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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Terry Willie-Surratt, CASA Grant Monitor and Quality Assurance Coordinator

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Re: 526169-Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Grant Program FY2025

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers funds designated for the purpose of supporting Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs as grants to non-profit organizations and local units of government. This grant is intended specifically to support local Court Appointed Special Advocate programs as specified in §§9.1-151 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. Funds are to be used for purposes of continuing, improving, and/or expanding existing agencies and services designed to provide court appointed volunteer advocacy services to child victims of abuse and neglect.

For Fiscal Year 2025, DCJS staff request approval to award \$1,499,900.00 in Federal VOCA funds and \$1,532,870 in State General funds to 27 local CASA programs.

There were no applications denied as funding is awarded on a non-competitive formula basis (see attached formula table).

CASA programs must meet the following eligibility requirements to apply for CASA grant funding:

- The program must be operational and have trained volunteers assigned to cases at the time of application.
- The program must be in full compliance with state regulations, and with the National CASA Association Standards.
- For VOCA funding eligibility, funds must be used for direct services to victims of child abuse and neglect. Examples of eligible victim groups are:
 - Children who have been identified by local departments of social services as victims of child abuse and neglect.

- Children who have been referred to local departments of social services as possible victims of child abuse and neglect 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 a victim of abuse or neglect.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund 27 CASA programs** for the 12-month period 7/1/2024-6/30/2025, totaling **\$3,032,770.00**, using **\$1,499,900.00 in Federal VOCA** funds and **\$1,532,870.00 in State General Funds** allocated for this purpose.

CASA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Court Appointed Special Advocates

30-May-24

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested Federal Funds	Requested State Funds	Requested Total	Recommended Federal Funds	Recommended State Funds	Recommended Total
529041	29th Judicial District CASA Pgm., Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
528048	Blue Ridge CASA for Children	Nonprofit	\$ 47,710.00	\$ 50,373.00	\$ 98,083.00	\$ 47,710.00	\$ 50,373.00	\$ 98,083.00
528933	CAPS of the Blue Ridge, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
527178	CASA Children's Intervention Services	Nonprofit	\$ 95,450.00	\$ 89,335.00	\$ 184,785.00	\$ 95,450.00	\$ 89,335.00	\$ 184,785.00
