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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section
Date: November 20, 2023
Re: Virginia Youth Violence and Substance Use

The purpose of the Virginia Youth Violence Prevention and Substance Use Grant is to provide federal funds through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Title II Formula Grants Program to local units of government, state agencies, and juvenile detention centers. The goal of this funding initiative is to provide applicants with an opportunity to request funds to implement programs designed to build or support safe communities, including but not limited to projects designed to address youth violence, and the Fentanyl crisis.

Number of Applications and Amount Available

DCJS estimated that approximately \$1,000,000 would be available through this solicitation. DCJS received 16 applications totaling \$ 4,569,811.12. On November 9, 2023, DCJS staff presented the grant summaries to the Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Prevention (ACJJP). The ACJJP, after considerable discussion and review, recommended approval of 10 grants totaling \$1,517,096.

Number of Applications Denied

Because there were insufficient funds available for the requests, cuts were required. Six requests for funding were not recommended for funding approved. One applicant was ineligible. Three applicants requested continuation funds for projects funded from other DCJS funding initiatives. One application had insufficient information for approval, and one was requesting funding for a program similar to a project previously funded.

ACJJP Recommendations to the Criminal Justice Services Board

The ACJJP is recommending to the CJSB funding 10 requests for a total of \$1,517,096 for the period January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025.

JJDP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention – Virginia Youth Violence & Substance Use

20-Nov-23

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
521492	Alexandria	City Government	\$ 159,760.00	\$ -	\$ 159,760.00	\$ 159,760.00	\$ -	\$ 159,760.00
521625	Bluefield	Town	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521424	Chesapeake Public Schools	Local School District	\$ 363,500.00	\$ -	\$ 363,500.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
521769	Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	Community Services Board	\$ 123,275.35	\$ -	\$ 123,275.35	\$ 112,160.00	\$ -	\$ 112,160.00
521841	Henrico	County Government	\$ 160,542.96	\$ -	\$ 160,542.96	\$ 139,192.00	\$ -	\$ 139,192.00
521566	Kilmarnock	Town	\$ 105,505.00	\$ -	\$ 105,505.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
520083	King William	County Government	\$ 764,758.82	\$ -	\$ 764,758.82	\$ 151,305.00	\$ -	\$ 151,305.00
519661	Old Dominion Univ Work	State University	\$ 258,083.00	\$ -	\$ 258,083.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521687	Old Dominion Univ HOPE	State University	\$ 246,535.00	\$ -	\$ 246,535.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521564	Richmond	County Government	\$ 77,049.00	\$ -	\$ 77,049.00	\$ 77,049.00	\$ -	\$ 77,049.00
521709	Richmond City	City Government	\$ 249,000.00	\$ -	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 249,000.00	\$ -	\$ 249,000.00
521071	The Micrononprofit Network	Non-Profit Organization	\$ 96,473.64	\$ -	\$ 96,473.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521884	Virginia CWealth Univ	State University	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521913	Warren	County Government	\$ 73,378.06	\$ -	\$ 73,378.06	\$ 73,378.00	\$ -	\$ 73,378.00
521668	Western Tidewater CSB	Community Services Board	\$ 745,184.25	\$ -	\$ 745,184.25	\$ 185,486.00	\$ -	\$ 185,486.00
520662	Winchester	City Government	\$ 141,766.04	\$ -	\$ 141,766.04	\$ 119,766.00	\$ -	\$ 119,766.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$ 4,569,811.12	\$ -	\$ 4,569,811.12	\$ 1,517,096.00	\$ -	\$ 1,517,096.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 4,569,811.12	\$ -	\$ 4,569,811.12	\$ 1,517,096.00	\$ -	\$ 1,517,096.00

Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521492	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Alexandria	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$159,760	\$159,760

Grant Project Description

The City of Alexandria is requesting funding to support the "Building Your Power" initiative which is a community-based mentoring program that will provide truancy and violence prevention services, student engagement, student conduct supports, school advocacy, case management and family engagement.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend full funding

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521625	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Bluefield	Town Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$5,000	\$0

Grant Project Description

The Bluefield Police Department is requesting funding to support the department's efforts to aid in youth violence and substance use prevention and intervention. The funding will support a speaker for middle and high school youth.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521424	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Chesapeake Public Schools	Community Services Board -		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$363,500	\$250,000

Grant Project Description

Chesapeake Public Schools is requesting funding to support post-threat assessment case management services for selected schools throughout the Division. Funding will also support contractual substance use prevention programming.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding the post-threat assessment case management services at a reduce level, and to remove substance use programming.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521769	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Hampton-Newport News Community	Community Services Board -		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$123,275	\$112,160

Grant Project Description

HNNCSB is seeking funding to support the Champions of C.H.A.N.G.E. program. The program will address educational needs and increase awareness for unaddressed trauma/mental health. The program will employ four components: education/training, implementation, media, and evaluation, and will focus on enhancing protective factors, skill-based learning, parenting skills, and education to ensure that youth ages 9-15 and families have a better chance to enjoy positive life outcomes.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding at a reduced amount, deleting the requested funds for gun locks.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521841	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Henrico	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$160,543	\$139,192

