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To: Criminal Justice Services Board
From: Kristina Vadas, Manager, Victims Services
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Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding to the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, State Fiscal Year 2024 Award Modification

Since State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been allocated to DCJS to support services to victims of crime, especially for services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. One of the recipients of this funding is the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (Alliance), a statewide nonprofit coalition of sexual and domestic violence agencies and survivors. ARPA funding currently supports the Alliance's operation of the toll-free, statewide family violence and sexual assault hotline, as well as a legal services program for survivors.

In the recently amended state budget, specific language is included that directs additional ARPA funds to the Alliance. It reads:

...to include at least \$190,000 in nongeneral funds the second year for the contract with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance for the management and operation of statewide crisis services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence through a designated confidential hotline that includes a virtual platform and is linked to the network of local sexual and domestic violence service providers.

DCJS will therefore **increase the Alliance's current SFY 2024 ARPA award by \$190,000, to a total of \$689,517**, using ARPA funds allocated for this purpose.