526999	CASA of Central Virginia , Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 83,670.00	\$ 79,721.00	\$ 163,391.00	\$ 83,670.00	\$ 79,721.00	\$ 163,391.00
526709	Chesapeake	Nonprofit	\$ 57,320.00	\$ 58,216.00	\$ 115,536.00	\$ 57,320.00	\$ 58,216.00	\$ 115,536.00
527844	Chesterfield CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 50,190.00	\$ 52,397.00	\$ 102,587.00	\$ 50,190.00	\$ 52,397.00	\$ 102,587.00
528600	Children's Trust RKE Valley, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 56,192.00	\$ 111,032.00	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 56,192.00	\$ 111,032.00
526717	Colonial CASA Program	Nonprofit	\$ 40,580.00	\$ 44,554.00	\$ 85,134.00	\$ 40,580.00	\$ 44,554.00	\$ 85,134.00
528159	Fairfax CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 130,170.00	\$ 117,671.00	\$ 247,841.00	\$ 130,170.00	\$ 117,671.00	\$ 247,841.00
526491	Focus on Youth, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 39,960.00	\$ 44,048.00	\$ 84,008.00	\$ 39,960.00	\$ 44,048.00	\$ 84,008.00
529039	Friends of Portsmouth Juv Ct	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
527765	Goochland CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
526409	Greater Richmond SCAN	Nonprofit	\$ 82,120.00	\$ 78,456.00	\$ 160,576.00	\$ 82,120.00	\$ 78,456.00	\$ 160,576.00
528345	Hanover	County Government	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
528630	Henrico CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 127,690.00	\$ 115,647.00	\$ 243,337.00	\$ 127,690.00	\$ 115,647.00	\$ 243,337.00
528451	Newport News	City Government	\$ 38,410.00	\$ 42,783.00	\$ 81,193.00	\$ 38,410.00	\$ 42,783.00	\$ 81,193.00
528973	Norfolk CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 52,980.00	\$ 54,674.00	\$ 107,654.00	\$ 52,980.00	\$ 54,674.00	\$ 107,654.00
528499	Northern Neck CASA Program	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
527075	NRV Cares	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
528441	People Incorporated of Virginia	Nonprofit	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
526750	Piedmont CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 69,410.00	\$ 68,083.00	\$ 137,493.00	\$ 69,410.00	\$ 68,083.00	\$ 137,493.00
528349	Rappahannock Area CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 56,080.00	\$ 57,204.00	\$ 113,284.00	\$ 56,080.00	\$ 57,204.00	\$ 113,284.00
528347	SCAN of Northern Virginia	Nonprofit	\$ 59,800.00	\$ 60,240.00	\$ 120,040.00	\$ 59,800.00	\$ 60,240.00	\$ 120,040.00
529040	Virginia Beach CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 57,630.00	\$ 58,469.00	\$ 116,099.00	\$ 57,630.00	\$ 58,469.00	\$ 116,099.00
527952	Voices for Kids CASA Prgm SE Va	Nonprofit	\$ 40,890.00	\$ 44,807.00	\$ 85,697.00	\$ 40,890.00	\$ 44,807.00	\$ 85,697.00
528830	Wise County	County Government	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$ 1,499,900.00	\$ 1,532,870.00	\$ 3,032,770.00	\$ 1,499,900.00	\$ 1,532,870.00	\$ 3,032,770.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 1,499,900.00	\$ 1,532,870.00	\$ 3,032,770.00	\$ 1,499,900.00	\$ 1,532,870.00	\$ 3,032,770.00