Grant Project Description

Henrico County CSB is seeking funding to support prevention of substance use, and violence reduction via a combination of early and targeted intensive interventions.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding at a reduce level. Remove trigger locks and "flourishing healing" program

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521566	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Kilmarnock	Town Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$105,505	\$0

Grant Project Description

The Town of Kilmarnock is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck to propose a violence/substance abuse prevention program. Programming will focus on providing youth with the skills necessary to resist peer pressure, and decipher hidden media messages often aimed at promoting high risk and unhealthy behaviors. In addition, services will focus on developing communication and coping skills.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project. Kilmarnock had a similar project which was previously funded through Title II.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
520083	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
King William	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$764,759	\$151,305

Grant Project Description

King William is seeking funding to support a comprehensive truancy prevention program designed to support at-risk students who are in danger of disengaging from school. The program aims to reduce suspension rates, anti-social behavior, and substance use, while improving personal goal achievement and social skills for better academic outcomes.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding at a reduced level. Funding will support programming in King William County only

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
519661	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Old Dominion Univ Work	State University		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$258,083	\$0

Grant Project Description

ODU is seeking funding to support youth residing in the City of Portsmouth by addressing community violence and substance use by assisting with the development of skills that enhance self-esteem, problem-solving, anger management, and stress and anxiety reduction.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521687	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Old Dominion Univ HOPE	State University		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$246,535	\$0

Grant Project Description

The ODU project will continue the WIL (Work Intergrated Work) program with an additional cohort along with continued program evaluation. The program follows a credible messenger model with Interventionists as violence interrupters to guide youth to alternative paths with education and entrepreneurship.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521564	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Richmond	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$77,049	\$77,049

Grant Project Description

Richmond County is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck to propose a violence/substance abuse prevention program. Programming will focus on providing youth with the skills necessary to resist peer pressure, decipher hidden media messages often aimed at promoting high risk and unhealthy behaviors. In addition, services will also focus on developing communication and coping skills.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding this project.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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521709	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Richmond City	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$249,000	\$249,000

Grant Project Description

Richmond City Human Services is seeking funding to assess mental health needs, provide trauma informed behavioral healthcare, teach healthy relationship skills, and reduce victimization of Spanish speaking youth. This violence prevention project leverages best practices and evidence-based strategies identified by the Centers for Disease Control in order to build protective factors against youth violence, thereby reducing the likelihood that identified youth will become perpetrators and/or victims of violence.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding this project.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521071	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
The Micrononprofit Network	Non-Profit Organization		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$96,474	\$0

Grant Project Description

The Kids Law Academy is a year-long multifaceted program that will introduce youth to law enforcement careers, forensic science, policy-making, gun safety training, mock court hearings, and engage them in activities that promote trauma-informed care, substance abuse prevention, building relationships with law enforcement officers, and community engagement. The program was established in 2020, in partnership with the Chesapeake Police Department. The program has grown and has served over 150 youth and engaged 150 families in our Cops & Community conversations. Currently, the organization partners with the Virginia Beach Police Department and several community partners within the Hampton Roads area.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project. The request came from an ineligible applicant

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521884	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Virginia CWealth Univ	State University		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$1,000,000	\$0

Grant Project Description

Emerging Leaders is a high school program that strives to provide youth with case management, group sessions, internships, mentoring, and programs that encourage positive behavior with healthy outcomes. It provides exposure to activities that enhance skills that enable positive choices. Projects and activities that promote teamwork, collaboration, philanthropy, financial responsibility, and healthy relationship skills are included.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends not funding this project. It is currently being funded through HVIP and CBGVI (past funding opportunities)

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521913	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Warren	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$73,378	\$73,378

Grant Project Description

Warren County is requesting funding to support Project SAVED program. Project SAVED (Students Avoiding Violence and Everyday Drugs) will focus on students in grades 6-12 who commit violent acts, threaten violence or misuse substances (not including nicotine vapes) in the school or community settings. It will be a partnership between Warren County Community Health Coalition, Warren Co. Juvenile Probation and Warren Co. Public Schools.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding this project

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521668	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Western Tidewater CSB	Other		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$745,184	\$185,486

Grant Project Description

This project will allow Western Tidewater Community Services Board to hire two additional clinicians to provide evidenced based modalities, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools and Functional Family Therapy to address criminogenic risk factors through mental health treatment. The aim is to target youth aged 5 to 18 who currently experience at least one criminogenic or substance use risk factor.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding one clinician along with the supplies.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
520662	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Winchester	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$141,766	\$119,766

Grant Project Description

Winchester is seeking grant funds to implement evidence-based strategies for TAC youth, ages 14-18, to increase prosocial development and reduce risk, including violence and substance use. Proposed enhancements include a step-down program for TAC graduates, as well as a mental wellness program to increase program effectiveness for trauma-exposed youth and facilitate positive relationships between youth and law enforcement. TAC will also work with consultants to expand data collection and evaluate program outcomes.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

ACJJP recommends funding this project at a reduced amount (remove the purchase of two trauma dogs for the two LE agencies)

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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