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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

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

Date: February 27, 2025

Re: Children's Justice Act Grant Program (CJA) - One-Time Grant

The purpose of this Children's Justice Act (CJA) one-time grant funding opportunity is to support child-serving entities in the following areas:

- Trauma-informed child friendly spaces,
- Forensic interview equipment,
- Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Development and Enhancement, and
- Volunteer Support and Recruitment.

Further, because of the source of funding, these grants must support improvement of the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

DCJS received 36 applications totaling \$628,295. After reviewing the applications, staff recommends approval of 25 applications totaling \$380,078.

Eleven applications are recommended for denial. Applicants that requested unallowable expenses or those that did not clearly justify the request for funds were not selected for funding.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund 25 grant applications** for the 6-month period (4/1/25-9/30/25), **totaling \$380,078**, using Federal CJA funds allocated for this purpose.

CHJA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Children's Justice Act Program Grant

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
546015	Action in Community Svcs, Inc. (ACTS)	Non-Profit Organization	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
547568	Amherst County	County Government	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
547421	Blue Ridge CASA for Children	Other	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
547526	CAPS of the Blue Ridge, Inc.	Other	\$19,900.00	\$0.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$0.00	\$19,900.00
547765	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Other	\$15,467.00	\$0.00	\$15,467.00	\$15,467.00	\$0.00	\$15,467.00
546608	Centra Health, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$18,852.00	\$0.00	\$18,852.00	\$18,852.00	\$0.00	\$18,852.00
547717	Charlottesville, City	City Government	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
547735	Chesterfield, County	County Government	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
547818	Children's Trust	Non-Profit Organization	\$8,108.00	\$0.00	\$8,108.00	\$8,108.00	\$0.00	\$8,108.00
547523	CHKD Child Abuse Program	Other	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,560.00	\$0.00	\$15,560.00
547817	Cntr for Alexandria's Children, Inc.	Other	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,775.00	\$0.00	\$18,775.00
547554	Collins Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$8,845.00	\$0.00	\$8,845.00	\$8,845.00	\$0.00	\$8,845.00
546414	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	\$11,645.00	\$0.00	\$11,645.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
546575	Culpeper, County	County Government	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
546207	Emporia, City	City Government	\$17,351.00	\$0.00	\$17,351.00	\$17,351.00	\$0.00	\$17,351.00
544715	Family Crisis Support Svcs, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00
547802	Foothills Child Advocacy Center	Other	\$19,049.00	\$0.00	\$19,049.00	\$11,049.00	\$0.00	\$11,049.00
547669	Greater Richmond SCAN	Other	\$5,540.00	\$0.00	\$5,540.00	\$5,540.00	\$0.00	\$5,540.00
547793	Highlands Comm Svcs Prev & Educ Department	Other	\$19,996.00	\$0.00	\$19,996.00	\$3,689.00	\$0.00	\$3,689.00
546788	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	\$17,683.00	\$0.00	\$17,683.00	\$17,683.00	\$0.00	\$17,683.00
547663	Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	Other	\$19,957.00	\$0.00	\$19,957.00	\$19,957.00	\$0.00	\$19,957.00
545830	Project Horizon, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$19,325.00	\$0.00	\$19,325.00	\$19,325.00	\$0.00	\$19,325.00
547517	Pulaski, Town	Town Government	\$17,197.00	\$0.00	\$17,197.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
547599	Radford City	City Government	\$19,999.00	\$0.00	\$19,999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
547786	Rockbridge County	County Government	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
546768	Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Cntr	Other	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
547843	Samaritan House, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$5,109.00	\$0.00	\$5,109.00	\$5,109.00	\$0.00	\$5,109.00
547516	Scott County	County Government	\$19,425.00	\$0.00	\$19,425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
547536	Shelter for Help in Emergency	Other	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
547472	Sussex County	County Government	\$17,957.00	\$0.00	\$17,957.00	\$17,138.00	\$0.00	\$17,138.00
545992	Tazewell, Town	Town Government	\$18,610.00	\$0.00	\$18,610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
545774	Total Action Against Poverty	Other	\$19,980.00	\$0.00	\$19,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

