



## **FY2019 Plan for School Resource Officer State Categorical Funding**

### *Funding Application Instructions*

The FY19 State Enacted Budget includes \$2.0 million for a voluntary program to support the hiring of school resource officers at public middle and high schools across the state. School districts/schools or municipalities would receive reimbursements equal to one-half of the total position cost for each new officer hired, for a period of up to three years. This funding is only available for new school resource officer positions established on or after July 1, 2018. Schools that already employ school resource officers are not eligible for the funding unless they are below the enrollment thresholds specified in statute (currently have more than 1,200 students and one or fewer school resource officers).

Please complete the assurance document to become eligible for the reimbursement. The completed document must be returned to [kristen.cole@ride.ri.gov](mailto:kristen.cole@ride.ri.gov) in order to be eligible for funding. Before submission for reimbursement, officers eligible for state funding must complete school resource officer training, the [Basic School Resource Officer Course conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) is the preferred training course. Evidence of training must be maintained by the school district/school and be available for review at all times.

Note a sample MOU completed between the LEA and the town/city council as well as an Officer Job Description can be found on the State Education Aid website for reference. Funding will be available from the date of the application submission through the duration of the three-year period, subject to future appropriations. Applications may only be submitted until December 31, 2018 for the school year ending June 2019 and will reopen next spring ahead of the 2020 school year.

All requests for reimbursement should be submitted quarterly and must be submitted to [kristen.cole@ride.ri.gov](mailto:kristen.cole@ride.ri.gov) using the B1 form found on the State Education Aid website. Any deviation of more than ten percent from original budget estimates must be approved in advance by RIDE via written justification from the school district/school.