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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

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

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Re: Operation Ceasefire Grant Program (OCGP) Forensic and Analytical Technology for Law Enforcement

The purpose of this Operation Ceasefire grant initiative is to support the use of technology that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth while implementing effective and sustainable solutions to intercept and eliminate local cycles of violence. Projects funded under this program will support local initiatives to fight violent crime by providing resources for law enforcement.

DCJS received 60 applications totaling \$7,482,289. After reviewing the applications, staff recommends approval of 55 applications totaling \$4,937,467.

Five applications in the amount of \$832,900 were not recommended for funding. Of the five not recommended for funding, three are current recipients of substantial earmarked funding under the Safer Communities Program and two applicants submitted insufficient information to justify the funding.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund 55 grant applications** for the 12-month period (7/1/25-6/30/26) **totaling \$4,937,467** using State Special Funds allocated for this purpose.