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Re: CY 2026 School Resource Officer New Positions Grant Funding

Name of Person Presenting: Mr. Tracy Matthews, Law Enforcement Grants and Programs, Manager, Public Safety Training and The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

The purpose of the School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Incentive Grant Program is to fund and establish new School Resource Officer (SRO) positions and fund and establish new funding for School Security Officer (SSO) 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, prevent crime, and investigate violations of school board policies. Funding originates from *Code of Virginia* 9.1-110.

The CY 2026 School Resource Officer New Positions Grant funding opportunity is intended to fund new SRO grants. This funding will fund SRO positions in 19 primary schools, four combination primary/secondary schools, and 27 secondary schools for a total of 50 positions.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	28
# Grants Denied	2
# Grants Recommended	26

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$5,342,459
Amount Denied	\$178,656
Amount Reduced/Increased	\$66,495 reduced \$76 increased
Total Amount Recommended	\$5,097,384

Two (2) applications were denied. One requested funding for a position currently funded by a SRO grant through June 2026, and one requested funding for a location that is not a public school.

The amounts that were reduced included requests for ineligible items and/or including too much in local matching funds. The increased amount was due to an applicant not including enough local matching funds.

Some grant applications were marked “continuation” instead of “new” to indicate that they previously received DCJS SRO grant funding that ended in June 2025 at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

In summary, DCJS Staff request approval to fund 26 grant applications for the 12-month period (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026), totaling \$5,097,384, using \$3,782,134 in SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program funding and \$1,315,250 in local match.

SRO -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Cover Report)

CY 2026 School Resource Officer New Positions Grant

9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
559330	Abingdon, Town	Town Government	\$58,184.00	\$30,766.00	\$88,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
559018	Alleghany, County	County Government	\$100,000.00	\$93,394.00	\$193,394.00	\$111,540.00	\$42,033.00	\$153,573.00
558444	Amherst, County	County Government	\$65,170.00	\$28,130.00	\$93,300.00	\$65,170.00	\$28,130.00	\$93,300.00
558761	Appomattox, County	County Government	\$60,193.00	\$23,662.00	\$83,855.00	\$60,193.00	\$23,662.00	\$83,855.00
558851	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	\$64,960.00	\$21,200.00	\$86,160.00	\$63,620.00	\$20,769.00	\$84,389.00
559020	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	\$67,631.00	\$22,075.00	\$89,706.00	\$67,468.00	\$22,024.00	\$89,492.00
559316	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	\$67,631.00	\$22,075.00	\$89,706.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
559290	Charlotte County Public Schools	K-12 Education	\$58,429.00	\$19,166.00	\$77,595.00	\$58,429.00	\$19,166.00	\$77,595.00
559292	Charlotte County Public Schools	K-12 Education	\$58,157.00	\$19,077.00	\$77,234.00	\$58,157.00	\$19,077.00	\$77,234.00
559248	Chincoteague, Town	Town Government	\$57,164.00	\$30,611.00	\$87,775.00	\$57,164.00	\$30,611.00	\$87,775.00
558516	Cumberland, County	County Government	\$63,765.00	\$31,735.00	\$95,500.00	\$63,765.00	\$31,735.00	\$95,500.00
559251	Dickenson, County	County Government	\$224,946.00	\$61,865.00	\$286,811.00	\$224,946.00	\$61,865.00	\$286,811.00
559051	Halifax, Town	Town Government	\$52,500.00	\$23,000.00	\$75,500.00	\$39,831.00	\$17,169.00	\$57,000.00
558347	King & Queen, County	County Government	\$52,899.00	\$35,237.00	\$88,136.00	\$52,899.00	\$35,237.00	\$88,136.00
557775	Lee, County	County Government	\$43,526.00	\$8,915.00	\$52,441.00	\$43,526.00	\$8,991.00	\$52,517.00
559210	Lunenburg, County	County Government	\$61,075.00	\$21,615.00	\$82,690.00	\$61,075.00	\$21,615.00	\$82,690.00
558446	Mathews, County	County Government	\$148,356.00	\$213,857.00	\$362,213.00	\$148,356.00	\$213,857.00	\$362,213.00
558376	Norton, City	City Government	\$67,294.00	\$21,391.00	\$88,685.00	\$67,294.00	\$21,391.00	\$88,685.00
559239	Prince George, County	County Government	\$230,370.00	\$69,630.00	\$300,000.00	\$230,370.00	\$69,630.00	\$300,000.00
558556	Radford, City	City Government	\$164,860.00	\$32,767.00	\$197,627.00	\$163,756.00	\$32,547.00	\$196,303.00
558557	Radford, City	City Government	\$91,023.00	\$18,091.00	\$109,114.00	\$90,469.00	\$17,981.00	\$108,450.00
558391	Scott, County	County Government	\$304,128.00	\$70,046.00	\$374,174.00	\$304,128.00	\$70,046.00	\$374,174.00
558992	Scott, County	County Government	\$368,958.00	\$84,977.00	\$453,935.00	\$368,958.00	\$84,977.00	\$453,935.00
558147	Shenandoah, County	County Government	\$64,498.00	\$51,834.00	\$116,332.00	\$64,498.00	\$47,633.00	\$112,131.00
559064	Smyth, County	County Government	\$60,000.00	\$17,175.00	\$77,175.00	\$60,000.00	\$17,175.00	\$77,175.00
559072	Smyth, County	County Government	\$60,000.00	\$17,170.00	\$77,170.00	\$60,000.00	\$17,170.00	\$77,170.00
558776	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	\$113,316.00	\$66,608.00	\$179,924.00	\$113,316.00	\$66,608.00	\$179,924.00
558340	Wise, County	County Government	\$1,083,206.00	\$274,151.00	\$1,357,357.00	\$1,083,206.00	\$274,151.00	\$1,357,357.00

