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## Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)

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*Information on the 2020 grant process may be found here:*

<https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/Non-Profit-Security-Grant-Fund.aspx>

Grant opportunities for 2021 are contingent upon an allocation from the General Assembly. If funding is included in the FY20-21 budget, PCCD may release another solicitation after December 1, 2020. It is advisable to assume this grant program will proceed and plan accordingly. **Applications are considered on a rolling basis. You should be prepared to submit your application as soon as the grant is released.**

### Best practices to prepare for the PCCD grant application

- Determine the target hardening measures you wish to request and seek board approval. If you have questions about priorities, contact Shawn Brokos for guidance.
- Contact vendors for bids for proposed work. You will need this to complete the budget section of the grant application. Please contact Erin Wyland, [ewyland@jfedpgh.org](mailto:ewyland@jfedpgh.org) for a list of vendors previous used in our community.
- If your project budget will exceed \$25,000, determine your sources for the required matching funds and secure necessary approvals from your Board. This will save you critical time when the grant period opens.
- Draft a description of your organization, emphasizing how you serve the Jewish community. Include a description of the populations you serve, and the number of people you engage each year. Your goal is to demonstrate the vulnerability to potential hate crimes (1,000 character limit)
- Draft a narrative that describes the security enhancements you are seeking, and the justification for hardening the facility, including threats to similar facilities. Federation will provide suggested language to be included in this section (5,000 character limit).
- Grants applications are considered on a rolling basis, and many organizations will be seeking funding. Plan on submitting your application as soon as possible.

### Overview

On November 7, 2019, [House Bill 859 \(or Act 83 of 2019\)](#) was signed into law, establishing the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Act 83 directs PCCD to administer grants to nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the [FBI's 2018 Hate Crime Statistics publication](#). *Applicants are eligible for security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by the nonprofit organization.*

### Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organization based in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is designated as exempt as defined under section 501(c)(3)
- Applicant must principally serve individuals, groups, or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category:
  - Race/ethnicity/ancestry;
  - Religion;
  - Sexual orientation;
  - Disability;
  - Gender; and
  - Gender identity.

## Funding Availability

A total of \$5 million was appropriated for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Future grant opportunities are dependent upon annual allocations from the General Assembly. This program lapses on July 1, 2024.

### Budgetary Amounts

Eligible applicants may request a minimum of \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$150,000. Applicants requesting \$25,001 to \$150,000 will be required to provide non-state financial participation based on the size of the grant request. *Applicants requesting \$5,000 to \$25,000 in funding are NOT required to provide non-state financial participation for their grant.*

"Non-state financial participation" is the applicant's share of the total cost of the project. Funding for the non-state financial participation can come from any source (e.g., fundraising dollars, federal or local government funds, etc.) except state funding. The applicant must provide a match for the requested grant amount at the required percentage with non-state financial support. In-kind matches (i.e., donations of goods, services or time instead of cash) do not satisfy the non-state financial participation requirement. ***Previous expenditures for security enhancements are not eligible to satisfy the non-state financial participation requirement.***

Please see the following chart for the non-state financial participation requirements, which are based on the amount of state grant funding requested:

Budget Amount	% Non-State Financial Participation Requirement	Range of Cost to Applicant
Equal to or less than \$25,000	0%	\$0
Between \$25,001 and up to \$75,000	33% of the requested grant amount	\$8,250 - \$24,750
Between \$75,001 and up to \$150,000	50% of the requested grant amount	\$37,500- \$75,000

## Eligible Projects and Expenses

Act 83 contains a list of eligible security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization. Eligible expenses for security enhancements include the following allowable expenses:

- Safety and security planning

- Purchase of safety and security equipment
- Purchase of security-related technology, which may include, but is not limited to:
  - Metal detectors
  - Protective lighting
  - Surveillance equipment
  - Special emergency communications equipment
  - Electronic locksets
  - Deadbolts
  - Trauma kits
  - Theft control devices
- Safety and security training
- Threat awareness and response training
- Upgrades to existing structures that enhance safety and security
- Vulnerability and threat assessments
- Specialty-trained canines
- Any other safety or security-related project that enhances safety or security of the non-profit organization

NOTE: Intercom systems to broadcast messages over telephone lines are eligible for funding in this program.

## What Information Will I Need When Applying?

- Name and address of your nonprofit organization.
- The nonprofit organization's Employer Identification Number.
- The nonprofit organization's [501\(c\)\(3\) IRS determination letter](#) or affirmation letter
- A short narrative (few sentences) summarizing why you are applying and how the items you are requesting are linked to solving that need or problem.
- Any supporting documentation you may have for your narrative
- The list of eligible items requested and a budget breakdown (NOTE: If applying for more than \$25,001, the applicant will need to provide a cash match and provide that in the budget request).

## Sample Grant Responses

### Bias Motivation Category—Jewish

**Please describe how your organization serves the population selected above (max 1,000 characters)**

The Aleph Institute is a nonprofit organization offering programs and services to incarcerated Jewish men, women and the families. This includes in-person programs to support inmates, reentry programs with caseworkers, and family/community programs to support families impacted by the effects of incarceration.

