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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Subcommittee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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Re: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – Sheriff Law Enforcement Equipment

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 Sheriff’s Offices that were not considered the lead law enforcement agency within their locality. Applicants were invited to submit applications to purchase equipment that improves or enhances the delivery of daily law enforcement services to the community and/or ensures the safety of citizens and officers.

DCJS received and reviewed 14 applications requesting \$620,802, to ensure the applications contained allowable items and accurate budget calculations. The request included \$465,604 in federal JAG funds, with \$155,198 in local matching funds.

Staff recommends approval to award \$430,054 in federal JAG funds, with \$143,348 local match, totaling \$573,402, to 14 local Sheriff’s Offices.

This recommendation funds all requests, with the exception on a few items that were unallowed. No grants were denied for this JAG funding opportunity.

In summary, **DCJS staff request approval to fund 14 grant applications to Sheriff’s Offices** for the 6-month period (4/1/2025 – 9/30/2025), **totaling \$573,402** using \$430,054 in federal JAG funds and a local cash match of \$143,348.

BJAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

BJAG Sheriff's Offices

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested	Requested	Requested	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
			DCJS Funds	Local	Total	DCJS Funds	Local	Total
548441	Arlington, County	County Government	\$48,453.00	\$16,151.00	\$64,604.00	\$48,453.00	\$16,151.00	\$64,604.00
547790	Chesterfield, County	County Government	\$27,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00
547921	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
548469	Lynchburg, City	City Government	\$17,746.00	\$5,915.00	\$23,661.00	\$17,746.00	\$5,915.00	\$23,661.00
548093	Norfolk City	City Government	\$56,250.00	\$18,750.00	\$75,000.00	\$35,700.00	\$11,900.00	\$47,600.00
547788	Norton City	City Government	\$16,373.00	\$5,458.00	\$21,831.00	\$16,373.00	\$5,458.00	\$21,831.00
547932	Petersburg City	City Government	\$49,200.00	\$16,396.00	\$65,596.00	\$49,200.00	\$16,396.00	\$65,596.00
548498	Radford City	City Government	\$36,448.00	\$12,149.00	\$48,597.00	\$36,448.00	\$12,149.00	\$48,597.00
547377	Richmond City	City Government	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
548694	Roanoke City	City Government	\$48,750.00	\$16,250.00	\$65,000.00	\$48,750.00	\$16,250.00	\$65,000.00
548030	Roanoke County	County Government	\$12,613.00	\$4,205.00	\$16,818.00	\$12,613.00	\$4,205.00	\$16,818.00
547853	Staunton City	City Government	\$16,731.00	\$5,577.00	\$22,308.00	\$16,731.00	\$5,577.00	\$22,308.00
547780	Suffolk City	City Government	\$13,040.00	\$4,347.00	\$17,387.00	\$13,040.00	\$4,347.00	\$17,387.00
548778	Virginia Beach City	City Government	\$18,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$24,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$465,604.00	\$155,198.00	\$620,802.00	\$430,054.00	\$143,348.00	\$573,402.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$465,604.00	\$155,198.00	\$620,802.00	\$430,054.00	\$143,348.00	\$573,402.00

BJAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

BJAG Sheriff's Offices

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
548441	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Arlington, County	County Government	New	\$64,604.00	\$64,604.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Arlington County Sheriff's Office seeks funding to enhance staff wellness and public safety. Upgrading our gym will improve deputy health, morale, and readiness. Equipping our sidearms with red dot sights will improve firearm accuracy, ensuring safer, more effective responses. These initiatives will create a healthier workforce, a more secure detention facility, and a safer community. Grant funding will provide lasting benefits by strengthening our law enforcement capabilities, which will increase public trust.
547790	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Chesterfield, County	County Government	New	\$36,000.00	\$16,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions/ reduced level	The Sheriff's Office plans to increase capabilities of it's Special Operations Teams, specifically it's Search and Rescue Unit. Specially the grant will replace outdated equipment that has reached it's end of life.
547921	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	New	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Colonial Heights Sheriff's Office is seeking funding assistance to bring our building's Security and Access Control system up-to-date, as well as, provide a suitable meeting space by installing an integrated Audio/Video presentation system into our Municipal Meeting Room. The construction of the Colonial Heights Courthouse was completed in 2013 and the technology for some systems, that were installed during construction, have since become outdated in just over 10 years of operation. The Courthouse holds a large municipal meeting style room that is great for hosting trainings and other large meetings within the City. This space is lacking an adequate Audio/Video presentation system. This grant would greatly assist us in these endeavors.
548469	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Lynchburg, City	City Government	New	\$23,661.00	\$23,661.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office (LSO) is seeking funding to enhance its technological infrastructure by equipping all full-time deputies with laptop computers. This initiative aims to improve operational efficiency by streamlining office functions, report writing, record keeping, and evidence management. With an impending relocation projected by the end of 2025, the current system will no longer be viable for these essential processes. Providing each full-time deputy with a dedicated laptop will ensure continuity of operations, enhance service delivery, and enable LSO to better serve the citizens of Lynchburg.
548093	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Norfolk City	City Government	New	\$75,000.00	\$47,600.00	Meets criteria with conditions/ reduced level	This project will specifically focus on acquiring essential items aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of our law enforcement services, ultimately benefiting the community we serve. Key components will be the purchase of decontamination equipment, access control units, and correctional activity equipment. By focusing on these critical items, we aim to enhance operational efficiency within our agency, enabling us to respond more effectively to the needs of our population and improve overall service delivery.
547788	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Norton City	City Government	New	\$21,831.00	\$21,831.00	Meets criteria with conditions	We are applying for this grant to acquire essential equipment that will allow us to better support the primary law enforcement agency in our community. Due to current budget limitations, we are unable to purchase this equipment without external funding. The requested equipment is crucial for enhancing our ability to perform traffic control, manage emergency incidents more efficiently, and ensure effective response during active shooter situations.
547932	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Petersburg City	City Government	New	\$65,596.00	\$65,596.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The project is to provide needed upgrades to the agency's radio communications as well as new computers and software programs. The current equipment is at least ten (10) years old or greater. This project will further enhance appointees' overall safety and productivity while upholding the agency's mission in providing safety and security to the citizens of the City of Petersburg.

