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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Subcommittee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for
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Re: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Public Safety Based Programs

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 units of government and local and public campus law enforcement agencies. Applicants were invited to submit applications with a focus on specific criminal justice programs to include law enforcement programs, community policing and youth programs, combatting drugs, law enforcement accreditation and policy development programs, law enforcement overtime to support specific programmatic initiatives, and other innovative criminal justice programs.

DCJS reviewed the three (3) outstanding applications that required additional review and/or budget revisions. Staff is requesting the approval to award \$118,938.00 in federal JAG funds to all three (3) Law enforcement agencies.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund three (3) projects for the 15-month period (7.1.2024-9.30.2025), totaling \$118,938.00**, using federal JAG funds allocated for this purpose.

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

Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program, Public Safety-Based Programs

30-May-24

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
528749	Brunswick	County Government	\$ 15,870.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 21,870.00	\$ 13,270.00	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 17,694.00
528792	Christiansburg	Town Government	\$ 32,167.50	\$ 10,722.50	\$ 42,890.00	\$ 32,168.00	\$ 10,723.00	\$ 42,891.00
527847	Norfolk	City Government	\$ 90,700.00	\$ 30,375.00	\$ 121,075.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 98,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$ 138,737.50	\$ 47,097.50	\$ 185,835.00	\$ 118,938.00	\$ 39,647.00	\$ 158,585.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 138,737.50	\$ 47,097.50	\$ 185,835.00	\$ 118,938.00	\$ 39,647.00	\$ 158,585.00

Byrne/JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)
Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program, Public Safety-Based Programs

30-May-24

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Internal Status	Applicant Brief Project Overview	Type of Application
528749	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Brunswick	County Government	\$ 21,870.00	\$ 17,694.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/conditions	The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office plans to hold a week long Public Safety Discovery camp for youth ages 9-13 in our county. Youth in surrounding counties may also participate. The purpose of the camp is build the future of public safety and safer communities by educating our young people in the fields of emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire and rescue services and telecommunications to name a few. Campers will also learn team building and communication skills as well as developing and learning strategies for using social media and avoiding cyber bullying. Finally, they will learn life-saving skills such as CPR and fire extinguishing as well. Upon graduation each camper will receive CPR and tourniquet kits.	New
528792	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Christiansburg	Town Government	\$ 42,890.00	\$ 42,891.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Christiansburg Police Department has been accredited through VLEPSC since 2000. We now wish to seek national accreditation through CALEA.	New
527847	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Norfolk	City Government	\$ 121,075.00	\$ 98,000.00	Meets criteria at reduced level/conditions	Children that are victims or witnesses of domestic violence, sexual assault, or traumatic events often have limited interaction with law enforcement and long term negative effects. In order to counteract those effects and foster a positive relationship with law enforcement, we will focus on creating a collaborative, trauma informed care camp experience designed to provide hope and personal growth and year-round mentoring with sworn deputies and sheriff's office staff to provide continued support and positive reinforcement.	New