547615	Valley Children's Advocacy Ctr.	Other	\$18,030.00	\$0.00	\$18,030.00	\$13,230.00	\$0.00	\$13,230.00
547796	Valley Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine LLC	Other	\$18,270.00	\$0.00	\$18,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
546141	Vision Hope and Healing LLC	Other	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
545974	YWCA of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00

Program Category SubTotal:			<u>\$628,295.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$628,295.00</u>	<u>\$380,078.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$380,078.00</u>
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Grant Program Grand Total:			\$628,295.00	\$0.00	\$628,295.00	\$380,078.00	\$0.00	\$380,078.00
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CHJA -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Children's Justice Act Grant Program

27-Feb-2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Internal Status	Applicant Brief Project Overview
546015	Children's Justice Act	Action In Community Svcs, Inc. (ACTS)	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	The Children's Advocate Support Initiative aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of services provided to children and families affected by trauma, abuse, or neglect. This program will utilize grant funding to strengthen our capacity to serve children by fostering safe, supportive, and professional environments that prioritize their well-being and recovery, which it will include support groups and individual sessions for children ages 5yrs-17yrs old.
547568	Children's Justice Act	Amherst County	County Government	New	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Amherst Counties Children and Family Services is working in partnership with Amherst County Public Schools and Amherst County Sheriff's Office to transform the 10 School Resource Officers offices into Trauma Informed Spaces. The goal of the project is to create a calm and inviting space in which the SRO's will be able to interact with the students and families that is conducive to trauma informed practices. We will accomplish this transition through the upgrading of paint, lighting, decor, and sensory tools. In creating these safe spaces, it is the goal that the students and their families will be more willing to engage with the SRO's as well as more receptive of their services and open conversation to resolve various levels of situations.
547421	Children's Justice Act	Blue Ridge CASA for Children	Other	New	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	This project aims to replace outdated laptops for Blue Ridge CASA's staff, equipping them with reliable, high-performing technology essential for delivering effective advocacy services. The new laptops will support staff in managing sensitive case files, tracking data in the CASA Manager database, coordinating with advocates and stakeholders, and providing trauma-informed support to advocates serving children who have experienced abuse and neglect. This upgrade will enhance operational efficiency, improve data security, and ensure we can continue meeting the needs of vulnerable children across our service areas.
547526	Children's Justice Act	CAPS of the Blue Ridge, Inc.	Other	New	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	Meets Criteria	This project will enhance child-friendly spaces in the Southern VA CACs and local courts and should serving over 500 children annually. Funds will provide child-sized furnishings, interactive gaming systems, books, and sensory items and games to create trauma-informed environments. A contracted artists will paint murals and new TVs will also enhance these waiting spaces. The purchase of iPads and maintaining a virtual secure platform in a dedicated space will expand CCTV services for testimony and victim support options for pttsylvania County and continue providing service throughout our entire service area.
547765	Children's Justice Act	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Other	New	\$15,467.00	\$15,467.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Center for Child & Family Services provides mental health services to victims of crime, including child abuse and neglect. The focus of the project is to create two trauma-informed, child-friendly counseling spaces (rooms) to include furniture, inclusive play tables and toys, child trauma informed decor, furnishings, materials and child trauma kits for the client to include weighted blanket and support materials for each client. Investing in these spaces allows counselors to better address the unique needs of traumatized children, creating opportunities for healing and resilience. Funding will also support four program staff to complete enhanced training on play therapy. We anticipate serving 50 clients on this project.
546608	Children's Justice Act	Centra Health, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$18,852.00	\$18,852.00	Meets Criteria	Centra Forensic Nurses work with a large population of children. The nurses strive to provide trauma-informed care within a child friendly environment. This project will allow funding for a sensory cart to be placed at all sites for the children to use as they go through the hospital (or CAC) process to include interviews and the examination for evidence and injuries. Once the funding is secured, the plan would be to order these carts and deploy them to each site as soon as they arrive and implement immediately. In 2024, the Centra forensic nurses served 608 children that had been abused sexually and/or physically. 35 with special needs. We feel this cart will enhance the services to these children by reducing fear, stress, and anxiety.
547717	Children's Justice Act	Charlotteville, City	City Government	New	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	This project aims to modify an existing meeting room in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to create a peaceful, trauma-informed space for children. Modifications will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sound-proof the space to filter noise from courtroom proceedings o Install child-sized furniture and work surfaces o Provide trauma-informed books and toys for various ages and abilities o Install soft floor covering o Paint and decorate with soothing, natural colors and textures