CASA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Court Appointed Special Advocates

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
529041	Court Appointed Special Advocates	29th Judicial District CASA Pgm., Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	The 29th Judicial District CASA Program, Inc. serves the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court System in Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell Counties by providing trained volunteer advocates for child victims of abuse and neglect. The volunteer advocate furnishes reports of an independent investigation to the court with recommendations on what is in the child's best interest. These reports are used to determine what services the child and caretakers may need to provide a safe, loving and permanent home for the child. Our volunteer advocates also provide a sincere, caring and on-going support system for the child victims involved in these court cases by no fault of their own.	Continuation of Grant
528048	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Blue Ridge CASA for Children	Nonprofit	\$ 98,083.00	\$ 98,083.00	Meets criteria	CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, selects, trains, supports, and supervises volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA Volunteers serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge in CHINS/protective order/removal cases, collecting information from all parties within a child's life and compiling the information in a court report. CASA's Court Report is the most comprehensive report the court will receive on their child's case. Children with a CASA on their case are better represented, receive more services, and do better on a number of well-being indicators.	Continuation of Grant
528933	Court Appointed Special Advocates	CAPS of the Blue Ridge, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	Funds will be used to support established judicial advocacy services for abused and neglected children in Franklin and Pittsylvania Counties. Community volunteers will be recruited, screened, trained, and supervised to promote safe, permanent outcomes and opportunities for child victims. Training and outreach projects will be organized to educate the community on the needs of abused and neglected children.	Continuation of Grant
527178	Court Appointed Special Advocates	CASA Children's Intervention Services	Nonprofit	\$ 184,785.00	\$ 184,785.00	Meets criteria	CASA Children's Intervention Services intention is to serve all of the abused and neglected children referred to our program by the judges of the 20th, 26th, and 31st judicial districts. CASA CIS will work diligently to retain current advocates through volunteer appreciation and quality CE classes, and recruit, screen, and train new advocates to maintain a sufficient volunteer base. To do that, CASA CIS will advertise to diverse populations, offer at least bi-weekly information sessions, and offer three pre-service trainings this fiscal year. CASA CIS added additional Advocate Supervisors so that all volunteers can be properly supervised and guided as they advocate for the children we serve.	Continuation of Grant
526999	Court Appointed Special Advocates	CASA of Central Virginia, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 163,391.00	\$ 163,391.00	Meets criteria	CASA of Central Virginia, recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children involved in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court proceedings. CASA of Central Virginia serves the entire 24th Judicial District which includes, Lynchburg, and the counties of Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, and Nelson, as well as the county of Appomattox, in the 10th Judicial District. CASA volunteers provide their appointed children a voice while advocating for their best interest, always focusing on the needs of their appointed children being met, and having a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible.	Continuation of Grant
526709	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Chesapeake	Nonprofit	\$ 115,536.00	\$ 115,536.00	Meets criteria	Chesapeake CASA is an ongoing program of the Chesapeake Department of Human Services/Division of Community Programs that provides trained volunteers from the community to advocate for children who are involved in abuse/neglect proceedings with the 1st District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. This program is governed by the City of Chesapeake.	Continuation of Grant
527844	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Chesterfield CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 102,587.00	\$ 102,587.00	Meets criteria	The Chesterfield CASA program recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers who advocate for children who are before the 12th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court who are alleged to be abused, neglected or abandoned. Chesterfield CASA seeks to promote safe, permanent homes of every abused and neglected child before the court.	Continuation of Grant
528600	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Children's Trust RKE Valley, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 111,032.00	\$ 111,032.00	Meets criteria	CASA of Children's Trust was the first CASA program in the state of Virginia. CASA tackles one of society's greatest challenges: child abuse and neglect. CASA Volunteers are appointed by local judges to advocate for children's best interests. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. Our program serves children from birth through the age defined by state statute as the limit for youth remaining in care. CASA volunteers and staff work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators, and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.	Continuation of Grant
526717	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Colonial CASA Program	Nonprofit	\$ 85,134.00	\$ 85,134.00	Meets criteria	The CASA program recruits, trains, and support volunteers who advocate for child victims of abuse and neglect in juvenile court proceedings. CASA volunteers assist the court by (1) Thoroughly investigating the child's situation, (2) Submitting a written report to the court regarding the child's best interest, (3) Monitoring the case to determine if court mandates are followed, (4) Aiding the Guardian ad Litem, and (5) Serving as a mandated reporter. The funds requested will be applied to personnel expenses for the Executive Director (DCIS) and Program Director (VOCA).	Continuation of Grant
528159	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Fairfax CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 247,841.00	\$ 247,841.00	Meets criteria	Operating at the request of the Fairfax County JDRDC, Fairfax CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises highly qualified and vetted volunteers to represent the best interests of children with an open abuse and neglect case within the Court. The Court automatically refers each case of abuse and neglect to Fairfax CASA for appointment of a trained volunteer. Fairfax CASA adheres to all NCASA standards, as well as the regulations and laws of Virginia. Volunteers must complete 12 hours of continuing ed, meet with their children at least twice per month, stay in communication with all parties on the case to monitor compliance of court orders, provide comprehensive reports to the Court, and act in the best interest of the child at all times	Continuation of Grant

