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To: Criminal Justice Board Grants Committee

From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section

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Re: FY25 VDSS Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) VOCA Grant

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The purpose of the FY25 VDSS Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Grant is to provide pass-through funding to local CAC programs that meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The program must be operational and have trained forensic interviewers available to assist child victims of crime at the time of application.
- The program must be in full compliance with state and national (NCA) accreditation standards.
- For VOCA funding eligibility, funds must be used for direct services to victims of child abuse. Examples of eligible victim groups are:
  - Children who have self-reported as a victim of abuse to a caregiver or trusted adult.
  - Children who have been identified by local law enforcement or departments of social services as victims of child abuse.
  - Children who have been referred to law enforcement or local departments of social services as possible victims of child abuse are also eligible if the referral results in an investigation or family assessment (must be determined a valid complaint).
  - Children identified by the court as victims of abuse.

This is a continuation grant to the Virginia Department of Social Services. Because of the reduction in VOCA funding, DCJS invited them to apply for a total of \$1,875,000 (\$1,500,000 VOCA funding request/\$375,000 match).

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund one continuation grant in the amount of \$1,500,000** in federal funds.

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## VOCA DSS CAC -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

### Child Advocacy Centers Grant

30-May-24

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Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
532438	Department of Social Services	State Government	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00

VOCA DSS CAC -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Child Advocacy Centers Grant

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
532438	Child Advocacy Centers Grant	Department of Social Services	State Government	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	Meets criteria	VDSS will administer VOCA funding (\$1,500,000.00) to provide services to victims of child abuse/neglect including: forensic interviews, victim support and advocacy services, medical evaluations, mental health counseling, individual and group therapy, and support services. Funding for each CAC is calculated by a formula established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2015. Additional match funding will be used to support an administrative position at VDSS for the CAC Program.	Continuation of Grant