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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 – State Agency 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 is responsible for 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 state agencies with a law enforcement focus or divisions. 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 six (6) applications with requests totaling \$446,957. After grant review, DCJS recommends the approval of all six (6) grants totaling \$446,957.

No applications were denied for this JAG funding opportunity.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund six (6) applications to State Agencies** for the 6-month period (4/1/2025 – 9/30/2025), **totaling \$446,957** using federal JAG funds allocated for this purpose.

BJAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

BJAG State Agencies

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Application Number	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
547733	Department of Conservation and Recreation	State Government	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
548172	Department of Corrections	State Government	\$38,390.00	\$0.00	\$38,390.00	\$38,390.00	\$0.00	\$38,390.00
548666	Department of Juvenile Justice	State Government	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
548676	Department of Wildlife Resources	State Government	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
548037	Office of the State Inspector General	State Government	\$98,797.00	\$0.00	\$98,797.00	\$98,797.00	\$0.00	\$98,797.00
547457	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles	State Government	\$79,770.00	\$0.00	\$79,770.00	\$79,770.00	\$0.00	\$79,770.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$446,957.00	\$0.00	\$446,957.00	\$446,957.00	\$0.00	\$446,957.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$446,957.00	\$0.00	\$446,957.00	\$446,957.00	\$0.00	\$446,957.00

BJAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

BJAG State Agencies

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
547733	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Department of Conservation and Recreation	State Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), Public Safety & Law Enforcement Staff (PS&LE), is a VLEPSC accredited, full-service agency. DCR PS&LE will utilize this grant to purchase equipment which supports the agency mission supporting for patrol/crowd/traffic management (e.g., message boards with speed tracking capabilities), and training equipment (e.g., portable range simulator). This equipment will allow the agency to enhance key areas, improving training and public interaction and response capabilities to serve the people of Virginia.
548172	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Department of Corrections	State Government	New	\$38,390.00	\$38,390.00	Meets Criteria	The Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) is the largest state agency with over 11,000 employees, approximately 24,000 inmates and 62,000 probationers. DOC's Office of Law Enforcement Services (OLES) employs fifty sworn law enforcement officers. One of the OLES' functions is to provide polygraph examinations or lie detector tests. Only trained, certified special agents can administer such tests, using the appropriate equipment. DOC has 3 agents and machines to cover requests for polygraph examinations for inmates, probationers, and staff members across the state. However, the equipment in use is outdated and no longer serviceable by the manufacturer. DOC proposes updating current equipment, to include 3 machines and mobile chairs.
548666	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Department of Juvenile Justice	State Government	New	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is seeking \$75,000 to put towards the purchase of two MX908 handheld spectrometers. DJJ plans to decrease the number of illicit drugs being brought into Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC) by implementing the use of the MX908 device into its security structure. This implementation will enhance safety and security within the facility by providing instant drug identification and detection among residents, staff and visitors.
548676	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Department of Wildlife Resources	State Government	New	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Communications Dispatch Center is seeking a grant to replace its current computer monitors and computer rack system. The existing system is outdated and limits the functionality of the computer-aided dispatch system, as well as the anticipated upgrade to the emergency phone system. Many of the current monitors are not operational, and the small screen size is causing eye strain among communications officers. These issues have the potential to interfere with public safety requests, impede the monitoring of law enforcement personnel during emergency calls, and lead to staffing challenges due to vision-related medical conditions.
548037	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Office of the State Inspector General	State Government	New	\$98,797.00	\$98,797.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) will enhance the delivery of its law enforcement services and ensure the safety of its sworn personnel by purchasing related equipment and supplies. Sworn personnel of OSIG do not currently utilize radio communications or operate vehicles with emergency lights and a siren; this grant opportunity would provide the needed funds to make these and other related purchases which will increase the capacity and efficiency of the OSIG Criminal Investigations Unit as it serves citizens throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.
547457	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles	State Government	New	\$79,770.00	\$79,770.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	Our agency is requesting funding through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to enhance our capacity to identify stolen vehicles effectively. Specifically, we seek to acquire two Regula forensic devices, which are advanced tools designed for verifying vehicle identification numbers (VINs) and identifying stolen vehicles. The acquisition of these devices will directly support our mission to improve public safety by equipping officers with state-of-the-art technology to combat vehicle theft. The Regula devices offer precision and efficiency in identifying tampered or fraudulent VINs, which are often used to mask stolen vehicles. By obtaining this equipment, we aim to reduce stolen vehicle rates and improve investigative outcomes.