Grant Program Total:

\$3,912,239.00 \$1,430,220.00 \$5,342,459.00 \$3,782,134.00 \$1,315,250.00 \$5,097,384.00

SRO -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Summary Report)

CV 2026 School Resource Officer New Positions Grant

9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
559330	Abingdon, Town	Town Government	New	\$88,950.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	Washington County Public Schools, in partnership with the Abingdon Police Department, seeks to establish a School Resource Officer (SRO) at EC, a mixed-use facility housing a satellite campus in Abingdon, Virginia. Unlike traditional schools, EC students share common spaces with the public, increasing security risks. An SRO will provide a dedicated law enforcement presence, immediate emergency response, and support for students' mental well-being. With school safety concerns, including incidents of violence and behavioral crises, retaining a priority statewide, this position is critical. Funding this new position will enhance security, prevent unauthorized access, and help build positive relationships between law enforcement and students.
559018	Allegheny, County	County Government	New	\$193,394.00	\$153,573.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	Allegheny County Sheriff's Office seeks funding to assign a fully certified officer to a second full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) position at Allegheny High School. Increased behavioral issues, mental health referrals, and student population demands have made it unsustainable for one SRO to provide adequate coverage. The second officer would be a valuable asset to the department and would be vital in enhancing safety and security. A fully certified secondary officer will also meet the needs for an extra to fill in at the other schools for Allegheny Highlands Public Schools. Local in-kind match will include a department-issued vehicle, duty uniform, and some operational gear.
558444	Amherst, County	County Government	New	\$93,300.00	\$93,300.00	Meets criteria with conditions	SRO's build relationships with students, serving as a valuable resource to students, teachers and administrators. By including substance abuse and violence prevention messaging in schools they play an important educational role. We currently have 10 schools in our locality. We have 1 high school, 2 middle schools, 6 elementary schools and 1 alternative school. We are requesting a position for an additional officer at our high school due to the 1300 students and the 45,000 additional square footage that the school has beginning this year. This additional footage brings new challenges and safety concerns.
558761	Appomattox, County	County Government	New	\$83,855.00	\$83,855.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The County of Appomattox is applying for 1 SRO at 1 public secondary school. The SRO activities will include patrolling school grounds, interacting with students, presenting on relevant topics during classes, and serving as an informal role model.
558851	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	New	\$86,160.00	\$84,389.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	The Bluefield VA Police Dept and Graham High School is applying for a new SRO grant at Graham High School.
559020	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	New	\$89,706.00	\$89,492.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	The Bluefield VA Police Dept and Graham Middle School is applying for a SRO position at GMS. SRO Perkins will interact with students of different backgrounds and he will be a familiar and approachable person with students as well as faculty. Our SRO is already familiar with the physical layout of the school, he is knowledgeable about the social environment, aware of conflicts, and who belongs on school grounds and who does not. He will anticipate and practice early intervention in potential incidents. School safety, security, and reducing/eliminating crimes among the students will be priority. Working jointly with Tazewell county School Division, our community, and our dept.
559316	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	Continuation of Grant	\$89,706.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Bluefield VA Police Dept and Graham Intermediate School is applying for a continued SRO position at GIS. SRO will continue to interact with students of different backgrounds and ethnicities. He will continue to be a familiar and approachable person with students, as well as, faculty and staff. Our SRO is already familiar with the physical layout of the school and knowledgeable with the social environment, aware of conflicts, and who belongs on school grounds and who does not. He will continue to anticipate and practice early intervention in potential incidents. School safety, security, and reducing/eliminating crimes among the students continuing to be priority. Working jointly with Tazewell County School Division, our community and dept.