547735	Children's Justice Act	Chesterfield, County	County Government	New	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The Chesterfield County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office seeks to establish a trauma-informed, child-friendly meeting space designed to provide a safe, supportive, and calming environment for child victims and witnesses impacted by trauma. This project will enhance our ability to engage with vulnerable populations, including survivors and witnesses of abuse, violence, and other traumatic experiences, ensuring they feel respected, comfortable, and empowered during interviews with our prosecutors.
547818	Children's Justice Act	Children's Trust	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$8,108.00	\$8,108.00	Meets Criteria	Children's Trust operates four Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in the Roanoke and New River Valleys, Bedford, and Twin Counties. Forensic interviews and family advocacy services are provided at each center. The multidisciplinary model of collaboration is core to the services offered to our alleged child victims of abuse, providing a continuum of coordinated oversight in their care. The quality of this care is dependent upon the quality of our forensic recording equipment and the training of our multidisciplinary team (MDT) partners. Our Twin Counties CAC is in need of updated forensic recording equipment. This project will
547523	Children's Justice Act	CHHD Child Abuse Program	Other	New	\$20,000.00	\$15,560.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	CHHD Child Advocacy Center (CAC) will use the Children's Justice Act One-Time Grant to improve the Hampton Roads child-protection system by supporting trauma-informed child friendly spaces and developing and enhancing MDTs. Anticipated implementation activities include: 1) sending MDT partners and CAC staff to conferences, 2) supporting travel costs for a trainer/consultant to provide trauma-informed training for MDT partners, 3) supporting professional interpreters/consultants services, and 4) purchasing supplies and other items to include TVs, ear pieces for CAC staff, and child engagement items. A minimum of 101 children will benefit from project activities, with long-term positive impacts on CAC and MDT service provision anticipated.
547817	Children's Justice Act	Cntr for Alexandria's Children, Inc.	Other	New	\$20,000.00	\$18,775.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	Funds will improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases in the City of Alexandria. Funds will be used to improve and create trauma-informed child-friendly spaces within our Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and within the offender-free secure waiting area of our Children's Advocacy Center. Funds will develop and enhance our entire MDT, approximately 45 members, by supporting specialized training and learning opportunities. We plan to provide cultural competency learning opportunities, as well as convene our community's Human Trafficking response. We will also support MDT specialized training by providing scholarships for up to 10 MDT members.
547554	Children's Justice Act	Collins Center	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$8,845.00	\$8,845.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	Grant funds will be used to purchase essential IT equipment for our satellite site in Page Co. This equipment, including a new server, 5 year warranty, and Dell desktop computer (with expert installation), is required to securely conduct AV recordings of forensic interviews in our Child Advocacy Center, essential evidence in child sexual abuse investigations. Current equipment at this facility is more than 5 years old and showing signs of deterioration, including frequent freezing and shutdowns that negatively impact the interview process. Newly purchased equipment will be used to conduct 65 - 75 forensic interviews per year and support investigations for 2 multidisciplinary teams in Page Co and Warren Co (375 victims over 5 year warranty).
546414	Children's Justice Act	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	New	\$11,645.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	The Colonial Heights Police Department will implement a new Star Witness HD web-based interview system to enhance child investigations. This advanced system enables high-quality recording and secure web-based access to interviews, ensuring accurate documentation and streamlined case management. Designed for sensitive cases, the system improves the ability to capture critical details, supports transparency in the investigative process, and facilitates collaboration with prosecutors and child advocacy partners. It represents a significant upgrade in technology to better serve vulnerable victims and achieve justice.
546575	Children's Justice Act	Culpeper, County	County Government	New	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Meets Criteria	The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, Culpeper Human Services, Culpeper Child Protective Services, and Culpeper Youth Network have identified an immediate need for a children's soft interview room to be constructed in Culpeper County. More than 200 children were interviewed last year and could have benefited from the availability of a soft interview space. If awarded, grant funds would be utilized to purchase equipment necessary for the space.
546207	Children's Justice Act	Emporia, City	City Government	New	\$17,351.00	\$17,351.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	The CAC is a child-focused setting designed to provide a safe and comfortable neutral place where services can be offered to child victims of abuse and neglect and their families. Services offered include forensic interviews for children who have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, witness to violence, human trafficking, drug endangerment, and other forms of child maltreatment. Funds will be used to update the existing forensic interview equipment purchased in June of 2018. Since the purchase of the original system, technological advances have resulted in higher-quality systems and improved system dependability, which will benefit clients and our MDT partners throughout the investigation and prosecution of abuse cases.

