

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Stronger Connections Grant Program *Equitable Services (ES)*



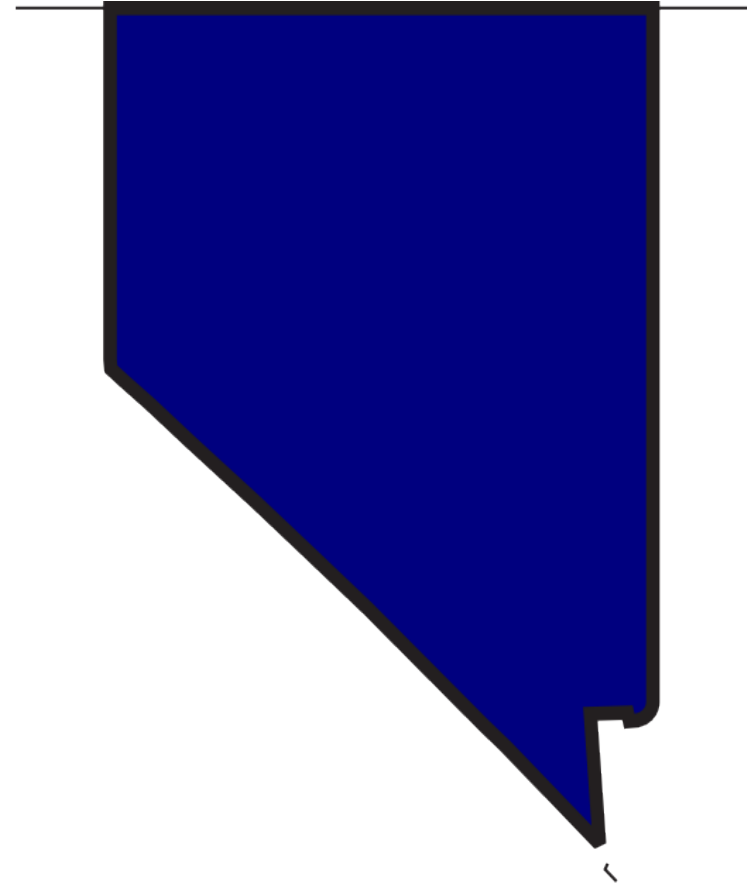
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A bipartisan Congress authorized \$1 Billion in funding under the Title IV, Part A Program to the State Education Agencies (SEA) to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments which included ES for private schools.



The State of Nevada was allocated \$8,866,003 -

- * 95% (\$8,422,702.00) to be awarded to High-Need LEAs
- * Funds must be spent or obligated by September 30, 2026



The Legislation specifies that the SEAs must award the funding on a competitive basis to high-need local educational agencies for activities allowable under section 4108 of ESEA



NDE Definition of High-Need LEA

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) defines a high need LEA to include LEAs with high rates of *poverty and with one or more of the following characteristics: (1) a high student-to-health/behavioral health professionals ratio; (2) a low resource/school police officer student/staff ratio (3) high rates of chronic absenteeism, students experiencing transiency or homelessness, exclusionary discipline, referrals to the juvenile justice system, bullying/harassment, community and school violence, completed suicides, crisis responses, or substance abuse; or, (4) where students experienced a traumatic event. The measurement of poverty considers LEAs with high numbers of students living in poverty, as well as LEAs with high percentages of students living in poverty.

*Poverty to be defined by LEA Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) rates.

Firearms Are Prohibited

The SEA will ensure that LEAs do not use funds for the provision to any person of a dangerous weapon or training in the use of a dangerous weapon as prohibited under Section 13401 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which amends section 8526 of the ESEA.



Equitable Services (ES) – Non-Public Schools

Equitable Services apply and must be completed according to Title IVA guidelines



(Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Strong Connections Grant FAQ, p. 32-34)

BSCA Eligible Services

NDE is not limiting eligible Sec. 4108 safety and health services at the state level but will create focus area priorities for activities to support safe and healthy students.



Equitable Services

1. LEAs must consult with private schools to ensure services are equitable in comparison to what public school participants receive
 - Consultation with the private schools should occur *before* the LEA has developed its application so that the needs of all students – both public and private – are included
 - LEAs could use a brief survey to determine the interest in participating in ES and the needs of each private school participant. (p. 33)

Equitable Services (Cont.)

2. LEAs should include the projected costs for ES in their application. The cost can be:

- A per-pupil calculation strictly based on enrollments of public and private schools; or
- A per-pupil calculation based on other safety and health factors that relate to the specific needs of private school children as determined through the meaningful consultation.

Title IVA Equitable Service Allocations

FY 2022 TIVA ES Example

School District	Total Title IVA Allocation	Total Number of Students	Total Number of Students Public Schools	Total Number of Students Private Schools	Per Pupil Allocation
Carson City	\$100,139.25	7,677	7,459	218	\$11.54
Churchill	\$47,330.03	3,432	3,360	72	\$22.64
Clark	\$7,855,004.32	315,780	310,556	5,224	\$24.42
Douglas	\$41,745.63	5,440	5,383	57	\$7.43
Elko	\$65,652.62	10,035	9,943	92	\$26.28
Lyon	\$115,758.88	8,941	8,918	23	\$12.78
Nye	\$ 102,996.66	5,707	5,577	130	\$20.55
Washoe	\$ 780,429.41	64,304	62,540	1,764	\$11.55

BSCA Equitable Service Calculations

Based On SY 2021-2022 Student Counts

School District	Total BSCA Grant Proposal	Total Number of Students	Total Number of Students Public Schools	Total Number of Students Private Schools	Per Pupil Allocation
Carson City		7,677	7,459	218	
Churchill		3,432	3,360	72	
Clark		315,780	310,556	5,224	
Douglas		5,440	5,383	57	
Elko		10,035	9,943	92	
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Determining Equitable Services Set-Aside

Total number of private school students enrolled in private schools opting to participate in BSCA grant funding determined by the LEA consultation process.

The LEA would use their total competitive BSCA funding request in the calculation to determine ES share as presented in the example on slide 11.

WHEN?

Application is anticipated to be available in early spring of 2023.



Questions?

