



**FORM 5**  
**Acknowledgment of Amendments**

***Request for Information (Q&A)***

**Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant FY27  
(2026-2027)**

**Amendment Number One**

**March 23, 2026**

1. Can the grant be sent via word document? It is pulling up in PDF format.
  - a. Word version is available at: [MDE Bid Announcements – Procurement](#) (Word Format)
2. Is the Grant for one year or multiple years?
  - a. The grant is awarded for a single year, in the MCOPS FY27 RFA specifies funding is for Fiscal Year 2027 (School Year 2026–2027), indicating a one-year award period.
3. When listing salary and benefits, etc., should the district apply for the total cost or should the district only list the match amount? For example: if the SRO’s salary is \$30,000.00, should the district list the entire \$30,000.00 or \$15,000.00 for the grant and \$15,000 listed in the match column?
  - a. Districts should list only the portion of salary and benefits requested from the MCOPS grant. The required match must be listed separately in the match column and used for allowable items such as safety equipment and/or SRO training.

The MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 7.1, Use of Funds, Page 13, states:  
The grant award 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 for equipment for the SROs, safety equipment for the school to which they are assigned, or safety-related training costs for the SROs.
4. I know there are some grants that do not allow match amounts to come from another Federal grant, so does the match amount have to come from district funds, or can it come from

another grant? Example: If the salary is \$30,000.00 can \$15,000.00 come from MCOPS and other amounts from Title IV?

- a. The required match must come from local funds or allowable in-kind contributions.

The MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 7.1, Page 13 states: 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.

5. If the district requests the entire salary and benefits and that amount is awarded, is the district still responsible for a match?

- a. The district is still responsible for a match.

The MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 7.1, Use of Funds, Page 13, states:  
That the grantee shall match at least \$10,000 in local funds or in-kind match.

6. The RFA states that a Threat Assessment form must be completed for "ALL school campuses in the school district." Our district has nine schools, but several share physical campuses:

- Alcorn Central Elementary, Alcorn Central Middle, and Alcorn Central High are three separate schools located on one shared campus.
- Kossuth Elementary, Kossuth Middle, and Kossuth High are three separate schools located on one shared campus.
- Biggersville School is a single PK-12 school on its own campus.
- Alcorn Career & Technical Center and Alcorn Alternative Education Center are located together on a shared campus.

Our SROs are assigned to the Alcorn Central campus, the Kossuth campus, and the Biggersville campus.

Should we complete one Threat Assessment form per physical campus location (4 forms), or one per individual school (9 forms)? Additionally, should we include Threat Assessment forms for the Career & Technical Center and Alternative Education Center campus even though no SRO is currently assigned there?

- a. As outlined in the MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 5, Application Requirements, Applicants must complete one (1) Threat Assessment form for each individual school in the district. Based on the example provided, the district should submit a total of nine (9) Threat Assessment forms.

Threat Assessment forms should be included for all schools in the district, even if the School Resource Officer (SRO) is not currently assigned to the school.

7. We have three (3) separate schools in our district. Should there be completed Form A-D for each school?
- a. Districts are required to submit one (1) complete application at the district level, regardless of the number of schools in the district. This includes Budget Forms A-D, which are completed for the district as a whole, not per individual school.
8. They are required to have 40 hours of training by March 30<sup>th</sup>. It says "they SHOULD attach a certificate to provide proof not they SHALL. asking if it is a requirement?"

- a. School Resource Officers are not required to have completed the full 40 hours of training by the application deadline (March 30, 2026).

As outlined in the MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 4.1, Application Criteria, Page 7, SROs must complete the required 40 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

If training hours have been completed at the time of application submission, districts should attach certificates to document those completed training.

If certificates are not yet available at the time of submission, districts may still include the training hours; however, an updated and signed training log with supporting certificates will be required by Friday, January 29, 2027, to show compliance.

9. For the School Resource Officer training log, do we include in the application training each officer has received between January 1, 2026 and March 20, 2026, Or do we include all year to date training?

- a. The MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 4.1, Application Criteria, Page 7, states that SRO training hours must be completed between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026.

For the School Resource Officer (SRO) Training Log, applicants should include all training hours completed as of the date of application submission. If an officer has not completed the required 40 hours at the time of submission, the officer may still be included; however, all required training must be completed by December 31, 2026, and an updated training log will be required.

10. I have a School Resource Officer who is currently on FMLA. He is unable to sign his form due to being on FMLA and will not return to work before the MCOPS Grant is due. I do not want to turn in a form with a missing signature. I have all of his information on form 7 and 8 minus the signature.

Do I note that he could not sign, or do I need to pull him out of consideration for the Grant?

- a. As outlined in the MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 5.4, Rejection of Applications, Page 11, failure to include required forms and signatures will result in the application being rejected.

If a School Resource Officer is unable to provide the required signature, the district should not include that officer in the application.

11. Are the School Resource Officers required to have 40 hours of training by March 30<sup>th</sup>?

- a. School Resource Officers (SROs) are not required to have completed the full 40 hours of training by the application deadline (March 30, 2026).

12. Are the School Resource Officers required to provide a certificate of proof for all training, including the proof of firing range visits?

- a. As outlined in the MCOPS FY27 RFA, Section 4.1, Application Criteria, Page 7, SROs must complete the required 40 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

SROs should provide documentation for all completed training hours included on the Training Log at the time of submission. This includes any qualifying training, such as firearms/range training, if it is being counted towards the required hours.

If documentation is not yet available at the time of submission, districts may still include the training hours; however, supporting documentation will be required by Friday, January 29, 2027 to show compliance.

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**NOTE: This amendment one is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education's Request for Proposals/Applications/Qualifications/Invitation for Bid. The Vendor acknowledges receipt of said amendment and is made aware of the changes contained therein. By signing this form, the Offeror accepts the changes as part of the contract requirement.**

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Authorized Signature

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Printed Name