544715	Children's Justice Act	Family Crisis Support Svcs, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$20,000.00	\$16,500.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	FCSS is a multifaceted agency located in the Appalachian region, dedicated to assisting victims of domestic and sexual violence, trafficking, homelessness, and individuals living in poverty. In March 2025, FCSS will begin construction on a new facility that will provide spaces for its services, as well as collaborative services for individuals, families, and children. This funding opportunity will help FCSS furnish and design a trauma-informed, child-friendly space within the facility. FCSS plans to utilize grant funds to purchase supplies for this room within the grant's time frame. In 2024, FCSS served approximately 2,917 children across all its programs, and the number of children served is expected to increase in 2025.
547802	Children's Justice Act	Foothills Child Advocacy Center	Other	New	\$19,049.00	\$11,049.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	Foothills proposes a dual project to modernize its operations with a new website and an OWL Lab system. The website will feature a secure portal for Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) members, a family-friendly design for easy navigation of resources, and volunteer engagement tools to inspire community involvement. This upgrade ensures accessibility, streamlines collaboration, and enhances outreach efforts. The OWL Lab system, equipped with a 360-degree camera, microphone, and speaker, will revolutionize virtual and hybrid meetings, training sessions, and case reviews. Together, these tools will improve communication, efficiency, and engagement, aligning with Foothills' mission to support children, families, and partners effectively.
547669	Children's Justice Act	Greater Richmond SCAN	Other	New	\$5,540.00	\$5,540.00	Meets Criteria	This funding request seeks to enhance designated spaces within Greater Richmond SCAN's Child Advocacy Centers and at the City of Richmond Commonwealth Attorneys/Victim Witness Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. These enhancements will further efforts to create trauma-informed rooms for children, families and professionals who spend time within these spaces. Design elements will be added to minimize anxiety and promote a sense of safety for individuals who may have experienced trauma, thereby enhancing their experience during service delivery.
547793	Children's Justice Act	Highlands Comm Svcs Prev & Educ Department	Other	New	\$19,996.00	\$3,689.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	The Children's Advocacy Center of Highlands Community Services (CAC) hosts 4 multidisciplinary teams covering the City of Bristol, VA, and Bland, Smyth and Washington Counties. The MDTs provide investigative, prosecutorial, medical, mental health, advocacy & treatment services to approximately 400 child victims per year. The CAC and its MDTs also have experience working collaboratively with its local Virginia State Police Division, the FBI, Homeland Security & the US Attorney's office of Western VA. This project will allow MDT members & CAC staff to receive specialized training to improve their knowledge, skills and abilities related to intervention & treatment of child abuse, including cyber crimes and human trafficking.
546788	Children's Justice Act	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$17,683.00	\$17,683.00	Meets Criteria	Children's Justice Act funding will be used to create a trauma-informed child-safe space in collaboration with the Loudoun County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney.
547663	Children's Justice Act	Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	Other	New	\$19,957.00	\$19,957.00	Meets Criteria	This proposed project will fund the furnishing of a new satellite CAC in Scott County in a trauma-informed child friendly way. The project will cover the installation of forensic interview equipment, electronic supplies, sound machines, and age-appropriate supplies for mental health treatment. The project will also support enhancing the spaces at the Dickenson County and Lee County satellite sites. MDT enhancement will be addressed by the provision of the HART training for MDT partners. Approximately 200 children from Scott County and their caregivers would be served by this project. Currently, Scott Co. clients travel 1 1/2 to 2 hours to receive services.
545830	Children's Justice Act	Project Horizon, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$19,325.00	\$19,325.00	Meets Criteria	The purpose of this grant solicitation is to improve services offered through Project Horizon's Child Advocacy Center by: Updating our existing forensic interview room seeking a more trauma-informed child friendly space; replacing outdated forensic interview equipment; and, supporting our Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) development and enhancement through training room equipment updates.
547517	Children's Justice Act	Pulaski, Town	Town Government	New	\$17,197.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	The Town of Pulaski Police Department is located in a small rural town with a significantly high poverty level, thus making the tax base low. We are requesting monies to update our interview room recording equipment that is currently malfunctioning and unreliable. Since we have a detective who is dedicated to ICAC and child cases and conduct our own investigations on these cases as well as an abundance of other incidents, it is imperative that we have interview evidence in order to effectively charge and prosecute those who commit these crimes.

