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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Patrick Long, Law Enforcement Division
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Re: CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program – Co-Response Team Grants

The purpose of the Marcus Alert/Crisis Intervention Team Grant Program is to provide law enforcement agencies a one-time grant for the purchasing, operating, and maintenance of co-responder teams that operate under Marcus Alert. State General Funds totaling \$2,200,000 were available for Co-Response Team Grants.

DCJS received 14 applications with requests totaling \$738,774. After reviewing the applications, staff recommends the approval of 12 applications in the amount of \$608,596.

Two applications totaling \$130,178 were not recommended for funding. These applications requested equipment that does not pertain to de-escalation or crisis intervention strategies, or the locality does not operate a Marcus Alert/Co-Response Program.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund 12 grant applications** for the 12-month period (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025), **totaling \$608,596**, using State General Funds allocated for this purpose.

CITMA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

CIT Marcus Alert

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
546668	Blacksburg, Town	Town Government	\$12,025.00	\$0.00	\$12,025.00	\$12,025.00	\$0.00	\$12,025.00
545757	Chesapeake, City	City Government	\$15,035.00	\$0.00	\$15,035.00	\$15,035.00	\$0.00	\$15,035.00
544482	Chesterfield, County	County Government	\$53,178.00	\$0.00	\$53,178.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
544654	Danville, City	City Government	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
547557	Fairfax, County	County Government	\$41,000.00	\$0.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$0.00	\$41,000.00
547494	Hampton, City	City Government	\$12,870.00	\$0.00	\$12,870.00	\$12,870.00	\$0.00	\$12,870.00
544505	Prince William County	County Government	\$45,892.00	\$0.00	\$45,892.00	\$45,892.00	\$0.00	\$45,892.00
546989	Radford City	City Government	\$33,441.00	\$0.00	\$33,441.00	\$33,441.00	\$0.00	\$33,441.00
544480	Roanoke County	County Government	\$11,692.00	\$0.00	\$11,692.00	\$11,692.00	\$0.00	\$11,692.00
547819	Spotsylvania County	County Government	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
544575	University of Virginia	State University	\$93,700.00	\$0.00	\$93,700.00	\$93,700.00	\$0.00	\$93,700.00
546502	Virginia Commonwealth University	State University	\$44,346.00	\$0.00	\$44,346.00	\$44,346.00	\$0.00	\$44,346.00
544528	Washington County	County Government	\$98,595.00	\$0.00	\$98,595.00	\$98,595.00	\$0.00	\$98,595.00
547576	Weber City, Town	Town Government	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$738,774.00	\$0.00	\$738,774.00	\$608,596.00	\$0.00	\$608,596.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$738,774.00	\$0.00	\$738,774.00	\$608,596.00	\$0.00	\$608,596.00

CITMA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

CIT Marcus Alert

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Applicant Brief Project Overview
546668	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Blacksburg, Town	Town Government	New	\$12,025.00	\$12,025.00	Meets Criteria	The Blacksburg Police Department is seeking grant funding to support the co-response program that was implemented in cooperation with New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS). This grant funding is sought to provide needed equipment and office equipment for the department's co-responder and officer. The department has allotted space to allow the co-responder to have a private office area to work and complete daily paperwork, case follow-ups, and phone calls.
545757	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Chesapeake, City	City Government	New	\$15,035.00	\$15,035.00	Meets Criteria	The City of Chesapeake Police Department (CPD) seeks to purchase equipment and technology to support the needs of our co-response unit. This equipment and technology will help officers have better organization, easier distribution of resource materials to those experiencing mental health crises and have better technology to interface with clinicians and clients alike.
544482	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Chesterfield, County	County Government	New	\$53,178.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	This grant proposal seeks funding to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement officers responding to mental health crises. The requested funding will be used to procure two key components: helmets for force-on-force officer training and more ergonomic handcuffs. These tools are crucial for ensuring officer safety and protecting individuals in crisis during encounters involving mental health-related situations. MARCUS ALERT aims to provide a more compassionate, de-escalation, and appropriate response to people in crisis, and these resources will support its mission to transform public safety and mental health intervention strategies for the Chesterfield County Police Department (CCPD).
544654	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Danville, City	City Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets Criteria	The Danville Police Department (DPD) is partnering with the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board (DPCS) to implement a Marcus Alert Co-Response model within the next 12 months, as funding and equipment are in place. DPCS also services Pittsylvania County, which receives law enforcement services from the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Department. DPD and DPCS have a draft MOU in place, but planning found a need for unmarked vehicles for the response. The grant project is a request for \$100,000 to purchase two sport utility vehicles as unmarked response and transport vehicle options to make Marcus Alert possible. Teams of a clinician and law enforcement officer trained in mental health response will respond to individuals in crisis.
547557	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Fairfax, County	County Government	New	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	Meets Criteria	The Fairfax County Co-Responder Program pairs a sworn Fairfax County Police Officer with a Community Services Board (CSB) Clinician to respond to public safety calls involving behavioral health issues. With units operating daily from 10 AM to midnight, the program provides crisis intervention services for individuals experiencing mental health, substance use, and related challenges. The program aligns with Fairfax County's Diversion First initiative and Virginia's Marcus Alert law, which fosters collaboration among 9-1-1 centers, law enforcement, and behavioral health agencies for improved crisis responses.
547494	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Hampton, City	City Government	New	\$12,870.00	\$12,870.00	Meets Criteria	The grant funds are being sought to purchase 6 tablet based computers for use by the staff members of the Hampton Marcus Alert Co-Responder Teams. Having these computers will make teams more efficient and effective in the field processing the data needed to provide services to citizens in mental health crisis.
544505	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Prince William County	County Government	New	\$45,892.00	\$45,892.00	Meets Criteria	The Prince William County Police Co-Responder Unit is allotted six (6) full time sworn Police Officer positions, four (4) Part Time Sworn Police Officer positions and eight (8) Clinicians from the Community Services Board. The full time and part time Officers, along with Clinicians work staggered shifts Sunday through Friday. The equipment provided under the DCJS grant will increase the safety and professionalism of the Officers and Clinicians while responding to dynamic calls involving persons in crisis. The funding will also go to help educated Patrol Officers, Dispatchers and the public about Marcus Alert which will further help those experiencing a crisis locate proper resources.

