

Possible areas of funding for School Resource Officers (May 2015)

A SROs Law enforcement agency and their school district typically split the cost of the time the officer is in the school, usually ten months out of the year. Can be any % division (50/50, 70/30, 90/10, etc). Both entities have a stake in keeping their community schools safe and usually will share the cost of a sworn police officer in their school. Double check with your chief or sheriff to determine if this funding arrangement could work for your SRO position.

Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant-

Offered on an annual basis by the Ohio Attorney General. The Ohio AG's Office is empowered to administer a drug abuse resistance grant program funded through license reinstatement fees and the sale of impounded vehicles. *Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.191, (L)(2)(e)*. **Applicant Eligibility:** Agencies with school resources officers and/or D.A.R.E. officers who instruct qualifying **drug use prevention programs** (important qualifier) in Ohio's schools are eligible to apply for the funds. **Eligibility guidelines change so always check the AG's website for the most updated information. **The application for the 2015-16 school year will be available any day now** at <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Local-Law-Enforcement/Drugs/Drug-Use-Prevention>

U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Program (COPS)

COPS awards millions of dollars every year to help community policing keep America safe. SRO programs are included. **Estimated next application date is May 2015.** <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>
For more information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770 or by email askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. SRO programs have applied for and received this grant funding. **In 2015 the grant application process opens on May 1 and ends on May 30.** This grant application takes some time and effort so please start early. <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/JAG.stm>

Asset Forfeiture Monies- Check with your department regarding its use of asset forfeiture funds as described in ORC SECTION 2981.13. Check into the availability of this funding source if, as an SRO, you conduct programs to educate adults or children in the dangers of drug misuse or abuse and these monies are available in your county/department. Please read the ORC link below, particularly paragraph D. <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2981.13>

The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools

This Organization supports the good health of children and adolescents by working with parents, teachers, health professional and school administrators to strengthen successful health programs at school. See the website for grant information. www.healthinschools.org

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