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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

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

Date: May 29, 2025

Re: Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Program - Hospital Violence Intervention New Grant Funding

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

The purpose of the Hospital Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (HVIPP) funding opportunity for new projects is to support the implementation of proven strategies that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth while implementing effective and sustainable solutions to intercept and eliminate local cycles of violence. HVIPPs are multidisciplinary programs that combine the efforts of medical staff with trusted community-based partners to provide safety planning, services, and trauma-informed care to victims injured in gun violence and their families.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	2
# Grants Denied	1
# Grants Recommended	1

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$3,900,675
Amount Denied	\$350,000
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$3,550,675

One (1) application is recommended for denial as it did not provide justification for the personnel and equipment line items, and although a letter of support from the hospital was attached, it did not mention the applicant.

Funding requested through this funding opportunity supports the expansion of HVIPP programs.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund one (1) grant application for the 24-month period (7/1/2025-6/30/2027), totaling \$3,550,675 using the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention funds allocated for this purpose.

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention - HVIPP New

29-May-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested		Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended	
			DCIS Funds	Local		Local	Total
554098	Sustain Equity Group	Non-Profit Organization	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
552144	Virginia Hospital Research & Educ. Foundation	Other	\$3,550,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,550,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,550,675.00
Grant Program Total:			\$3,900,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,900,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,550,675.00

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report) Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund

29-May-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
552144	Virginia Hospital Research & Educ. Foundation	Other	New	\$3,550,675.00	\$3,550,675.00	Meets Criteria	The goal of the Virginia hospital-based Violence Intervention Program Collaborative (HVIP Collaborative) new application is to improve public safety and health outcomes for victims of violence in Virginia's high crime areas by implementing HVIPs in six Virginia hospitals: Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, UVA, VCU Health System (Empower - Petersburg), Ballad, Inova, and Bon Secours Southside (domestic violence). The HVIP Collaborative aims to enroll victims in a local HVIP program to serve patients with injuries from firearms, stabbing and assault, reduce incidents of re-injury, retaliation, recidivism, and victim mortality by augmenting services and resources available to victims during and after their hospital stay. This funding will support 12 FTE Intervention Specialists and 6 FTE Program Managers/Coordinators. The Collaborative expects to serve at least 1,200 patients over the 24 month period.
554098	Sustain Equity Group	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Sustain Equity Group, serving as fiscal agent, will partner with Community of Change, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, and Years Heart to implement a hospital-linked firearm violence intervention program. The project will provide trauma-informed case management to 50 gunshot wound survivors annually post-discharge, ensuring wraparound service navigation and digital healing supports. The initiative aims to reduce re-injury and retaliation while promoting stabilization, wellness, and coordinated care across clinical and community settings.