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FINAL AWARDS MADE FOR SECURING OUR FUTURE GRANTS

Phase two of the State Board of Education’s Securing our Future (SOF) grant program is now complete with the awarding \$ 6.1 million to 73 Idaho public schools.

Governor Brad Little recommended \$20 million in grants for the SOF Initiative as part of his Idaho First budget plan approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2023.

Unlike the first phase of the SOF grant program completed last summer, phase two awards were based on a competitive process that included demonstrated need, project design, and impact on students.

Phase two awards will be used to replace public address and fire systems and to improve security infrastructure such as installing secure entrances.

“We’re excited to be able to improve some of Idaho’s most glaring security vulnerabilities,” said Mike Munger, program manager for the Board’s School Safety and Security program. “However, nearly \$23 million in grant requests were received for just phase two alone, indicating that Idaho’s work is not yet done to better secure schools throughout our state.”

Last fall, phase one of the grant program provided awards up to \$20,000 to all Idaho public schools and public charter schools that applied. The total cost was \$13.8 million.

Here is a link to the list of schools receiving a phase two SOF grant:

<https://schoolsafety.idaho.gov/grants/securing-our-future-sof-grant-program/>

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