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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

Date: June 1, 2023

Re: FY24 School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Incentive Grant Program

The purpose of the SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program is to continue funding and establish new funding for School Resource Officer and School Security Officers positions in Virginia public schools. School Resource Officer positions provide law enforcement and security services to schools across the Commonwealth and School Security Officer positions maintain order and discipline, preventing crime, and investigate violations of school board policies. Funding originates from §9.1-110 of the *Code of Virginia*.

For State Fiscal Year 2024, DCJS staff request approval to award one additional SRO application. A technical error was discovered after a review of all SRO grants for consistency. Therefore, we are bringing the Rappahannock Grant application before you for approval in the amount of \$50,000 in state funds and \$200,000 in required local match.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund one additional SRO grant for FY24 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024) totaling \$50,000 in Special Funds with a local match totaling \$200,000 for 2 positions.

SRO -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

School Resource Officers

1-Jun-23

| Application # | Location | Jurisdiction | Requested State | Requested Special | Requested Total | Recommended State | Recommended Special | Recommended Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 509155 | Rappahannock | County Government | \$ - | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Program Category SubTotal: | | | \$ - | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Grant Program Grand Total: | | | \$ - | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ 179,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 |

Grant Application Summary

| Grant Application Number | Grant Program | Application Type | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 509155 | School Resource Officers | New | |
| Applicant Location | Town, City, County, etc. | | |
| Rappahannock | County Government | | |
| Grant Application Category: >>>>>> | | | |
| Internal Status | Ranking Score (if New) | Requested | Recommended |
| Meet criteria – with conditions | 0 | \$179,000 | \$50,000 |

Grant Project Description

Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office has a long history of providing security to Rappahannock County Public Schools. School safety has always been paramount to our agency. Being a small agency we must try to cover all bases with limited manpower. Current SRO's perform triple duties such as SRO, Animal Control and Patrol Deputy. With multiple responsibilities these officers carry, leaves our schools without a law enforcement presence. Depending on call volume, our schools can be without law enforcement presence for long periods of time. This is a major safety concern. Being a small and rural county, extra resources are limited. Our closest neighboring county is thirty minutes or greater from our schools.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Locality has a .8000 composite index and is therefore only eligible for .2000 of the maximum total award of \$125,000 per position.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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| Concur/accept staff recommendation as presented <input type="checkbox"/> | Concur w/staff recommendation as modified below <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree w/staff recommendation as stated below <input type="checkbox"/> |
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