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- To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Subcommittee
- From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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Re: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Law Enforcement Equipment

The purpose of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") funds is to allow states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. As the State Administrative Agency (SAA), DCJS has the responsibility of managing the coordination and distribution of JAG funds in a manner that supports and improves the overall criminal justice system of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This competitive funding opportunity was open to all local and public campus law enforcement agencies. Applicants were invited to submit applications with a project to purchase equipment that improves or enhances the delivery of daily law enforcement services to the community and/or ensures the safety of citizens and officers.

DCJS reviewed the thirty-three (33) outstanding applications that required additional review and/or budget revisions. Staff is requesting the approval to award \$970,646.00 in federal JAG funds to twenty-seven (27) Law enforcement agencies.

Six (6) applications were denied for this JAG funding opportunity.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund twenty-seven (27) projects for the 9month period (7.1.2024-3.31.2025), totaling \$970,646.00, using federal JAG funds allocated for this purpose.

Byrne/JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report) Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program, Law Enforcement Equipment

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Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested D	CJS Funds	Req	uested Local	Re	quested Total	Re	commended DCJS Funds	Re	commended Local	Rec	ommended Total
526506	Amherst	Town Government	\$	29,871.87	\$	9,957.30	\$	39,829.17	\$	3,342.00	\$	1,114.00	\$	4,456.00
528693	Ashland	Town Government	\$	10,656.60	\$	3,552.40	\$	14,209.00	\$	10,657.00	\$	3,552.00	\$	14,209.00
528898	Buena Vista	City Government	\$	75,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	40,000.00
528853	Charles City	County Government	\$	33,450.00	\$	11,150.00	\$	44,600.00	\$	29,600.00	\$	9,865.00	\$	39,465.00
527525	Chase City	Town Government	\$	20,713.22	\$	7,249.63	\$	27,962.85	\$	20,713.00	\$	6,905.00	\$	27,618.00
527817	Cumberland	County Government	\$	50,526.33	\$	16,842.11	\$	67,368.44	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
526450	Dayton	Town Government	\$	15,093.22	\$	5,031.07	\$	20,124.29	\$	8,792.00	\$	2,931.00	\$	11,723.00
528513	Franklin	County Government	\$	25,248.00	\$	8,416.00	\$	33,664.00	\$	25,248.00	\$	8,416.00	\$	33,664.00
527211	Glade Spring	Town Government	\$	17,182.50	\$	5,727.50	\$	22,910.00	\$	17,183.00	\$	5,728.00	\$	22,911.00