559290	Charlotte County Public Schools	K-12 Education	New	\$77,595.00	\$77,595.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of this project is to provide funding to support placement of one (1) full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Randolph-Henry High School. Randolph-Henry is the largest school in the division. Given the size of the school, the age of the students, the supervision and support needs of students at the high school age, as well as the amount of activity inherent in a high school setting, having a full-time School Resource Officer is imperative to safety and student/staff well-being. This position provides a constant presence for safety and supervision; a resource for drills and other safety drills; instructional resources for classrooms; and support to students through counseling and mentoring.
559292	Charlotte County Public Schools	K-12 Education	New	\$77,234.00	\$77,234.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of this project is to provide funding to support placement of one (1) full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bacon Elementary School. Bacon Elementary is the most remote school in the division, and is 20-25 minutes from any first responders. This makes an on-site School Resource Officer imperative to safety and student/staff well-being. This position provides a constant and immediate presence for safety and supervision; a resource for drills and other safety drills; instructional resources for classrooms; and support to students through counseling and mentoring.
559248	Chincoteague, Town	Town Government	New	\$87,775.00	\$87,775.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The proposed project will provide funding to support one School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Chincoteague High School. This funding will ensure the SRO is on-site, fostering strong relationships with students, faculty, and staff while enhancing school safety. By maintaining a daily presence, the SRO will continue to build trust, deter potential threats, and serve as a valuable resource for students and educators. This initiative will have a lasting positive impact on the school community, reinforcing a safe and supportive learning environment.
558516	Cumberland, County	County Government	New	\$95,500.00	\$95,500.00	Meets criteria with conditions	This project, requested by the Cumberland Sheriff's Department in conjunction with Cumberland County Public Schools, would maintain a School Resource Officer at Cumberland County Elementary School. This resource officer would help ensure the safety of elementary students often the most vulnerable student population in a crisis; conduct workshops for staff, students, and parents; conduct security assessments; and help implement safety protocols and procedures. The resource officer would also provide a police presence that would contribute to a positive school climate, promote communication between the school and outside agencies, and deter criminal and delinquent behavior.
559251	Dickenson, County	County Government	New	\$286,811.00	\$286,811.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The grant will provide Dickenson County the ability to continue the current and effective presence of school resource officers at Ridgeview Career Center, Ridgeview High School and Ridgeview Elementary School in rural Dickenson County, providing significant budget relief. These three SRO positions had been grant funded up until July 2025. Dickenson County's limited budget and vast mountainous terrain pose significant challenges to enforcement of criminal justice and safety measures. This places a strain on first responders when attempting to disseminate emergency services across all 334 sq. miles of the county. The presences of these three school resource officers ensures the continued safety of their campuses, staff and students.
559051	Halifax, Town	Town Government	New	\$75,500.00	\$57,000.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	Provides funding for school resource officer in the Town of Halifax Police Department.
558347	King & Queen, County	County Government	New	\$88,136.00	\$88,136.00	Meets criteria with conditions	King and Queen Co.s applying for a new SRO position for 1 of our 2 public elementary schools in the county. The SRO will patrol the elementary school grounds, interior and exterior. The SRO present school safety programs and educational programs such as D.A.R.E. How to respond to bullying. The SRO will be an informal role model and mentor.
557775	Lee, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$52,441.00	\$52,517.00	Meets criteria with conditions	We are applying for a continuation of the SRO position at Thomas Walker High School. During the 2025-26 school year, a few of the activities the SRO will perform include communication with school administration and faculty about current crime trends, student conflicts and/or situations that may cause disorder at the school or in the community. The SRO will be present during school hours, and patrol the entire building and grounds, will conduct Lock Down and Fire Drills, and offer educational resources by sharing their expertise in the classroom. SRO will serve as a role model for at risk students.

