

Summary: Continued Funding Georgia Trauma Commission's Stop the Bleed Program

To continue with the tremendous success of the GTC STB program, the following is requested to ensure ongoing support for schools, buses, and our expanded partnership with stakeholders.

October 2024 Applications: \$53,595.62 (969 kits plus shipping)

FY26 STB Program: an estimated \$250,000 annually will be needed to sustain and enhance the STB program. This funding will support:

- Purchase of Kits: Approximately 4,300 new bleeding control kits to be distributed across the 10 regions in quarterly application periods. This will support schools, buses, and the expanded project.
- Training Supplies: \$10,000 allocated for new bleeding control training kits, wound trainers, and related supplies to ensure that each kit distributed includes high-quality education.

Total Request: \$303,595



The **STB Expanded Project** has impacted 60 % of counties.

Many of the 2024 reported bleeding control kit deployments were from the expanded project.

- Apalachee HS Shooting
- Columbus Tech Police Officer
- Multiple Rural Fire Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies

December 2024



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Buses 94% completed.

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Overview and Success of the Program

The Georgia Trauma Commission's (GTC) Stop the Bleed (STB) program has significantly improved trauma education, preparedness for injured Georgians, and access to critical initiatives. In 2024, 4,829 bleeding control kits were requested, raising the statewide total to 53,474. These kits have proven vital in emergencies and have supported schools, law enforcement, fire departments, and the public in managing traumatic injuries statewide.

Program Reach and Impact

- **Public Schools:** 99% of Georgia public schools have completed training and received kits.
- **School Buses:** 92% coverage.
- **Georgia Counties Impacted:** 60% have benefited from the expanded program.

Following the recent school shooting, interest from Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) coordinators has surged for additional kits and training, emphasizing the program's critical role in preparedness and emergency response.

Funding Request

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Future Goals

Starting in January, RTAC coordinators will review all public schools to assess:

- Training completion status.
- Inventory and condition of previously distributed kits.
- Integration of QR code tracking to facilitate systematic reporting of kit use.

This evaluation will address kit shortages and identify additional training needs. A partnership with the Georgia Trauma Foundation will support resource expansion.

The GTC's Stop the Bleed program's success is a shared achievement, led by RTAC coordinators and supported by stakeholders statewide, including schools, public safety agencies, and trauma centers. Continued funding is essential to sustain and expand this life-saving initiative, equipping schools and public safety agencies with bleeding control kits and training to reduce preventable deaths and enhance trauma readiness across Georgia. We urge your support for this critical program.

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