527159	Greene	County Government	\$	44,416.61	\$	14,805.54	\$	59,222.15	\$	44,417.00	\$	14,806.00	\$	59,223.00
528640	Halifax	County Government	\$	90,058.81	\$	30,019.42	\$	120,078.23	\$	64,787.00	\$	21,596.00	\$	86,383.00
526790	Henry	County Government	\$	61,215.00	\$	20,405.00	\$	81,620.00	\$	61,215.00	\$	20,405.00	\$	81,620.00
527879	Hurt	Town Government	\$	11,672.88	\$	3,890.96	\$	15,563.84	\$	2,085.00	\$	695.00	\$	2,780.00
528736	Kilmarnock	Town Government	\$	72,947.99	\$	25,050.58	\$	97,998.57	\$	45,833.00	\$	15,278.00	\$	61,111.00
527688	Leesburg	Town Government	\$	75,000.00	\$	100,000.05	\$	175,000.05	\$	75,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	100,000.00
527793	Lexington	City Government	\$	47,967.00	\$	15,989.00	\$	63,956.00	\$	47,967.00	\$	15,989.00	\$	63,956.00
527073	Luray	Town Government	\$	48,258.00	\$	-	\$	48,258.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
526562	Middlesex	County Government	\$	30,823.66	\$	10,274.50	\$	41,098.16	\$	27,239.00	\$	9,079.00	\$	36,318.00
527195	Middletown	Town Government	\$	27,000.00	\$	6,750.00	\$	33,750.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	36,000.00
527125	Nelson	County Government	\$	75,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
527189	New Kent	County Government	\$	67,098.25	\$	22,360.50	\$	89,458.75	\$	67,098.00	\$	22,361.00	\$	89,459.00
528540	NOVA Community College	State University	\$	55,804.65	\$	18,750.00	\$	74,554.65	\$	55,805.00	\$	18,750.00	\$	74,555.00
528663	Orange	County Government	\$	43,314.43	\$	14,438.20	\$	57,752.63	\$	43,314.00	\$	14,438.00	\$	57,752.00
528899	Page	County Government	\$	75,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
528819	Prince William	County Government	\$	35,243.16	\$	12,369.84	\$	47,613.00	\$	35,243.00	\$	11,750.00	\$	46,993.00
528768	Purcellville	Town Government	\$	27,960.30	\$	9,320.10	\$	37,280.40	\$	27,960.00	\$	9,320.00	\$	37,280.00
528491	Salem	City Government	\$	56,249.99	\$	18,750.01	\$	75,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
528572	Smyth	County Government	\$	47,225.00	\$	15,775.00	\$	63,000.00	\$	44,749.00	\$	14,916.00	\$	59,665.00
528915	South Boston	Town Government	\$	40,381.70	\$	13,460.57	\$	53,842.27	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
528777	Spotsylvania	County Government	\$	45,975.00	\$	15,325.00	\$	61,300.00	\$	45,975.00	\$	15,325.00	\$	61,300.00
528733	Westmoreland	County Government	\$	26,174.00	\$	8,725.00	\$	34,899.00	\$	26,174.00	\$	8,725.00	\$	34,899.00
527094	Wise	Town Government	\$	27,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	36,000.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	36,000.00
526622	York	County Government	\$	56,250.00	\$	36,694.99	\$	92,944.99	\$	56,250.00	\$	18,750.00	\$	75,000.00
	Program Category SubTotal:		\$1,	465,778.17	\$	565,080.27	\$	2,030,858.44	\$	970,646.00	\$	323,694.00	\$	1,294,340.00
	Grant Program Grand Total:		\$1,	465,778.17	\$	565,080.27	\$	2,030,858.44	\$	970,646.00	\$	323,694.00	\$	1,294,340.00