559210	Lunenburg, County	County Government	New	\$82,690.00	\$82,690.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Lunenburg County Sheriff's Office seeks grant funding to add a second School Resource Officer (SRO) at Central High School. Increased student population and growing safety concerns have created a need for enhanced presence and support. A second SRO will improve school security, foster stronger relationships with students, and allow for more proactive engagement, mentorship, and early intervention. This addition will help ensure a safer, more supportive learning environment for all students and staff. The current SRO also oversees the SRO program and is frequently required to assist at other schools, limiting consistent coverage and engagement at Central High School.
558446	Mathews, County	County Government	New	\$362,213.00	\$362,213.00	Meets criteria with conditions	We are seeking to place two (2) SROs in both our high school and middle school, which is attached to our elementary school. At present, there is no one assigned to these roles and due to funding issues, there will not be anyone assigned to the schools unless we receive grant funding.
558376	Norton, City	City Government Grant	Continuation of	\$88,685.00	\$88,685.00	Meets criteria with conditions	We are seeking funding to support the continued placement of a dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO) at Norton Elementary/Middle School in the City of Norton, Virginia. The SRO will serve a vital role in ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of students, staff, and visitors on campus. The SRO will patrol school grounds to maintain a safe and secure environment. Building positive relationships with students, serving as a mentor and trusted adult. Presenting law-related topics in the classroom to educate students about safety, legal rights and responsibilities, and the role of law enforcement. Aid Traffic during drop-offs and pickups daily. The SRO will have an open door policy for both students and staff.
559239	Prince George, County	County Government	New	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The project entails implementing a drug awareness education program at Middle Road Elementary, LL Beazley Elementary, and South Elementary Schools to reduce drug-related crimes and delinquency when students attend secondary school based on knowledge gained and guidance received in the elementary school program. The project will continue to provide a visible deterrent to crime and a positive impression of police in a non-confrontational setting. The School Resource Officer will be visible in and around the school Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. This project has formed a partnership between the schools and law enforcement. This continuation grant will provide 3 SRO positions in 3 elementary schools.
558556	Radford, City	City Government	New	\$197,627.00	\$196,303.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	Radford City is applying for 2 SRO positions to provide one SRO to an elementary school and another to the middle school. These SROs would ensure immediate response to situations and emergencies at both schools, providing safety for students, staff, and visitors. Both SRO positions were previously funded by a DCJS grant, ID# 25-951-E, with their funding ending on 6/30/2025. The grant aided in the expansion of the Radford PD SRO program to cover all schools in the district. Currently, these positions are placed within the city budget for this upcoming school year. This project seeks secure funding for the program to allow the SROs to continue building positive relationships and trust with Radford's youth. Both SROs are certified DCJS SROs.
558557	Radford, City	City Government	New	\$109,114.00	\$108,450.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	Radford City is applying for one SRO position for the high school. The SRO ensures immediate response to situations and emergencies, providing safety for students, staff, and visitors. This SRO position is currently filled by a DCJS certified SRO and funded by the city budget. Grant funding in the past has aided in the expansion of the Radford PD SRO program to allow all schools in the district to be covered. This project seeks to secure funding for the program to allow the SROs to continue building positive relationships and trust with Radford's youth.
558391	Scott, County	County Government	New	\$374,174.00	\$374,174.00	Meets criteria with conditions	This project seeks funding to support 5 full-time SRO's within the Scott County School District to enhance student safety, build positive relationships between law enforcement and youth, and support a safe and secure learning environment. The SRO will serve as a mentor, educator, and law enforcement presence, working collaboratively with school staff to prevent and respond to safety concerns. Funding from this grant will support deputy salaries, ensuring the program's success in fostering a safe, inclusive school climate.
558992	Scott, County	County Government	New	\$453,935.00	\$453,935.00	Meets criteria with conditions	This project seeks funding to support 5 full-time SROs within the Scott County School District to enhance student safety, build positive relationships between law enforcement and youth, and support a safe and secure learning environment. The SRO will serve as a mentor, educator, and law enforcement presence, working collaboratively with school staff to prevent and respond to safety concerns. Funding from this grant will support deputy salaries, ensuring the program's success in fostering a safe, inclusive school climate.

