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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

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

Date: April 24, 2025

Re: FY2026 - Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention in Public Housing

Name of Person Presenting: Greg Hopkins, Office of Safer Communities and Youth Services

The purpose of this Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Grant Program is to support the implementation of strategies that will result in the reduction of violent crime within the Commonwealth of Virginia while implementing effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming to interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence. The current grant solicitation is to support local public housing agencies' efforts to enhance safety and address violent crime. This funding opportunity was open to local public housing agencies only. In the solicitation, DCJS announced that it anticipated awarding six (6) grants totaling approximately \$1,800,000.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	9
# Grants Denied	3
# Grants Recommended	6

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$2,361,554
Amount Denied	\$581,250
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$1,780,304

Three (3) applications were recommended for denial; two applications were deemed ineligible and one application provided insufficient information.

Recommended funding supports intervention and prevention programming for youth and young adults.

In summary, **DCJS staff request approval to fund six (6) grant applications for the 24-month period (7/1/2025-6/30/2027), totaling \$1,780,304**, using the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention funding allocated for this purpose.

FVIPF -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention PHS Supports

24-Apr-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
549854	Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	City Government	\$298,502.00	\$0.00	\$298,502.00	\$298,502.00	\$0.00	\$298,502.00
549084	City of Roanoke Redevelopment And Housing Authority	City Government	\$299,916.00	\$0.00	\$299,916.00	\$299,916.00	\$0.00	\$299,916.00
550342	Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	City Government	\$282,810.00	\$0.00	\$282,810.00	\$282,810.00	\$0.00	\$282,810.00
550120	Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority	City Government	\$299,076.00	\$0.00	\$299,076.00	\$299,076.00	\$0.00	\$299,076.00
550041	Norfolk Redevelop & Housing Authority	City Government	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
550293	Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority	City Government	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
550352	Quality of Life Counseling Center LLC	Non-Profit Organization	\$271,250.00	\$0.00	\$271,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550255	Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Auth.	City Government	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550238	South Boston, Town	Town Government	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Program Total:			\$2,361,554.00	\$0.00	\$2,361,554.00	\$1,780,304.00	\$0.00	\$1,780,304.00

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention PHS Supports

26 Apr 2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
549854	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$298,502.00	\$298,502.00	Meets criteria	The Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) is seeking funding to expand its community-based programs that engage residents in workforce development opportunities, reentry support, and youth development. Funding from this opportunity will increase ability for CRHA's existing workforce development program (the Economic Opportunity Program), including increased support for individuals affected by incarceration, and add dedicated staff to youth programming at public housing sites. To ensure high-quality and non-duplicative services, CRHA is partnering with the Urban Foundation for programs with justice-involved individuals. Funding supports one FTE (40hrs), one PTE (4hrs), travel expenses and program supplies.
549084	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	City Of Roanoke Redevelopment And Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$299,916.00	\$299,916.00	Meets criteria	In collaboration with multiple community partners, this project will create a collaborative space (utilizing unused public housing space) that will provide youth in the community an opportunity to engage with and participate in art, music, agriculture, workforce development, and more. This project aims to provide youth with a sustainable alternative to violence and create a safe space within our city's second largest public housing site. This space will not only have a positive impact on the youth, but also increase ways to engage with the public housing community and provide a whole family approach to reduction of violence, and specifically gun violence. Funding supports one PTE (16hrs), consultant (TBD) and equipment and supplies (computers, art supplies and agricultural tools).
550342	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$282,810.00	\$282,810.00	Meets criteria	Peace in the Streets aims to reduce incidents of violence in communities by promoting education, community engagement, support services, and youth empowerment. The program is a pro-active, holistic solution that will focus on addressing the root causes of violence through a community-based collaborative approach. Peace in the Streets will operate as a holistic violence prevention and intervention resource program for DRHA's public housing communities. DRHA currently owns and manages five public housing properties and would like to offer this program for at least 40 residents (youth and adults). Funding supports one FTE Project Director (40hrs), consultants, travel, equipment (tablets), supplies (mentor scholarships).
550120	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$299,076.00	\$299,076.00	Meets criteria	This proposal is a partnership between Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC). ODU's VMASC provides expertise to community organizations in the Hampton Roads area to encourage regional development. ODU supports creates mutually beneficial partnerships within the community in order to further combat crime and tackle some of the area's most pressing issues. The Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) program is a firearm violence intervention program that provides group and one-on-one mentoring with interventionists (violence interrupters), who not only positively encourage at-risk youth through mentoring, education, and employment or entrepreneurship development, but also help to improve parental relationships with local community support services. Funding supports three PTE (20hrs), program supplies (incentives, office supplies) and one consultant.
550041	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Norfolk Redevelop & Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	Meets criteria	The Y.E.S program fosters supportive environments for youth living in Norfolk's public housing communities. By actively engaging youth in sports, the program aims to promote health and wellness while reducing the risk of violence. Activities will include organized sports, education, special events, health workshops, mentorship, supportive services, and evaluation efforts. The program expects to serve 300 youth, 125 parents and 100 seniors through intergenerational activities. The requested funding will cover staff expenses and supplies needed to implement grant activities. Funding supports one FTE (40hrs), and supplies (sporting equipment, workshop materials, venue rental, volunteer stipends).

550293	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority	City Government	New	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Hopewell Housing Authority is seeking funding to support the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and Interventions (CPTEDI) initiative. The CPTEDI incorporates five components: Lighting, Landscaping, Training (Adults and Youth), Outreach, Communications (Community Partnerships). CPTEDI focuses on preventing crime by designing the physical environment to positively influence behavior. CPTEDI, uses specific design principles to deter criminal behavior. Funding supports three consultants (lighting contracts, landscaping and intervention services) and supplies (program materials).
550352	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Quality of Life Counseling Center LLC	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$271,250.00	\$0.00	Not eligible	Quality of Life takes a holistic, trauma-informed approach to firearm violence intervention and prevention by addressing the mental health needs of at-risk youth and families affected by community violence. Through evidence-based mental health interventions, the program provide youth with tools to process trauma, manage anger, and develop coping strategies that reduce their likelihood of engaging in violence. Funding supports, 12 PTE's and two FTE's, a consultant (violence intervention) and supplies, (program workbooks, incentives, office supplies).
550255	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Auth.	City Government	New	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) is seeking funding to cover costs related to support after-school programs that provide educational support, including a truancy prevention program aimed at reducing or eliminating the risk of court involvement. The proposal also incorporates an innovative non-surveillance technology to enhance security and safety for residents. Funding supports four PTE's (interns) and one FTE (arm security), subsistence (pro-social skills activities) and supplies (office supports, argicultural tools, and uniforms).
550238	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund	South Boston, Town	Town Government	New	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	Not eligible	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention PHS Support is a multi-faceted approach to reduce gun violence and gang activity within South Boston and subsequently, surrounding Halifax County. The major pillars of this program will include overtime and community/police relationship building. This project will be focused on public housing in South Boston, which has a higher propensity in this type of violence. Funding supports police overtime.