(**a).** The << enter your school district name>> is requesting $25,000 to meet the following eligible expenses category under section1306-B(j) (11).

We are seeking this grant to create a safer school environment by providing our staff and students with options-based response training to a violent intruder in the building. School shootings are on the rise and most mass shooting attacks are over before the police arrive. Lockdown alone is not enough. The objective of this grant request is to help fund violent critical incident response training for our entire staff.

ALICE training empowers individuals with life saving strategies to respond between when an attack begins and until the threat is neutralized. ALICE is the original civilian options-based response program designed to replace a mandated lockdown-only policy. ALICE addresses the fallacies of a one-size-fits-all response plan by explaining realities of Violent Critical Incidents. The reality is that extremely tragic outcomes can be and have been mitigated. These events can be survived. Through training and empowerment, staff and students can apply the ALICE proactive strategies and improve chances of survival in the face of violence.

By achieving ALICE Organizational Certification our staff and students can be empowered to participate in their own survival. ALICE is implemented through blended learning, combining e-Learning with hands on training. Staff accesses e-Learning courses which set the foundation for the ALICE strategies. Onsite scenarios and drills are conducted by an ALICE Certified Instructor (ACI). The onsite drills increase situational fluency to increase survivability. ALICE Organization Certification includes tracking and reporting.

ALICE strategies are now mirrored and recommended by many Federal and State official guidelines. Achieving ALICE Organization Certification helps ensure compliance with these guidelines and can create a safer educational environment for our schools.