558147	Shenandoah, County	County Government	New	\$116,332.00	\$112,131.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	Triplet tech is a vocational school which serves our eighth grade and high school students from all three of our campuses in Shenandoah County. This position and the relationships formed between the SRO and the students has been paramount in our success with school safety at Triplet Tech. The Shenandoah County Sheriff's office requests the funds to have/keep one full-time School Resource Officer position at one vocational school, Triplet Tech, located in Mount Jackson, Virginia.
559064	Smyth, County	County Government	New	\$77,175.00	\$77,175.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Smyth County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding for the SRO position at Rich Valley Elementary School. RVES is an especially rural school serving approximately 130 students, with nearly half of those being from families that are at an economic disadvantage. The relationship that these students build and benefit from with the SRO is often one of the only positive influences they will have. The SRO will review all crisis management and preform school safety assessments. They will continue to conduct all drills according to the school's safety procedures to ensure effectiveness. The SRO will visible to students and staff throughout the school day as well as during school traffic.
559072	Smyth, County	County Government	New	\$77,170.00	\$77,170.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Smyth County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding for the SRO position at Northwood Middle School. NWMS is an especially rural school serving students with more than 50% of those students living at an economic disadvantage. The students in this area greatly benefit from having a relationship with the SRO as it is sometimes the only positive influence they have. The SRO will review all crisis management and performs school safety assessments. They will continue to conduct all drills according to the school's safety procedures to ensure effectiveness. The SRO is visible to students and staff throughout the school day as well as during school traffic.
558776	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	New	\$179,924.00	\$179,924.00	Meets criteria with conditions	As an accredited law enforcement agency, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is respectfully requesting funding for one new SRO position that will be dedicated full-time to the Spotsylvania Middle School. In collaboration with the Spotsylvania County Public Schools, students, parents, and the community, the SROs utilize a problem solving, community-policing philosophy in promoting citizenship, enhancing school safety, and reducing the incidents of school crimes, violence, and disruptive behaviors at the schools. The SRO serves a multi-faceted role of law enforcement officer, law-related educator, community liaison, crime prevention specialist, problem solver, mediator, informal mentor, and role model.
558340	Wise, County	County Government	New	\$1,357,357.00	\$1,357,357.00	Meets criteria with conditions	This funding will be used to replace existing school resource salaries and benefits that are currently funded locally. There are currently twelve assigned locally funded school resource officers. They are assigned to 3 high schools, 3 primary schools, 1 middle school, 4 elementary school, and 1 vocational school.