547599	Children's Justice Act	Radford City	City Government	New	\$19,999.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	This project would seek funding to obtain equipment needed complete the conversion of an existing room into a space that would allow a trauma-informed space to conduct interviews of children and other victims of crimes. The Radford City PD already received some equipment to include: a couch, chair, and table from another agency that conducts trauma-informed interviews. The equipment requested in this project would provide the funding to obtain the remainder of the equipment to appropriately utilize the space for these interviews.
547786	Children's Justice Act	Rockbridge County	County Government	New	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Funding to be provided to the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office to procure equipment necessary in the investigation and prosecution of crimes against children in our community. This equipment will help us better prepare and address incidents involving child victims and child witnesses as we address these difficult cases. The equipment applied for will help our agency as a whole from initial response to investigation and interviewing. This funding will be targeted to procure mobile audio and visual equipment to better interview child victims in the community in a safer and less invasive format more comparable to the child first interviews.
546768	Children's Justice Act	Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Cntr	Other	New	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center is partnering with Essex County to establish a satellite child advocacy center in Tappahannock for use by rural jurisdictions in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. This project will develop and enhance the Essex County/Safe Harbor Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) by establishing a trauma-informed, child friendly space that utilizes forensic interviewing equipment. The purpose of this grant is to improve investigation, prosecution, and judicial and administrative handling of child abuse and neglect cases in rural jurisdictions with limited access to trauma-informed services for juvenile victims and witnesses. It is projected that this project will serve approximately 70 juveniles per year.
547843	Children's Justice Act	Samaritan House, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$5,109.00	\$5,109.00	Meets Criteria	From April 1 to September 30, 2025, the CIA one-time grant will aid Samaritan House, Inc. (SHI) in establishing, developing, and operating its services for child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. SHI uses best practices designed to improve the child-protection system for these victims-survivors by limiting additional trauma to the child victims, supporting the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect with these victims, advocating in the handling of cases involving these victims who may also have disabilities or serious health-related problems. Funds will support costs associated with trauma-informed child friendly spaces, forensic interview equipment, Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) development & enhancement.
547516	Children's Justice Act	Scott County	County Government	New	\$19,425.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Scott County Sheriff's Office serves a rural county of about 21,500 people in the county. Like most agencies we have seen an increase in crimes involving children and inappropriate sexual content often found on phones or other electronic devices. Investigating these crimes requires operating programs designed to view large amounts of electronic/ digital content as well storing that content during the investigation.
547536	Children's Justice Act	Shelter for Help in Emergency	Other	New	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	Providing trauma-informed environments for children who have witnessed domestic violence is vital for their emotional, psychological, and physical well-being. Witnessing domestic violence can profoundly impact children, often leading to long-term challenges such as anxiety, depression, behavioral issues, difficulty forming relationships, and academic struggles. The Shelters Residential Services program provides trauma-informed services to adults and children. This grant funding will be used to update the programs child friendly spaces with inviting and accessible furniture that creates a welcoming atmosphere as well as materials such as toys, games, and books for a relaxed, playful and enjoyable environment.
547472	Children's Justice Act	Sussex County	County Government	New	\$17,957.00	\$17,138.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	The Sussex Commonwealth's Attorney Children's Justice Act grant will be used to create two trauma informed child-friendly space for cases in Sussex County. These spaces will be both at the JDR courthouse and a shared room accessible to law enforcement 24 hours as day /7 days a week. Child-friendly spaces will help children feel safe and protected, and ensure they receive proper care. They can also help staff better serve children as these areas will help them feel protected from abuse, violence and exploitation and they can communicate without fear and build resiliency.
545992	Children's Justice Act	Tazewell, Town	Town Government	New	\$18,610.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	With the funds, we intend to create a soft interview room to be utilized with juvenile cases that is not the stark interrogation room. We also intend to purchase items to aid our investigators in abuse, neglect and death cases involving children including SUDJ dolls as well as sexual assault dolls. With the availability of the room as well as the equipment, we will be able to make victims and children more comfortable in their setting as they are interviewed during these traumatic occurrences as well as give our investigators the best tools available in bringing these cases to resolution.

