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### **Senator Dassler-Alfheim encourages local organizations to apply for State Violence Prevention Grant Program**

*\$10 million in funding available for violence prevention initiatives and other efforts to improve overall community safety*

MADISON, WI – Governor Evers announced earlier this month the launch of a new \$10 million grant program administered by the new statewide Wisconsin Office of Violence Prevention with the purpose of supporting initiatives that address crime, prevent violence, and otherwise aim to improve overall community safety across the state.

“Keeping our communities safe is one of the most basic responsibilities of the government. This new office and grant program will help empower our local law enforcement agencies, school districts, non-profits, and local governments to do just that,” said Senator Dassler-Alfheim.

Eligible entities include school districts, law enforcement agencies, nonprofits, firearm dealers, and governmental agencies. Funding can be used for eligible expenses such as implementing school-based suicide prevention and firearm safety training, promoting and administering safe storage and gun buyback programs, supporting multi-agency law enforcement investigations, and providing technical assistance and support to help design, implement, and/or staff evidence-based community policing, crime reduction initiatives, and gun violence crisis response teams.

There are five different categories that applicants may apply for: Suicide Prevention and Firearm Storage Grants, Evidence-Based Violence Intervention and Outreach Programs, Criminal Justice Based Initiatives, Domestic Violence Prevention Initiatives, and School-Based Initiatives. Applicants may apply for funding in multiple categories through submission of separate specific category applications. Applications are due Friday, January 16, 2026 at 2 p.m. CT. More information can be found [here](#).

“I encourage the groups in Senate District 18 and across the state who might be able to put these funds to good use to apply,” concluded the Senator.

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