

# SFY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Personnel Grant Program

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**Q. Must the letter of support come from the local police department's chief, or can it come from another police department representative that knows our school/business safety needs well?**

*A. OGR prefers letter of support be signed by the Chief of Police, however if the Chief is unavailable, the letter of support may be signed by the Deputy/next in command.*

**Q. For the mailed application, how will we know it has been received? Will OGR let us know when the hard copy materials have been received?**

*A. Yes, OGR will confirm recipient of the hard copy submittals once they have arrived to the office. Please send an email to [Vicky.mboka-boyer@mass.gov](mailto:Vicky.mboka-boyer@mass.gov) to confirmation receipt of your hard copy submission.*

**Q. Are we supposed to email the documents pertaining to the grant application or should we send them through the postal service?**

*A. Yes, you will need to send a hard copy of your application through the postal service as well as submit an electronic form that is apart of the application. We will **not** be accepting documents through email.*

**Q. What does 'trained and qualified' mean regarding the personnel applicable for the grant award?**

*A. -A You should select vendors that provide trained and qualified security services personnel.*

**Q. Is it an allowable cost within the grant award guidelines to hire existing staff or is the grant funding only for hiring someone to fill a new position?**

*A. No, this grant is not for hiring staff. Only contracted security personnel are allowable.*

**Q. Can the funds be used to cover security related software/hardware and implementation by the consultant?**

*A. Unfortunately, no. The only allowable cost under this grant is for contracted security personnel. Please apply for our CNSGP- Commonwealth Non-profit Security Grant award on our website <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/commonwealth-nonprofit-security-grant-program>*

**Q. Are digital security consultants an allowed expense (for example, a consultant who does threat assessment/digital monitoring of domestic terrorism specific to our organization)?**

*A. No, this is strictly for hiring contracted security personnel.*