545774	Children's Justice Act	Total Action Against Poverty	Other	New	\$19,980.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Total Action Against Poverty. (dba. Total Action for Progress)TAP requests \$19,980.00 for our Safe Visitation and Exchange site. Sabrina's Place. Sabrina's Place's mission statement and goal is to provide a safe, accessible, and culturally sensitive supervised visitation and safe exchange program for families who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault and/or stalking. Sabrina's Place receives referrals from the 23rd and 25th Jurisdictions in southwestern Virginia. It is the only free Safe Visitation and Exchange site in the western half of Virginia. Funding from CIA will support an estimated 46.5% of the rent for the SP facility and will serve an estimated minimum of 47 families and 141 individuals.
547615	Children's Justice Act	Valley Children's Advocacy Ctr.	Other	New	\$18,030.00	\$13,230.00	Meets Criteria at reduced level	The Highland County Department of Social Services, in partnership with the Highland County Sheriff's Office and Valley Children's Advocacy Center, seeks funding to create a trauma-informed, child-friendly interview space. Highland County, Virginia's most rural locality, is surrounded by mountainous terrain, with the nearest Child Advocacy Center 48-60 miles away. This project will equip a welcoming, multipurpose space with forensic interview tools and furnishings. In 2024, the Sheriff's Office and DSS interviewed 50 children, underscoring the critical need for a local resource to reduce travel and stress for families experiencing trauma.
547796	Children's Justice Act	Valley Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine LLC	Other	New	\$18,270.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Expanding the existing SANE pediatric program to incorporate more trauma-informed care for children would make a significant difference in how they experience the healing process. This includes adding an additional SANE-P nurse, as well as equipment allowing exams in a more child friendly environment.
546141	Children's Justice Act	Vision Hope and Healing LLC	Other	New	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Doesn't Meet Criteria	Adding additional SANE nurses could help ensure that there's more availability and a better ratio of professionals to children, which is so important when working with trauma survivors. The equipment aimed at creating a child-friendly environment could really help reduce fear and anxiety, which is crucial for children who may already feel overwhelmed by the situation.
545974	Children's Justice Act	YWCA of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	We desire to offer free and reduced rate therapy sessions to children and families who have been a victim of child abuse/neglect while offering evidence based and family counseling . This shall be offered free of charge until grant funds are exhausted. We would like to waive our standard service fees and provide treatment and supportive groups to youth and families free of charge voluntarily. Grant funding will be used to cover families who lack insurance, are deemed out of network or those identified as meeting the 2024 federal poverty guidelines for the state of Virginia. We provide compassionate care thus supporting DCJS in accomplishing the objective of increasing Trauma-informed child friendly spaces.
								YWCA Richmond seeks funding to create a trauma-informed, child-friendly counseling space for children impacted by domestic and sexual violence in Chesterfield, Goodland, Hanover, Henrico, Petersburg, and Richmond. Serving at least 25 children annually, this space will provide trauma-informed care led by a licensed clinician. Funds will support the purchase of child-sized furniture, sensory tools, therapeutic toys, art supplies, and technology to enhance engagement. Additionally, hiring a bilingual clinician will increase accessibility for non-English-speaking families.