Byrne/JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program, Law Enforcement Equipment

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Internal Status	Applicant Brief Project Overview	Type of Application
526506	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Amherst	Town Government	\$ 39,829.17	\$ 4,456.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions	Purchase eight Taser 10 ECD Bundles to include cartridges, training, warranties,	New
							battery pack, etc.	
528693	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Ashland	Town Government	\$ 14,209.00	\$ 14,209.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of the grant is to provide additional options to officers when facing	New
							active threats. The TASER X26P is a less-lethal energy weapon produced by	
							Axon, Inc. The purpose of this device is to allow officers the ability to address a	
							combative suspect who may be a danger to the general public with the goal of	
							the suspect to be taken into custody safely. Additionally, the device will further	
							reduce the potential for a situation to rise to a deadly force situation by	
							increasing options available to officers. Five existing devices will be replaced	
							because they have reached the end of their recommended life cycle and three	
							will be purchased for three approved new officer positions.	
528898	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Buena Vista	City Government	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions	The BVPD would like to utilize this grant funding in three needed areas. The	New
							BVPD is in possession of six LPR cameras and multiple exterior dome cameras	
							but without a long-term solution to install the cameras and implement their use.	
							The PD would like to purchase a solution to provide power and connectivity to	
							these cameras which will benefit the department in multiple functions.	
							Additionally, the PD owns six Tahoe Police vehicles and wishes to purchase	
							storage units for the rear compartment. Finally, the PD is hoping to add to its	
							number of sworn employees and is in need of Mobile Data Terminals for them to	
							operate with.	
							This BVPD appreciates consideration towards this funding but holds it secondary	
							to the CRO Program Grant.	
528853	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Charles City	County Government	\$ 44,600.00	\$ 39,465.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/conditions	We are looking to improve the safety of our deputies by providing them with	New
		,	·				new Bulletproof Vests and Tasers.	
527525	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Chase City	Town Government	\$ 27,962.85	\$ 27,618.00	Meets criteria with conditions	If awarded the funds will be used to purchase new and updated equipment for	New
							officers and replace old equipment that has reached its end of life by the	
							manufacturer standard. This grant will also replace old outdated equipment but	
							getting parts is troublesome. This grant will provide equipment to protect not	
							only the officer but the public. The awarded grant will allow officers to be more	
							proficient in their duties by giving them the proper equipment needed.	
527817	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Cumberland	County Government	\$ 67,368.44	Ś -	Does not meet criteria	The Cumberland Sheriff's Office intends to use grant funding to replace it's	New
527017		camberiana	county covernment	¢ 07,500.11	Ŷ	soes not meet ontend	outdated Taser Conducted Energy Devices. We will further use grant funds to	
							provide training for two Taser instructors to provide in-house instruction on the	
							use of the Tasers as well as continuing taser recertification. Further, funds will be	
							used to purchase training materials with which to certify officers in the correct	
							safe usage of Tasers. These devices are used to incapacitate suspects who are	
							attempting to physically resist arrest. The department's current tasers which	
							were acquired second hand from another agency have reached their end-of-life	
							and will no longer be supported by the manufacturer with cartridges and	
							batteries.	
526450	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Davton	Town Government	\$ 20,124.29	\$ 11 723 00	Meets criteria at reduced level/conditions	The Dayton Police Department is submitting this grant request to purchase	New
520450	Byme Justice Assistance Grant	Dayton	rown dovernment	Ş 20,124.25	Ş 11,725.00	incets cheminal reduced levely conditions	needed Active Shooter Equipment for officers. The request is for plate carrier	iii iii iii iii iii iii iii iii iii ii
							vests and helmets that provide better protection for officers responding to	
							active shooter events and other high risk incidents. The grant would also be	
							utilized for breaching/entry equipment for active shooter events and other high	
							risk events.	
528513	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Franklin	County Government	\$ 33,664.00	¢ 22.664.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Requesting grant funds to use towards equipment that is needed to continue	New
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527211	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Clade Spring	Town Government	\$ 22.910.00	ć 22.014.00	Meets criteria with conditions	providing the best public services to our community. The Glade Spring Police Department is requesting funds from this grant to	New
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							purchase equipment and service for a Video Magistrate system and Live Scan	
							Fingerprint station. The funds needed will be outlined in the budget section. This	
							program would benefit our community by being more convenient for citizens	
							and Officers to obtain warrants without having to travel to Abingdon VA. This	
							would also benefit the Sheriff?s office and State Police when they needed to	
							obtain process while on this end of the county. Officers in this area would be	
							able to come to this department for arrest and any criminal process needed as	
							well as the Officers from Glade Spring Police Department not having to travel to	
							Abingdon to obtain warrants and process Arrest.	
527159	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Greene	County Government	\$ 59,222.15	\$ 59,223.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Our goal is to improve or enhance daily services to the community, as our official	New
527135							mission is Putting Citizens First. It is necessary to update some of our equipment	
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							to meet the demands of our citizens and to provide them a safe and secure	
							community in which to live. The replacement of old and outdated tasers will	