548498	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Radford City	City Government	New	\$48,597.00	\$48,597.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Radford City Sheriff's Office is a VLEPSC accredited department that provides court security, serves civil process and provides inmate transportation. The Radford City Sheriff's Office also has a division responsible for persons placed in mental health custody through an agreement with New River Valley Community Services which serves the counties of Floyd, Montgomery, Giles and the City of Radford. We are requesting grant funds to upgrade our Tasers form the X26 model which is no longer being supported by Axon to the newer Taser 7.
547377	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Richmond City	City Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets criteria	This request is to purchase camera equipment for approximately 20% of the current Richmond City Sheriff's Office (RCSO) fleet. This equipment would allow our deputies and supervisors in Civil Process, Transportation, Community Outreach, and Alternative Sentencing to monitor inmate safety during transportation and daily interactions with the community.
548694	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Roanoke City	City Government	New	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Roanoke City Sheriff's Office currently lacks funding to initiate traffic enforcement operations of the agency's Law Enforcement Division. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY will give the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office the financial resources it needs to conduct successful traffic enforcement efforts. The requested amount of \$65,000 (\$48,750 grant funds, \$16,250 cash-match) will be leveraged to purchase speed enforcement equipment and traffic messaging equipment to be utilized by deputies assigned to the Law Enforcement Division. The Roanoke City Sheriff's Office has twenty-eight deputies assigned to the Law Enforcement Division among the Civil Process, School Resource Officer, and Training units.
548030	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Roanoke County	County Government	New	\$16,818.00	\$16,818.00	Meets criteria	The Roanoke County Sheriff's Office seeks funding through the Byrne/Justice Assistance Program Grant to enhance safety, security, and efficiency. This project will outfit a dedicated inmate transport vehicle with specialized equipment for individuals unable to ambulate and install a walkthrough metal detector in the jail lobby. The transport vehicle, already secured, requires a gurney or stretcher to ensure safe and dignified transport for inmates with mobility impairments. The Zorpro 33 Zone Archway Metal Detector will enhance security by screening attorneys, volunteers, and civilian staff. These upgrades will improve inmate transport and facility security.
547853	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Staunton City	City Government	New	\$22,308.00	\$22,308.00	Meets criteria	Recognizing the significance of accurate and up-to-date data entry for court-issued civil process and criminal warrants, the Sheriff's Office aims to obtain the state-of-the-art One Solution PS software from Central Square. This new system promises to revolutionize our data management practices, ensuring a more efficient and streamlined workflow and will replace an outdated system from 1999. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has identified a crucial equipment gap that needs to be filled. Currently, the department lacks a comprehensive medical kit for training purposes, posing a potential risk to the safety of the deputies. To rectify this, the grant funds will be utilized to procure a specialized Trauma Medical Kit.
547780	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Suffolk City	City Government	New	\$17,387.00	\$17,387.00	Meets criteria	The Suffolk Sheriff's Office aims to enhance security measures during high risk trials, provide access to emergency medical supplies, and improve civil disturbance response. This grant will help the office upgrade the necessary equipment and supplies to increase public services and efficiency. This project includes the acquisition of E-band restrictors, emergency trauma kits, riot shields, GLOVE devices, and safety traffic cones. This equipment and supplies will improve the execution of inmate security, citizen safety and health protective measures, and civil disturbance response control.
548778	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Virginia Beach City	City Government	New	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Enhancing Interview Room Integrity and Clarity, and increasing work production at the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office. This project aims to upgrade the interview rooms within the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office to enhance the integrity of interviews, improve the quality and clarity of recorded interactions, and ensure compliance with best practices. Currently, our interview rooms lack adequate soundproofing, leading to potential audio contamination of recorded statements.