

# **GaDOE Facility Safety Grant FAQs**

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# 1. What type of funds are these?

These are reimbursable bond funds, which means the funding must be spent first by the school systems before requesting reimbursement.

# 2. Is a match required?

No.

# 3. For what purposes can these funds be used?

A public school may request funding assistance from the state for facilities, technology, or other safety improvements or initiatives, such as safety equipment, including, but not limited to, video surveillance cameras, metal detectors, alarms, communications systems, building access controls, and other similar security devices. The intent of this funding is to be used on facilities, so vehicles are not eligible for reimbursement with these funds. Additionally, operational expenditures and expenses (e.g. labor, fees, salaries, demolition, general conditions, etc.) are not reimbursable.

### 4. When can I start using this funding?

School systems may start purchasing items for which they intend to seek reimbursement from the Facility Safety Grant no earlier than July 1, 2018. Any purchases made prior to this date will not be eligible for reimbursement.

### 5. How do I submit for reimbursement and what documents are required?

School systems will submit their requests through Grants Applications in the GaDOE portal. Invoices, proof of payment (copy of check), letter of assurance, the Facility Safety Grant FY19 Purchase Details Form, and safety plans for schools you are requesting funds for must be submitted to receive reimbursement.

### 6. When will reimbursement be available?

The bonds have been sold and funds are currently available for reimbursement.

### 7. When do these funds expire?

These funds will expire on June 30, 2023. To make sure the reimbursement is finalized before the funds expire, submit documents for reimbursement no later than <u>January 31, 2023</u>.

### 8. Who can I contact at GaDOE with questions?

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