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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Jennifer MacArthur, Manager, Adult Justice Programs
Date: February 27, 2025
Re: Drive to Work Grant Program (DTWP) Fiscal Year 2026

The purpose of the Drive to Work Grant Program (DTWP) is to assist low income and previously incarcerated individuals with restoring their driving privileges so that they can drive to work and maintain employment. Drive to Work is the only organization that provides legal assistance to help individuals whose licenses are suspended by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to reinstate their driver's license. Drive to Work also provides educational services to individuals wishing to have their licenses reinstated. This program is currently funded through \$75,000 in state general funds and an additional \$75,000 in federal funds when available. The federal funds have historically come from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

DCJS received one application for the DTWP requesting a total of \$150,000, with \$75,000 in state general funds and \$75,000 in federal funds. After reviewing the application, staff recommends the approval of the application in the total amount of \$150,000.

No applications were denied with this funding opportunity.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund the DTWP application** for fiscal year 2026 (7/1/2025–6/30/2026), **totaling \$150,000**, using state general funds and federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) allocated for this purpose.

DTWP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Drive to Work Grant Program

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Application Number	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
546813	Drive-to-Work	Non-Profit Organization	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00

DTWP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

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Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant	Implementing Agency	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
546813	Drive To Work Grant Program	Drive to Work	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Meets Criteria	Lack of a valid driver's license is a serious employment-related problem. Public transportation is not available in many parts of Virginia. This effectively excludes people without driving privileges from many jobs. Workers without licenses cannot take advantage of job growth in suburban areas or fill positions in rural areas. Since 2007, Drive-To-Work has assisted low income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driver's licenses so they can drive to work and keep a job. We provide eligible individuals the legal services of attorneys to remove the causes of their license suspensions. This is a much-needed public service, a fact recognized by courts, legislators, employers, re-entry organizations, and many individuals.