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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for  
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Date: May 30, 2024

Re: Peer-Support Critical Incident Stress Management Grant Program for FY25

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The Peer-Support Critical Incident Stress Management Grant Program for FY25, makes state funds available to support nonprofit organizations providing post-critical incident seminars and peer-supported critical incident stress management programs to law enforcement agencies and their staffs.

You have before you the proposed budget for the Peer-Support Critical Incident Stress Management Grant Program for FY243, totaling \$300,000, funding 2 grantees. This a continuation grant, in the fourth year of a four (4) year cycle, originally awarded for FY22.

The grant period for these awards would be from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

This budget funds both agencies previously awarded this four-year grant.

In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund 2 awards, totaling \$300,000**, through the Peer-Supported Critical Incident Stress Management Grant Program.

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## CISM -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

### Peer-Support Critical Incident Stress Management

30-May-24

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| Application #              | Location                                    | Jurisdiction            | Requested DCJS Funds | Requested Local | Requested Total      | Recommended DCJS Funds | Recommended Local | Recommended Total    |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 533708                     | Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program | Non-Profit Organization | \$ 200,000.00        | \$ -            | \$ 200,000.00        | \$ 200,000.00          | \$ -              | \$ 200,000.00        |
| 533826                     | Virginia Peer Support Association           | Non-Profit Organization | \$ 100,000.00        | \$ -            | \$ 100,000.00        | \$ 100,000.00          | \$ -              | \$ 100,000.00        |
| Program Category SubTotal: |   |                         | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> |
| Grant Program Grand Total: |   |                         | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b> |

## CISM--Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

### Peer-Support Critical Incident Stress Management

30-May-24

| Grant Application Number | Grant Program                       | Applicant Location                          | Implementing Agency     | Requested Funding | Recommended Funding | Internal Status | Applicant Brief Project Overview   | Type of Application   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 533708                   | Critical Incident Stress Management | Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program | Non-Profit Organization | \$ 200,000.00     | \$ 200,000.00       | Meets criteria  | The Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program (VALEAP) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) committed to serving law enforcement officers and first responders who have undergone traumatic critical incidents in the line of duty or in their personal lives. The program implements proven methods of peer support and mental health services to provide psychological and emotional healing to all participants. VALEAP's services include Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS). VALEAP has introduced more than 1,200 law enforcement professionals and their families to the remarkable PCIS. More than 4,600 law enforcement officers have been assisted with CISM services, and an additional 912 have been trained as peers. | Continuation of Grant |
| 533826                   | Critical Incident Stress Management | Virginia Peer Support Association           | Non-Profit Organization | \$ 100,000.00     | \$ 100,000.00       | Meets criteria  | The Virginia Peer Support Association (VAPSA) has the infrastructure in place to provide Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support training programs to jurisdictions statewide and to continue assisting with setting up teams within agencies. These funds will allow VAPSA to conduct 2 two-day seminars/workshops presented by experts in the fields of peer support, critical incident management and police psychology. Funds allocated for these seminars/workshops will provide scholarships to officers and staff of law enforcement agencies desiring to attend. The funds will also allow for the development of 4 classes for peer supporters in peer support and CISM as well as consultation to jurisdictions for peer support team development.    | Continuation of Grant |