528640	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Halifax	County Government	\$ 120,078.23	\$ 86,383.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions	The Halifax County Sheriff's Office will utilize the requested equipment to enhance general investigations, patrol communications and officer safety, narcotics investigations by providing immediate responses to queries utilizing MDT's and Digital Forensics.	New
526790	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Henry	County Government	\$ 81,620.00	\$ 81,620.00	Meets criteria with conditions	In the project titled JAG LE Equipment HCSO, the Henry County Sheriff's Office respectfully proposes a solution to enhance officer safety/wellness and capabilities necessary to successfully contain, negotiate, and communicate during times of crisis or critical incident, including periods of darkness and community distress. Through this program, HCSO will ensure adequate officer and public safety with the prevention, protection, recovery, and response from large and small-scale incidents such as coordinated attacks, mass shooting events, as well as rescue/recovery operations.	New
527879	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Hurt	Town Government	\$ 15,563.84	\$ 2,780.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions		New
528736	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Kilmarnock	Town Government	\$ 97,998.57	⁷ \$ 61,111.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/conditions	This grant will be used to fund Law Enforcement equipment that is not ordinarily provided by the department that enhances community safety and officer effectiveness.	New
527688	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Leesburg	Town Government	\$ 175,000.05	\$ 100,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Leesburg Police Department (LPD) requests \$75,000 to replace and update its Body Worn Camera (BWC) and In Car Camera (ICC) systems. LPD will use funds to lease approximately 80 Body Worn Camera (BWC) and 33 In Car Cameras (ICC) for the 9-month grant period. LPD's existing BWC and ICC inventory is outdated and in need of replacement to ensure reliable operability. In addition, LPD will expand use of BWCs by deploying cameras to at least 5 additions.	New
527793	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Lexington	City Government	\$ 63,956.00) \$ 63,956.00	Meets criteria	The Lexington Police Department would like to invest in new parking enforcement cameras that are compatible with the existing parking enforcement software system to digitally mark cars and enhance the delivery and operations of parking enforcement.	New
527073	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Luray	Town Government	\$ 48,258.00) \$ -	Does not meet criteria	Luray Police Department installed several NVR's and Cameras throughout the Town of Luray which have proven to be a great tool for solving crimes. The cameras and NVR's were purchased and installed prior to the Federal Mandate for government agency surveillance systems to abandon equipment with Chinese computer chips in them making them vulnerable to hacking. Luray Police Department is also planning to expand our K-9 Program to better combat the narcotics problem in our area. Luray is seeking assistance in upgrading our camera systems and obtaining and installing a K9 Kennel in an existing police cruiser. Updating our Portable Breath Testing devices would enhance Officer Safety by protecting against airborne diseases.	New
526562	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Middlesex	County Government	\$ 41,098.16	\$ 36,318.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions	Safety by protecting against anothe diseases. Secure funding for body worn cameras for our law enforcement officers. These small cameras are attached to their clothing or equipment , designed to record audio and video interactions during their duties. The project's objectives include enhancing accountability, transparency, and trust between our law enforcement and the communities they serve, as well as improving evidence collection and officer safety. The grant request is to cover costs such as purchasing the cameras, associated equipment, training for personnel, data storage solutions, and ongoing maintenance. Additionally, the project will include provisions for developing policies and procedures for camera use, addressing privacy concerns, and evaluating the effectiveness overtime.	New
527195	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Middletown	Town Government	\$ 33,750.00	0 \$ 36,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions- increased match	The BIAG LE Equipment Grant would benefit the Middletown Police Department as it would allow us to upgrade our Axon body worn cameras for our law enforcement officers since the now, six year-old body cameras will no longer be supported by Axon Enterprise due to their outdated orogram.	New
527125	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Nelson	County Government	\$ 100,000.00) \$	Does not meet criteria	Supported by Axon Enterprise due to their outdated program. Nelson County is a rural county that is spread over 474 square miles. We are a small sheriff's office with limited access to county funding. The department is in need of up to date and properly functioning body cameras. The current cameras are broken with batteries that don't last. There is no warranty. If funded, the department will purchase body cameras for all 25 members. This will provide the sheriff's office and community with equipment that improve the delivery of daily law enforcement services to the community and ensures the safety of citizens and officers.	New