526491	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Focus on Youth, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 84,008.00	\$ 84,008.00	Meets criteria	The mission of FOCUS ON YOUTH/CASA is to recruit, screen, train, and support community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children involved in court proceedings. It is our vision to promote safe, permanent homes for all children as we seek to educate the community concerning the needs of abused and neglected children through advocacy, socialization, and education that will reduce juvenile delinquency. Organized for the purposes of establishing and maintaining a charitable, volunteer program designed to supplement services of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Units of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit of Virginia, and other agencies and organizations in Martinsville, Henry and Patrick Counties.	Continuation of Grant
529039	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Friends of Portsmouth Juv Ct	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	Portsmouth CASA uses volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. Most, but not all, are in foster homes. Volunteers are recruited, screened, trained and supervised by the CASA coordinator. Before a volunteer is assigned a case, she/he must complete 35 hours of training and courtroom observation. Once their training is complete, they are sworn in as an officer of the court. When assigned a case, volunteers have access to all medical, educational, psychological records related to the child. They are permitted to speak with biological family members and to others in the foster home. They then prepare a report to the judge with their findings and recommendations. CASA's goal is a safe and permanent home for every child.	Continuation of Grant
527765	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Goochland CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	Goochland/Powhatan CASA remains committed to providing advocacy services when court ordered in Juvenile and Domestic Relations court cases that potentially involve child abuse or neglect. Project director is the Executive Director and is responsible for day-to-day responsibilities. New volunteer advocates are recruited and trained as needed in compliance with NCASA standards. Our volunteer Board of Directors provide administrative oversight and financial support of the organization. Advocates have continued to fulfill their case responsibilities and Board members have continued with their fundraising and executive support.	Continuation of Grant
526409	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Greater Richmond SCAN	Nonprofit	\$ 160,576.00	\$ 160,576.00	Meets criteria	SCAN's CASA program advocates for safe and permanent homes for all abused and neglected children who come before the Richmond and Petersburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. Trained community volunteers are court appointed to gather information, which is then relayed to the court in a CASA report to include recommendations for services and placement recommendations. CASA also monitors all services ordered by the court by verifying that the services are in place and reporting back to the court regarding progress.	Continuation of Grant
528345	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Hanover	County Government	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	The Hanover CASA Program, established in 1988 and housed in the Department of Community Resources, provides advocacy services to child-victims of abuse and neglect who come before the juvenile court. CASA volunteers are thoroughly screened, trained and supervised to fulfill their role of representing the child's best interests throughout the court process. Funds are being requested to fund most of the CASA Coordinator's personnel expenses and a small portion of staff and volunteer training expenses.	Continuation of Grant
528630	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Henrico CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 243,337.00	\$ 243,337.00	Meets criteria	This project will recruit, screen, train, and supervise volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children in Henrico County. During FY24-25, VOCA Funds will pay for 100% of the Program Manager's salary and 100% of one Volunteer Coordinator's salary. DCJS State General Funds will pay 100% of the Executive Director's salary and 37% of the Financial and Program Administrator salary. These positions will directly support the recruiting, training, and supervision of volunteers and provide financial and administrative support to the program. Remaining VOCA Funds will be allocated toward Volunteer Recruitment and sets of translation devices for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) children and families.	Continuation of Grant
528451	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Newport News	City Government	\$ 81,193.00	\$ 81,193.00	Meets criteria	Newport News CASA Inc., provides trained community volunteers to aid Juvenile Court Judges and Court Appointed Attorneys, in finding the most suitable home for children whose residential placement must be determined by the Court due to allegations of abuse and/or neglect. CASA Volunteer Advocates monitor children who have been placed in out of home placements until they receive a safe, permanent, and loving environment in which to reside. CASA Volunteer Advocates are powerful voices for powerless children and often make the difference between hope and hopelessness, between a productive life and one full of despair, and in some cases make the difference between life and death.	Continuation of Grant
528973	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Norfolk CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 107,654.00	\$ 107,654.00	Meets criteria	Norfolk CASA's mission is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every child can be safe from harm, establish permanency, and have the opportunity to thrive. As one of the three oldest CASA programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Norfolk CASA has been a beacon for our community's most vulnerable children since our pilot project launched in 1985. A dedicated staff of three recruits, trains, and places highly vetted and trained community members to be a voice for abused and neglected children within the court system.	Continuation of Grant
528499	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Northern Neck CASA Program	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	The Northern Neck CASA Program is a non profit organization committed to advocating for the best interests of children involved in the juvenile and domestic relations district process. The program recruits, trains and supervises volunteers dedicated to representing the needs of abused and neglected children, as well as other children in juvenile dependency proceedings. The program promotes safe and permanent homes for all children and seeks to educate the community concerning the needs of abused and neglected children.	Continuation of Grant
527075	Court Appointed Special Advocates	NRV Cares	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the New River Valley recruits, screens, trains, and supports community volunteers committed to advocating for safe, permanent homes for abused and neglected children (under the age of 18) involved in court proceedings. CASA volunteers are sworn officers of the court; performing duties as mandated by the Virginia Code §9.1-153.	Continuation of Grant

