

Section 97 (flat, c and d) Funding FAQ

1) Who is eligible for what funding?

Intermediate School District (ISD) Local Education Agency (LEA) Public School Academy (PSA)

Section:	ISD	LEA	PSA	Nonpublic
97		x	x	x
97c	x	x	x	x
97d	x	x	x	x

2) When will you receive confirmation of your grant application submission?

When your application has been reviewed and finalized you will receive confirmation.

3) Can an application be amended/changed?

Yes, as long as you did not log into the application as a guest, you can get back in to make changes *until the October 20, 2022, 7 a.m. application deadline*. You will need to use the same MEIS account (Or MiLogin account) that was used to submit the application. A new application can also be submitted; only the most recent application will be used/reported.

4) Is there carryover into the next fiscal year?

Yes. These are state aid funds, so you have 2022-2023 plus one year.

5) Is there a vendor list?

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) does not have an approved list or recommend/endorse vendors. We recommend working with your local law enforcement and emergency manager. If you are not sure who your Local Emergency Manager is you can find them [here](#)'.

6) Will there be any reporting requirements for this funding?

There are not any reporting requirements. We recommend keeping documentation for what ever would be required by your auditors.

7) When will funds be dispersed?

We will be doing our best to ensure funds are received early in the new year.

8) Are you able to supplant with these funds?

No, it is expected, as with all state aid funding, that you will supplement and not supplant.

9) Can 97 funding be used for School Resource Officers?

Section 97 states that “coordination with local law enforcement” is listed as an option, however, the [Michigan State Police Office of School Safety](https://www.michigan.gov/msp/divisions/emhsd/local-emergency-management-programs)ⁱⁱ has funding- Section 97b- that is specifically for resource officers, and we suggest using that funding source for that purpose.

10) Can past purchases be covered?

As long as those purchases have been made *after July 1, 2022*, with the understanding they have been made for the 2022-2023 school year.

11) How does the estimated per pupil allocation work (Section 97)?

The current estimate is \$109.00 per pupil. Once the application period is closed and grant applications have been reviewed, we will determine the final amount to be awarded based on the number of districts that applied.

12) For Section 97c, can buildings on school property be included in the safety assessments?

Yes. Any building the district feels needs a security assessment can be including in the total building count requested on the grant application.

13) What do we need to submit for the application for Section 97d funds?

For 97d (Critical Incident Mapping) you will need a quote from the vendor for the cost as well as a rationale for the amount requested. If you are unable to get a final quote from the vendor prior to the deadline, please estimate and indicate that it is an estimate in the space where the application asks for a rationale. That will allow us to quickly know who we need to follow up with to get a final award amount.

ⁱ <https://www.michigan.gov/msp/divisions/emhsd/local-emergency-management-programs>

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