

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 19, 2025

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

07.C. Action: Award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant FY 26 (2025-2026) [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: Mississippi Code Annotated § 37-3-82 established the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant program for the utilization of School Resource Officers (SRO) within the K-12 education system. The law allocates a minimum of \$10,000 per officer for Districts to pay for the salary and benefits of School Resource Officers. The funding must be matched from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
(With a liquidation period ending July 13, 2026)
- Award Amount: \$ 1, 820,000
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

An application and priority point process was utilized to award grants.

This item references Goal 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools Grant (MCOPS)
FY 26 (2025-2026)**

School District	Number of Schools Served	Number of School Resource Officers Requested	Number of School Resource Officers Funded	Award Amount
Amory School District	4	3	3	\$30,000
Cleveland School District	10	5	5	\$50,000
Clinton Public School District	8	5	5	\$50,000
Corinth School District	3	2	2	\$30,000
Forrest County School District	6	10	10	\$100,000
Franklin County School District	5	2	2	\$20,000
Greenville Public School District	12	5	5	\$50,000
Grenada School District	4	4	4	\$40,000
Hattiesburg Public School District	8	7	7	\$70,000
Holmes County School District	7	1	1	\$10,000
Itawamba County School District	6	6	6	\$60,000
Jefferson Davis School District	4	2	2	\$20,000
Laurel School District	7	4	4	\$40,000
Long Beach School District	5	2	2	\$20,000
Marion County School District	8	2	2	\$20,000
Meridian Public School District	9	5	5	\$100,000
Monroe County School District	5	5	5	\$50,000
Natchez-Adams School District	6	2	2	\$20,000
New Albany School District	4	4	4	\$40,000
Newton Municipal School District	3	1	1	\$10,000
North Tippah School District	4	2	2	\$20,000
Ocean Springs School District	7	4	4	\$40,000
Pass Christian School District	4	4	4	\$40,000
Perry County School District	4	1	1	\$10,000
Petal School District	7	7	7	\$70,000
Pontotoc County School District	9	5	5	\$50,000
Poplarville School District	4	4	4	\$40,000
Quitman School District	4	3	3	\$30,000
Rankin County School District	28	3	3	\$30,000
Scott County School District	8	2	2	\$20,000
Senatobia School District	4	3	3	\$30,000
South Panola School District	6	6	6	\$60,000
Tate County School District	6	4	4	\$40,000
Tishomingo County School District	7	8	8	\$80,000
Tupelo Public School District	13	10	10	\$100,000
Union County School District	4	4	4	\$40,000

Vicksburg-Warren School District	18	7	7	\$100,000
Wayne County School District	6	8	8	\$100,000
Western Line School District	4	2	2	\$20,000
Yazoo City School District	3	3	3	\$30,000
Yazoo County School District	4	4	4	\$40,000
TOTAL	278	171	171	\$1,820,000

*Districts funded based on SRO's meeting requirements as established by MS Code Ann. §37-7-321.