**Has your organization, or an individual that is a member of, or served by your organization, been a victim of a hate crime in the past? Yes**

NOTE: It is recommended that all applicants answer this question in the affirmative.

**When did the most recent incident occur?** Select 1-3 years ago if you plan on referencing the October 27, 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life building.

**Please provide a brief description of the most recent incident, and any description of other incidents that may have occurred in the past. (max 2,500 characters)**

Responses should include any specific incidents at your facility, or involving any staff/member/client. Also reference the October 27, 2018 attack at the Tree of Life building.

Example: The most prominent and well-known incident that occurred is the October 27, 2018 attack on the Tree of Life Building where 11 people were killed. This occurred in the heart of the Jewish community. The Squirrel Hill neighborhood is the home for many synagogues, Jewish community organizations, and Jewish families. According to the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics for 2018, 58% of all religiously motivated hate crimes were targeted at the Jewish community. The Virtual Command Center in Pittsburgh reported 92 hate crime incidents from January 2018 to present.

## List of Incidents to Include in Your Narrative

*Select from the list below that best relate to your particular organization.*

- Defending against mass shootings and violence in the Jewish community has taken on a new urgency as the frequency and lethality of attacks has increased:
  - October 27, 2018, the attack on the Tree of Life Building in Pittsburgh was the deadliest attack in US history, 11 people were killed.
  - Increased in reporting via the Virtual Command Center (VCC) in Pittsburgh with 92 incidents to date from January 2018 to the present. Threats via email, posters, social media, telephone threats, physical threats, etc. are shared with FBI and Law Enforcement instantly through the VCC.
  - The Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh closely tracks these threats and coordinates with law enforcement. Since January 2018, these threats have varied in severity, but they have been consistent in occurrence.
  - April 27, 2019, there was the attack at Chabad of Poway in Poway, California, one person was killed as she protected a Rabbi.
  - In August 2019, police in Ohio arrested a man for threatening to attack a Youngstown Jewish community center.
  - In September 2019, the FBI arrested a Florida man who threatened to attack a synagogue.
  - On November 2, 2019, a Colorado-based individual was charged with three federal counts-including hate crimes-regarding an alleged plot to attack a local synagogue using explosives with the intent to intimidate the local Jewish community.
  - On December 10, 2019, there was a deadly attack on a Jewish kosher supermarket in Jersey City, NJ, six people were killed.
  - On December 28, 2019, there was the attempted murder of Jewish community members gathered to celebrate Hanukkah in Monsey, NY, 5 people were wounded.
- During 2018, over a dozen individuals who were plotting attacks on the Jewish community have been arrested by law enforcement, to include in Washington state, California, Ohio and Georgia, among others.
- 2017/2018 Hate Crime Statistics (Charts at end of document)
- According to the FBI's Hate Crime Statistic for 2018, 58% of all religiously motivated hate crimes in the United States were directed at the Jewish community, the highest level in decades

and three times higher than the next group. Fifteen percent of those crimes occurred at Houses of Worship.

- A coming report from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, shows that anti-Semitic hate crimes in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago — the nation’s three largest cities — are poised to hit an 18-year peak. (**‘A Different Era’: Anti-Semitic Crimes, And Efforts to Track Them, Climb** *Source: New York Times.*)
- The FBI, Department of Homeland Security and National Counterterrorism Center advised federal, state and local authorities "to remain vigilant in light of the enduring threat to Jewish communities posed by domestic violent extremists and perpetrators of hate crimes," **Jewish Communities Face 'Enduring Threat' In The United States, Federal Authorities Warn** *Source: ABC News*
- [FBI.gov/activeshooterresources](https://www.fbi.gov/activeshooterresources)
- White paper released January 15, 2020 titled, Firearms and the Faithful – Approaches to Armed Security in Jewish Communities, [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/0b3c7e1421bd2734b0610a1fb/files/8c08769d-0fe1-4640-b76a-0ea170f77ab6/Firearms\\_and\\_the\\_Faithful](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/0b3c7e1421bd2734b0610a1fb/files/8c08769d-0fe1-4640-b76a-0ea170f77ab6/Firearms_and_the_Faithful).

## FBI HATE CRIME DATA

YEAR	OFFENSES MOTIVATED BY RELIGIOUS BIAS	PERCENT MOTIVATED BY ANTI-JEWISH BIAS*	PERCENT OCCURRING AT HOW**
2018	1,550	57.8%	15.4%
2017	1,679	58.1%	15.0%
2016	1,538	54.2%	15.2%
2015	1,354	51.3%	16.0%
2014	1,092	58.2%	15.6%

\* Represents the percentage of offenses classified as Motivated by Religious Bias that were subcategorized as Motivated by Anti-Jewish Bias

\*\* HOW = Houses of worship – includes churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, etc.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE JEWISH COMMUNAL SECURITY PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT  
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