yes, you will need to complete one application for the school district. A completed Form 7: MCOPS Individual Campus Threat Assessment is required for each school.

5. Can the matching funds for the grant which are expenditures occur between our fiscal year (July-June) or does it have to occur between December 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020?

Although approval of MCOPS Grant funding for Round Two will not be granted until April 16, 2020, eligible expenditures for MCOPS Grant funding are July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The liquidation period ends July 12, 2020.

6. Does it matter if the matching funds are half of the District expenses and the other may come from another entity, Sheriff Department?

The grantee shall match at least $10,000 in local funds or in-kind match which shall be used on equipment for the SROs and/or safety equipment for the school upon which they are assigned or safety related training costs for the SROs.

Local funds are to be matched on a 50/50 basis in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-82.

7. Will the Description of need, Plan of action and Current faculty/Staff and Student data be all inclusive or individual reports?

A needs assessment is the process of gathering information to guide program development and implementation. It is one of the essential tasks in planning to apply for this grant. The needs assessment process must be completed prior to the start of the writing process. A Description of Need will identify both the needs of the school and assist in the mitigation of threats.

A Description of Need provides a complete description of the community and school(s) to be served by citing factors that impact the educational outcomes of the identified students. This information should come from the local school district, local school and/or community-based data that will assist in determining the program’s mission.

The Plan of Action should reflect how the district intends to address the issues discovered in the needs assessment and how the MCOPS Grant funding will assist in addressing those needs.

8. On Form B-C, what is the difference to the budget narrative "State Funded" and "Matched"? How detailed do these forms need to be?

"State Funded" is money that is appropriated by the legislature and “matched” is what the grantee is providing. Project funds must be utilized for activities that directly support the accomplishment of the project purpose, priorities, and expected outcomes. All expenditures must be consistent with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and guidance.

Grantees must list all budgetary costs based upon the narrative components and program design and ensure that the budget includes a line item description for every allowable cost necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of the proposed program. It is advisable to consult with the financial office of the applying agency prior to submitting the proposal.
Successful grantees may use grant funds for allowable costs only during the grant award period. Any costs occurring outside the grant award period are solely the responsibility of the subgrantee and will not be reimbursed by the MDE.

9. On Form 3, where you list the name of each school, we have 8 schools, so I am adding an attachment to Form 3. How do I add the page numbering for an attachment? Should it be pg. 25 a, b,... and so on?

The MDE recognizes that some of the forms require more information than space provided. Please follow the Proposal Submission instructions outlined in the RFP on page 13. Please see below for formatting directions.

Grantees are required to submit proposals using the following parameters:

   a. Submit on 8.5” x 11” white paper using 12-point Times New Roman font;
   b. Format using one-inch (1”) margins on all sides;
   c. Portrait setting; and
   d. Double-space and single-sided (pages must include grantee’s name and page number within the footer in the lower right-hand corner).

10. Also, on Form 7, do I complete a Form 7 for the district and then separately for each school? How should I number each of those pages?

   Yes, you will need to complete one application for the school district. A completed Form7: MCOPS Individual Campus Threat Assessment is required for each school. Please to follow the formatting directions provided in question number 9 above.

11. Also, did you received our Notice of Intent to Apply for George County School District?

   Yes, the MDE received the Notice of Intent to Apply Form for the George County School District.