527189	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	New Kent	County Government	\$ 89,4	158.75	\$ 89,459.00	Meets criteria with conditions	This project's ultimate goal is to equip sworn personnel that are employed with New Kent Sheriff's Office with the most up to date equipment with the intent of maintaining a high level of safety in our community. The proposed equipment	New
								would allow for sworn personnel to safely detect the criminal element easier in our rural community and safely field test unknown substances to help prevent narcotic overdoses. The use of the handheld thermal devices are essential in our community with assisting in the apprehension of fleeing criminals or evidence. TruNarc handheld scanner will give sworn personnel a quick, accurate reading on unknown substances that are poisoning our community.	
528540	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	NOVA Community College	State University	\$ 74,5	54.65	\$ 74,555.00	Meets criteria with conditions	NOVA's 52 police officers are responsible for the safety of 75,000 students and 3,400 staff on six campuses. To enhance emergency preparedness training and response, NOVA purchased a simulator and mapping equipment with a DCJS grant awarded in June 2023. Three campuses are being mapped under the current project. The JAG grant will enable NOVA to complete the mapping of the three remaining campuses. When an incident occurs at NOVA, dozens of outside public safety professionals may respond, the majority of whom have no familiarity with NOVA's disarburge graphy. Mapping technology vastly improves NOVA's disarburge capabilities and includes labeling for classrooms, hallways, access points, utilities, key boxes, AEDs, and trauma kits.	New
528663	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Orange	County Government	\$ 57,7	752.63	\$ 57,752.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Members of the Orange County Sheriff's Office currently use several devices for 'less-than-lethal' use of force when making arrests. Deputies carry ASP batons, pepper spray and tasers. Axon, the company that makes our Tasers, announced that they are going to 'End of Life' our Taser 2 devices on March 31, 2024. Taser has advised that they will support the Taser 2 devices that are under warranty but they will not be supporting any devices that are no longer under warranty. We have a number of Taser that are not under warranty any longer and need to be replaced with the Taser 7. This project is designed to replace out of warranty Tasers for all field units (patrol, animal control, civil process) now.	New
528899	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Page	County Government	\$ 100,0	000.00	\$ -	Does not meet criteria	The Page County Sheriff's Office is applying for \$100,000.00 (\$75,000.00 federal request) to purchase body worn cameras and applicable equipment. This funding will enable PCSO to purchase the proper equipment and body worn cameras to implement our body worn camera program for our School Resource Officers and patrol deputies. Having body worn cameras on our sworn law enforcement will improve our capability to foster transparency and accountability while protecting civil liberties and privacy interest; and improve the quantity and quality of evidence being utilized internally and/or as an evidentiary tool for cases.	New
528819	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Prince William	County Government	\$ 47,6	513.00	\$ 46,993.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Prince William County Police Department is proposing to implement a motor vehicle theft crime suppression initiative via precision hot spot enforcement enabled through the purchase and use of additional license plate reader (LPR) technology.	New
528768	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Purcellville	Town Government	\$ 37,2	280.40	\$ 37,280.00	Meets criteria with conditions	6	New
528491	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Salem	City Government		000.00		Does not meet criteria	0 0	New
528572	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Smyth	County Government	\$ 63,0	00.00	\$ 59,665.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ condition	The Smyth County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to purchase improved cameras and a computerized forensic system (Leica) to better document crime scenes. The purchase of improved cameras and a larger quantity of cameras will allow each patrol deputy to have their own camera and will improve the quality of photographs. The Leica system will be utilized by the investigative division to improve the accuracy and efficiency of crime scene recreation, minimize human error, and provide more efficient education of crime scenes during court proceedings.	New

528915	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	South Boston	Town Government	\$	53,842.27	\$	- 1	Does not meet criteria	The South Boston Police Department will utilize funding to improve efficiency and transparency in services provided. The department will replace older in-car camera units currently in its patrol fleet that rely heavily on user interaction for data sharing. The new camera units will provide secure cloud data and administration access within moments of video creation. Additionally, the department will install updated equipment in a new patrol vehicle which is expected to be delivered in the next few months. Lastly, the department will replace multiple in-house desktop computers with new systems. Updated equipment provides staff with more reliable and quicker access to information needed in the performance of their duties.	New
528777	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Spotsylvania	County Government	\$	61,300.00	\$ 61,300	0.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Mobile Surveillance Trailer is a versatile piece of equipment that can operate 24/7 and will be used to increase the capacity and efficiency of the Spotsylvania Sheriff?s Office. The equipment provides for remote monitoring using any device capable of connecting to the internet. It can be readily transported and as it is solar powered it can operate in extreme environments without electricity. The speaker allows for verbal instructions and can also be used for de-escalation purposes. The associated software allows for access to live and historical footage that can be used in the prosecution of cases. The cellular connectivity will assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and responding to criminal and terrorism activities.	
528733	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Westmoreland	County Government	\$	34,899.00	\$ 34,899	0.00	Meets criteria with conditions		New
527094	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Wise	Town Government	\$	36,000.00	\$ 36,000	0.00	Meets criteria with conditions	We intend to use this funding opportunity to purchase body-worn cameras for our twelve (12) officers. The funds will also go toward buying a server and the software required to keep video evidence securely stored.	New
526622	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	York	County Government	Ş	92,944.99	\$ 75,000	0.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/ conditions	Over the past four-years, the number of serious vehicle crashes that require the response of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has increased dramatically. As dictated by need, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has formed a Vehicle Accident Response Team. We have developed highly trained personnel that are only limited by equipment needs. Currently, we do not own, nor do we have the ability to utilize equipment from surrounding agencies that would allow us to provide essential services to our citizens. Our goal is to purchase accident scene documentation/reconstruction equipment to be used on both serious accidents and major crime scenes.	