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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Cynthia Nwarache, Drive to Work Program Coordinator
Date: April 24, 2024
Re: FY25 Drive to Work Grant Program

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers general appropriation funds to Drive to Work (DTW). The Appropriations Act provides DTW with \$75,000 in state general funds and an additional \$75,000 in federal funds when available. The federal funds have historically come from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

DTW provides assistance to low income and previously incarcerated individuals to restore their driving privileges so they can drive to work and maintain employment. DTW is the only organization which provides legal assistance to help individuals whose licenses are suspended by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to reinstate their driver's license. They also provide educational services to individuals wishing to have their licenses reinstated.

DCJS received one application from the DTW Program requesting a total of \$150,000, with \$75,000 in state general funds and an additional \$75,000 in federal funds.

No applications were denied.

In summary, DCJS staff respectfully **requests approval to award the DTW Program in Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025), a total of \$150,000**, using State General Funds and Federal Funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) allocated for this purpose.

Drive to Work -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Drive to Work

30-May-24

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested State General		Requested Federal Byrne/JAG		Requested Total	Recommended State General		Recommended Federal Byrne/JAG		Recommended Total		
527865	Drive-to-Work	Other	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00

Drive to Work -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Drive to Work Grant Program

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
527865	Drive to Work	Drive to Work	Drive to Work	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	Meets criteria	Lack of a valid driver's license is a serious employment-related problem. Public transportation is not available in many parts of Virginia. This effectively excludes people without driving privileges from many jobs. Workers without licenses cannot take advantage of job growth in suburban areas or fill positions in rural areas. Since 2007, Drive-To-Work has assisted low income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driver's licenses so they can drive to work and keep a job. We provide eligible individuals the legal services of attorneys to remove the causes of their license suspensions. This is a much-needed public service, a fact recognized by courts, legislators, employers, re-entry organizations, and many individuals.	Continuation of Grant