

# Funding Options for School Safety Programs

## The Issue

Most school superintendents clearly understand the value of crisis management systems like Rapid Responder, but often must prioritize among capital improvements, staffing, and other requirements.

## The Answer

Talk with the highly experienced team at Prepared Response, who can help you find a variety of funding options to pay for critical school safety and training programs.

Our safety professionals have worked with hundreds of school boards and districts across the U.S. to develop innovative funding opportunities for school safety programs. We recognize that each school district is unique, which is why we spend time getting to know you and then matching your needs with current funding sources—or looking at more innovative approaches to the problem.

## Funding Opportunities

Some of the many funding options available to school districts include:

### Grants

U.S. Department of Education offers the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grants. There are also a variety of grants available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the COPS grant program from the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Annual Capital Budgets

An increased emphasis on safety and security issues throughout school facilities allows for facility safety products to be implemented through funding for infrastructure projects.

### Safety Fees

Schools can include minimal charges as part of student fees to pay for the safety systems and training.

### Bonds

Facility safety products can be implemented through funding for school building construction.

### Private Foundations

Groups across the U.S. fund special programs promoting safe schools.

### Legislature

Statewide systems can be funded by state legislatures, as has been done by the state of Washington.

### City Sales Tax Referendum

A school district in Oklahoma is paying for school safety with a one half percent city sales tax referendum passed for public safety improvements and technology.

### Lease Options

3 to 4 year lease options are also available.

- No large, up-front cash outlays
- Competitive interest rates
- Customized payment terms and structures
- Not considered debt
- As low as \$200 per month per campus!



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