



CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS ALERTUS GRANT PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:

The NSBA Center for Safe Schools is an initiative of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) with the goal of supporting and ensuring a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and community members.

To reach this goal the Center for Safe Schools recognizes that to fully appreciate the depth and breadth of school safety we must promote and develop collaborative relationships and open communications with state school boards associations, educators, health providers, communities, law enforcement, emergency responders and other entities concerned with school safety. NSBA's Center for Safe Schools provides a national forum and platform by which school district leaders and staff, students, parents and communities can educate, engage and be empowered to ensure that schools are a safe place to learn and grow.

As a step in reaching this goal, the Center for Safe Schools is excited to announce a collaboration with Alertus Technologies Grant Program with a shared vision of helping to reduce barriers for schools to establish or enhance their emergency preparedness strategies regardless of budget or resources. Since 2002, Alertus has pioneered the emergency mass notification space, helping organizations find innovative solutions to disaster risk reduction. This collaboration will award one grant package of up to \$75,000 to a school district in good standing with their state school boards association.

SCOPE:

Alertus will provide a comprehensive emergency preparedness system complete with software and hardware to one qualified school district recommended by NSBA. To be qualified for this grant, a school district must be in good standing with their state school boards association. The estimated total value of the Alertus Grant package ranges from \$50,000 to \$75,000 depending on the size and needs of the chosen organization. Included in this package will be:

GRANT OFFERINGS

Software

- Mobile Apps (Activator & Recipient)
- Desktop Alerting
- Threatwatcher

Hardware

- Up to 30 Alert Beacons (1 per school)
- Up to 4 Panic Buttons (For District Level)

Support

- 3 years of support 24/7 support
- A total of 4 Implementation Hours

The school district that is selected will have the option of implementing the grant at one school or across multiple schools in the district.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **Alertus Technologies will select the final winner of the grant.**
- The Alertus Grants Program was created to help reduce barriers for organizations that want to establish or enhance their emergency preparedness strategies. Priority will be given to high risk and high need organizations.
- The National School Boards Association will provide Alertus Technologies with three school districts finalists, from the pool of districts submitted by the state associations, to receive this grant.
- Recommendations will be made based on responses to an online survey and needs assessment.
- State associations can nominate one school district from their state directly to NSBA to be eligible to receive this grant.
- Once a school district has been nominated, they must complete the online survey and needs assessment for NSBA's review.
 - State associations can determine their own selection process for their nomination.
 - State associations will be responsible for providing the nominated school district with the link to the online survey and needs assessment.
 - NSBA will provide state associations with the online survey and needs assessment at the following link: <https://stateassociationsservices.wufoo.com/forms/xiaiz4r1dcpvsc/>.

DEADLINES

- Nominated school districts must submit their online survey and needs assessment by 8pm EST on Monday, February 17th.
- The winner of the grant will be announced at NSBA's Annual Conference April 4th-6th.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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ALERTUS AND NSBA

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

GRANT COLLABORATION

Committed to providing emergency preparedness solutions to the most at-risk communities, by awarding a grant valuing up to \$75,000 to selected members of the National School Boards Association.