546989	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Radford City	City Government	New	\$33,441.00	\$33,441.00	Meets Criteria	The Radford City PD in partnership with NRVCS established a Co-Response program in late 2023. Radford City PD also manages the primary PSAP for the city receiving 911 calls to include those on Radford University campus. This program includes a clinician from NRVCS that is assigned daily to a Radford City PD patrol officer working their regular shift. The clinician is responsible for assisting with the response to individuals in mental health crisis for both the city and Radford University. This project would seek to add equipment to expedite the response process and ensure the safest outcome for the responders and individual in crisis.
544480	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Roanoke County	County Government	New	\$11,692.00	\$11,692.00	Meets Criteria	The Marcus Alert Co-Responder unit consists of 7 clinicians who respond to calls for service for the jurisdictions of the Roanoke County, the City of Roanoke, the town of Vinton, and the City of Salem. These clinicians work varying shifts and, at times, need to respond to calls for service prior to being able to pass over equipment necessary for the daily job. On different occasions, these clinicians were not able to pass over the police radio to the other clinicians coming on to work. The radio is an essential piece of equipment to have at the start of the shift. It is the lifeline of communication between the clinicians and the police. We are seeking funding to purchase two additional radios and hardware to alleviate issues.
547819	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Spotsylvania County	County Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets Criteria	The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is respectfully requesting \$100,000 towards the purchase of two unmarked law enforcement vehicles and vehicle radios for their Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). The vehicles will be used to transport BHU personnel, emergency services clinicians from their co-response partner from the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board, as well as members of the community experiencing a mental or behavioral health crisis.
544575	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	University of Virginia	State University	New	\$93,700.00	\$93,700.00	Meets Criteria	The UVA Police and Safety System works for compassionate and responsive services for students/faculty/staff and people in crisis. The Crisis Response Co-Response (CRC) Team is designed to provide an alternative to police action whenever possible for non-criminal, substance abuse, poverty, and mental health crisis. To effectively respond to these challenges and bring positive change to our campus community, the CRC aims to create a partnership between dedicated, specially trained UVA officers and mental health professionals. A combined response would provide a multifaceted support system to the person in crisis, while also increasing constructive outcome options.
546502	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Virginia Commonwealth University	State University	New	\$44,346.00	\$44,346.00	Meets Criteria	RapidSOS UNITE enhances VCU's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system during emergencies. It provides vital information, including medical histories, medications, and GPS coordinates, empowering officers and Safety Ambassadors to respond effectively, especially in mental health crises or when individuals can't communicate their locations. The integration includes real-time vehicle data, health records, and GIS location data for a comprehensive view of emergencies. The quote includes four user licenses to meet daily staffing needs at the VCU Police Emergency Communications Center. Additionally, collaboration with the City of Richmond expands the data set for responders, improving safety and response efficiency in the community.
544528	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Washington County	County Government	New	\$98,595.00	\$98,595.00	Meets Criteria	Our goal with this project is to continue collaborative efforts between the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and Highlands Community Services (HCS) by further supporting and equipping our Co-Response Unit(s). Grant funds would be utilized to procure and partially equip two vehicles for the Co-Response Program, as well as procurement of other supply and equipment items needed for training purposes, which are detailed further in the supply/equipment sections of the grant application. These funds would alleviate some of the financial burden placed on our department ensuring that we have necessary means for transportation and training scenarios to keep this program and partnership functioning.
547576	CIT/Marcus Alert Grant Program	Weber City, Town	Town Government	New	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Weber City Police Department seeks grant funding to purchase an unmarked vehicle for transporting individuals experiencing mental health crises to evaluation and treatment facilities. The unmarked design ensures a discreet, non-threatening environment, reducing stigma for those in distress. To enhance safety and accountability, the vehicle will include an in-car camera to document transports while maintaining privacy and sensitivity. Individuals in crisis are often in vulnerable states, requiring calm and compassionate care. This vehicle will support the department's commitment to community-focused mental health initiatives, ensuring timely, dignified care and fostering trust through transparency.