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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Jennifer MacArthur, Manager, Adult Justice Programs, Division of Programs and Services

Date: April 24, 2025

Re: FY2026 Jail Mental Health Pilot (JMHP) Grant Program Funding

Name of Person Presenting: Patricia Shaw, Grant Monitor, Adult Justice Programs

The purpose of this Jail Mental Health Pilot (JMHP) Program funding opportunity is to facilitate mental health services to individuals housed in local and regional jails. This includes assessments to identify participants, treatment plans, treatment services within the jail, and connections to services in the community upon release. The total amount of funds available is \$1,875,000.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	5
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	5

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$2,160,273
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$285,273
Total Amount Recommended	\$1,875,000

Grantees submitted needs-based applications and the funding requested exceeded the total grant funds available. DCJS recommends funding programs at the same amount as FY2025. **No grants were denied.**

Funds will be used to support personnel and consultants that provide direct services to incarcerated individuals, staff training relating to mental health disorders and evidence-based curriculum, as well as medications and reentry supplies.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund five (5) grant applications for the 12-month period (7/1/2025-6/30/2026), totaling \$1,875,000, using state general funds allocated for this purpose.

JMHP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Jail Mental Health Program

24 Apr-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested	Requested	Requested	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
			DCJS Funds	Local	Total	DCJS Funds	Local	Total
549512	Chesterfield, County	County Government	\$379,411.00	\$0.00	\$379,411.00	\$320,350.00	\$0.00	\$320,350.00
549382	Middle River Regional Jail	County Government	\$313,911.00	\$0.00	\$313,911.00	\$284,638.00	\$0.00	\$284,638.00
549792	Prince William, County	County Government	\$357,813.00	\$0.00	\$357,813.00	\$348,185.00	\$0.00	\$348,185.00
549819	Richmond, City	City Government	\$686,445.00	\$0.00	\$686,445.00	\$502,066.00	\$0.00	\$502,066.00
550074	Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority	County Government	\$422,693.00	\$0.00	\$422,693.00	\$419,761.00	\$0.00	\$419,761.00
Grant Program Total:			\$2,160,273.00	\$0.00	\$2,160,273.00	\$1,875,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,875,000.00

JMHP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Jail Mental Health Program

24-Apr-2025

Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
549512	Jail Mental Health Program	Chesterfield, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$379,411.00	\$320,350.00	Meets criteria	The Chesterfield County Jail plans to increase services provided to inmates who are mentally ill or have co-occurring disorders through continuation of services during incarceration and the immediate period after release from custody. Expansion of the grant will cover continuation of housing and medication availability, data collection efforts to measure success and continuation of training for program staff and administrators.
549382	Jail Mental Health Program	Middle River Regional Jail	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$313,911.00	\$284,638.00	Meets criteria	Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ) will provide the services of 2 Mental Health Support Specialists, 1 Psychiatrist, and 1 Contract LPC to benefit our inmate population. Special Needs Program Pods will continue to provide safe and supportive housing for offenders diagnosed with severe mental illness. Our goal is to reduce recidivism through regular and active programming on these special needs pods, as well as through the provision of appropriate supportive materials/resources to our general population. MRRJ facilitated initial release services include provision of psychotropic medications and linkage to other community agencies for continuity of care upon community transition.
549792	Jail Mental Health Program	Prince William, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$357,813.00	\$348,185.00	Meets criteria	The Prince William Adult Detention Center Jail Mental Health Program will continue/expand current programmatic offerings to mental health and co-occurring inmates; the mental health modalities include but are not limited to the provision of individual therapy, group therapy, trauma therapy, grief therapy, discharge planning services; re-entry planning; case management; transitional medications; public transportation upon release and coordination and funding for inpatient residential treatment and transitional housing supports to reduce recidivism and relapse upon reintegration into the community upon release from the detention center. The Jail Mental Health Therapist and Re-Entry Therapist will continue to address the needs of the identified population to reduce recidivism.
549819	Jail Mental Health Program	Richmond, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$686,445.00	\$502,065.00	Meets criteria	This Richmond City Jail project will continue to provide program mental health participants with enhanced opportunities to develop skills to be more successfully reintegrated into the community and put into place services to better provide for those basic unmet needs, all aimed at increasing mental capacities while decreasing the rate of recidivism in this sector of the population. This will ultimately improve the quality of life for a very vulnerable population, and it will lead to more appropriate spending of tax dollars and usage of local and state hospital beds.
550074	Jail Mental Health Program	Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$422,693.00	\$419,761.00	Meets criteria	Healthy Minds is a comprehensive curriculum addressing offenders at the Western Virginia Regional Jail who qualify for mental health services but do not meet the criteria for acute treatment. Through education, peer support, recovery planning and evidence-based programming to promote cognitive-behavioral change, Healthy Minds helps offenders understand and address their mental illness and make the long-term changes necessary to become healthy, resilient & productive citizens after their release.