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To: Criminal Justice Board Grants Committee

From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Office of Safer Communities and Youth Services

Date: November 15, 2024

Re: 2025-2026 Operation Ceasefire Continuation Grant Program

The purpose of the Operation Ceasefire Grant Program (OCGP) is to support the implementation of strategies that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth while implementing effective and sustainable solutions to intercept and eliminate local cycles of violence. The purpose of this OCGP solicitation is to support continuation of local law enforcement and prosecution programs funded under the 2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Funding Opportunity.

DCJS received four applications with requests totaling \$799,223. After grant review, DCJS recommends approval of all four Ceasefire continuation grants totaling \$799,223. The amount of funding that DCJS anticipated being available for this solicitation was \$800,000.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund four grant applications** for the 24-month period 1/1/2025-12/31/2026, **totaling \$799,223**, using state funds allocated for this purpose.

OCGF -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report) Operations Ceasefire Grants Program

25-Nov-2024

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
543690	Hampton, City	City Government	\$214,710.00	\$0.00	\$214,710.00	\$214,710.00	\$0.00	\$214,710.00
543437	Lee, County	County Government	\$149,760.00	\$0.00	\$149,760.00	\$149,760.00	\$0.00	\$149,760.00
543418	Scott County	County Government	\$108,303.00	\$0.00	\$108,303.00	\$108,303.00	\$0.00	\$108,303.00
543421	Suffolk City	City Government	\$326,450.00	\$0.00	\$326,450.00	\$326,450.00	\$0.00	\$326,450.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$799,223.00	\$0.00	\$799,223.00	\$799,223.00	\$0.00	\$799,223.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 799,223.00	\$ -	\$ 799,223.00	\$ 799,223.00	\$ -	\$ 799,223.00

OCGF -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Operation Ceasefire Grant Program

25-Nov-2024

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Internal Status	Applicant Brief Project Overview
543590	Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund	Hampton, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$214,710.00	\$214,710.00	Meets criteria	The Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney is requesting funding to continue the existing Operation Ceasefire Commonwealth Anti-Violence Initiative and Resources Program. Grant Funds supports a full-time Program Coordinator, the Educating Kids about Gun Violence (EKGV) program, Group Violence Intervention-Call-In(s)/ Custom Notifications, and a Youth Support Group. The funding will be utilized to prevent, intervene, and provide enforcement of gun violence in the City of Hampton.
543437	Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund	Lee, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$149,760.00	\$149,760.00	Meets criteria	The Lee County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office is requesting funding to continue the existing Operation Ceasefire grant program. The purpose of the existing program is to combat the rising firearm violence and drug trafficking in Lee County by prosecuting high-risk offenders and reviewing concealed carry and firearm restoration petitions. This initiative prioritizes community safety through focused, aggressive prosecution of complex cases involving firearms, drug trafficking, and violent crimes. The program employs a specialized part-time prosecutor to handle cases involving significant safety risks, thereby supporting other attorneys in managing the office's high caseload.
543418	Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund	Scott County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$108,303.00	\$108,303.00	Meets criteria	Scott County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to continue the existing Operation Ceasefire grant program. The existing program employs a full time Community Engagement Officer who is responsible for weekly school and community events. Additionally, the Community Engagement Officer oversees the youth police academy and facilitate the annual teen summer camp.
543421	Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund	Suffolk City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$326,450.00	\$326,450.00	Meets criteria	The Suffolk Commonwealth's Attorneys Office is requesting funding to continue the current Operation Ceasefire program which employs a full time experienced prosecutor dedicated to prosecuting crimes involving firearms, gangs and narcotics distribution. The special prosecutor is also responsible for collaborating with law enforcement and community based organizations to deter this violence.