528441	Court Appointed Special Advocates	People Incorporated of Virginia	Nonprofit	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	People Incorporated's CASA of Culpeper and the 28th Judicial District will serve the City of Bristol, and the Counties of Smyth, Washington, and Culpeper. CASA staff will recruit, train and supervise volunteers to serve as advocates for abused, neglected or abandoned children. The program goal is to serve appointed children each year to ensure that they are placed in the safest environment and do not receive any new protective services' complaints. CASA staff and volunteers will work collaboratively with other service agencies to ensure that abused and neglected children receive needed services.	Continuation of Grant
526750	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Piedmont CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 137,493.00	\$ 137,493.00	Meets criteria	Piedmont CASA provides trained volunteers and professional staff to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children and youth; promoting and supporting safe, permanent, and nurturing homes for these victims within the child welfare system, the community, and before the courts of the 16th Judicial District of Virginia.	Continuation of Grant
528349	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Rappahannock Area CASA	Nonprofit	\$ 113,284.00	\$ 113,284.00	Meets criteria	This grant will be used to help pay the salary of Rappahannock CASA's Executive Director (using state funds) and two Case Managers (using VOCA funds). The Executive Director's job is necessary and required by DCJS regulations to ensure that our program has high-quality fiscal, staff and program management. The Case Manager positions are needed to ensure that our CASA volunteers receive crucial guidance and support as they advocate for abused and neglected children. These expenses are vital to our ability to provide effective, efficient and meaningful services to traumatized children.	Continuation of Grant
528347	Court Appointed Special Advocates	SCAN of Northern Virginia	Nonprofit	\$ 120,040.00	\$ 120,040.00	Meets criteria	SCAN's CASA Program serves the Alexandria and Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Courts by recruiting, training, and supervising citizen volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. CASAs prepare a court report advocating for the best interests of the child based on interviews and document reviews with all people and parties of interest to the child. Whether children return to their parents, live with relatives, or are adopted, SCAN's CASAs advocate for children who are voiceless in the child welfare system. CASA's are beholden only to the needs of the children and are not aligned with other interested parties, making them uniquely independent and partial only to the child's best interests.	Continuation of Grant
529040	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Virginia Beach CASA, Inc.	Nonprofit	\$ 116,099.00	\$ 116,099.00	Meets criteria	Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for child victims of abuse and neglect while they are involved in complicated legal proceedings. Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. must maintain a full time CEO to manage the program and staff to ensure full compliance with all State regulations for approximately 70-100 active CASA volunteers during the fiscal year. In addition to a CEO, per DCJS regulations, there must be 1 Advocate Manager for every 30 CASA volunteers to manage their day to day advocacy efforts.	Continuation of Grant
527952	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Voices for Kids CASA Prgm SE Va	Nonprofit	\$ 85,697.00	\$ 85,697.00	Meets criteria	CASA provides specially trained community volunteers as advocates for abused and neglected children, as well as others deemed appropriate by the court. They aid the 5th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges and court appointed attorneys, along with other service agencies, in securing the most suitable placement for children whose home placement must be determined due to an allegation of abuse and/or neglect. CASA volunteers monitor these children until they receive permanency. The Voices for Kids CASA Program is a non-profit organization.	Continuation of Grant
528830	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Wise County	County Government	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Meets criteria	LPOY-CASA will recruit, train and supervise qualified, dedicated community volunteers to advocate for children who are victims of abuse and neglect as determined by the 30th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in an effort to assist these children so that every abused and neglected child in far Southwest VA can be safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive.	Continuation of Grant