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Senator Phillips Announces State's \$25 Million Grant Program To Protect Schools, Day Care And Community Centers From Hate Crimes Is Now Accepting Applications

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Applications for grants through the state's \$25 million Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grant program (SCAHC Program) are now being accepted. Non-public schools and day care centers, including those located in community centers and non-profit cultural museums, can apply for the grants to assist with increased security measures aimed at preventing hate crimes and attacks.

"Earlier this year there were an alarming number of threats and hate crimes targeting people of the Jewish faith, including bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers right here on Long Island," said Senator Phillips. "Our schools and day care centers should be a safe haven for children and families and I am

extremely pleased that nonpublic schools, day care and community centers in our region who are at risk of attacks because of their beliefs, can now apply for this vital funding.”

The State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) will administer the grants, which will range up to \$50,000. Grants can be used for security training, cameras and state-of-the-art technology, door-hardening, improved lighting and other related security upgrades at eligible facilities.

“New York State has served as the gateway to freedom for millions seeking a better life, only by celebrating our diversity can we continue to be a beacon of acceptance for our nation and world. We must stand united and eliminate hate from our communities, state and nation,” concluded Senator Phillips.

According to DHSES, organizations that operate more than one facility may submit up to three applications for a total request of up to \$150,000. Applications for these awards can be found at www.dhses.ny.gov/grants and are due no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2017.