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To: Criminal Justice Services Board

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

Date: October 9, 2025

Re: CY 2026 School Security Officer New Position 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 this School Security Officer (SSO) funding opportunity is to fund new SSO positions to ensure the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in their assigned school(s).

A "School Security Officer" is defined as an individual who is employed by a local school board for the purpose of maintaining order and discipline, preventing crime, investigating violations of school board policies, and detaining students violating the law or school board policies on school property or at school-sponsored events. SSOs may be a full-time or part-time employee.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	10
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	10

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$962,745
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$962,745

Supplies requested to support these positions include uniforms, handheld communication devices, computers and other items to be solely used by each grant funded position.

There were no applications denied.

In summary, **DCJS staff request approval to fund 10 grant applications for the 12-month period (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026), totaling \$962,745**, using \$700,365 of SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program funding and \$262,380 in local match.

SSO -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Cover Report)

CY 2026 School Security Officer New Positions Grant

9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
558164	Buena Vista City Public Schools	Local Government	\$100,000.00	\$21,996.00	\$121,996.00	\$100,000.00	\$21,996.00	\$121,996.00
559312	Charlotte County Public Schools	Local Government	\$73,887.00	\$24,236.00	\$98,123.00	\$73,887.00	\$24,236.00	\$98,123.00
558569	Colonial Heights Public Schools	Local Government	\$32,834.00	\$26,649.00	\$59,483.00	\$32,834.00	\$26,649.00	\$59,483.00
559203	Henry County Public Schools	Local Government	\$66,969.00	\$19,412.00	\$86,381.00	\$66,969.00	\$19,412.00	\$86,381.00
559327	Hopewell, City	City Government	\$40,650.00	\$9,350.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,650.00	\$9,350.00	\$50,000.00
559305	Martinsville City Public Schools	Local Government	\$42,578.00	\$12,213.00	\$54,791.00	\$42,578.00	\$12,213.00	\$54,791.00
558788	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00
558802	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00
558805	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00	\$50,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$61,605.00
558780	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	\$193,447.00	\$113,709.00	\$307,156.00	\$193,447.00	\$113,709.00	\$307,156.00
Grant Program Total:			\$700,365.00	\$262,380.00	\$962,745.00	\$700,365.00	\$262,380.00	\$962,745.00

SSO -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Summary Report)

CV 2026 School Security Officer New Positions Grant

9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
558164	Buena Vista City Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$121,996.00	\$121,996.00	Meets criteria with conditions	At present we have 2 SSOs at Kling and PMMS. We are requesting 2 additional at the Primary and Middle School. The SSOs will secure the perimeter of the school grounds, assist the principal, as needed and will be an essential element of the VARules/DARE Programs. The Middle School is our oldest school (over 100 years old). It has several entries and is situated in the middle of town and has always been the representation of our town. The SSO at the Middle School will help with class changes and hallway disruptions. Kling is our primary school and is in an isolated location with limited views due to surrounding trees/forests. Each SSO will have specific duties described by the principal and school needs.
559312	Charlotte County Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$98,123.00	\$98,123.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of this project is to provide funding to support ongoing placement of two (2) School Security Officers, one at Eureka and one at Phenix Elementary. Prior to the addition of these two SSOs, the division shared one SRO among three elementary schools. The addition of the full-time SSOs has helped to add an enhanced level of safety and security for staff and students that was not possible with a split SRO. Thus, receipt of this grant would help ensure that the funding exists to maintain placement of these SSOs and ensure that these essential safety and security benefits continue to be available to these schools.
558569	Colonial Heights Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$59,483.00	\$59,483.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Colonial Heights Public Schools is applying for 1 SSO position at 1 public elementary school. The SSO activities will include providing a safe and secure environment for students, staff and visitors, patrolling school grounds, monitoring building movement, interacting with students, and complete building security walkthroughs daily. Assist with emergency drills, and coordinate with Colonial Heights Police Department.
559203	Henry County Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$86,381.00	\$86,381.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Henry County Public Schools has two high schools, each with approximately 1,100 students (Magna Vista High School and Bassett High School). Each high school will have one new School Security Officer employed through the school division. These school security officers will complete the necessary training requirements within the first 60 days of employment. The two security officers will help to ensure the safety, security, and welfare of all students, staff, and visitors in the school. They will also help to maintain order and discipline, prevent crime, investigate violations of school board policies, and prevent students from violating the law or school board policies on school property and at school-sponsored events.
559327	Hopewell, City	City Government	New	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Meets criteria	Hopewell City Public Schools and the Hopewell Police and Sheriff's Department continue their partnership to maintain school safety and reduce juvenile violence and gang involvement. This partnership promotes school safety and reduces juvenile violence through the continuation of the SSO program at Hopewell High School and the New Direction Night School. This grant will provide one position that will provide coverage at HHS and the New Direction Night School Program which are both secondary schools. Hopewell City Public Schools currently have 3951 students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade. 20 students are currently in the NDNS due to acts of violence and other issues. The SSO will work a modified schedule to provide coverage at both.
559305	Martinsville City Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$54,791.00	\$54,791.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Martinsville City Public Schools is applying for one (1) School Security Officer position to serve our high school. The SSO activities and duties will include, but not limited to, maintain order and discipline, investigate breaches of school board policies, work to ensure safety and welfare of students and staff, and collaborate with the school resource officer on crime preventive measures.
558788	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$61,605.00	\$61,605.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Application to add an additional SSO to Prince George High School. This is additional position is needed to support the daily use of CEIA Object Detectors at entry points on school days.

558802	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$61,605.00	\$61,605.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Application to add an additional SSO to NB Clements Junior High School. This is additional position is needed to support the daily use of CEIA Object Detectors at entry points on school days.
558805	Prince George County Public Schools	Local Government	New	\$61,605.00	\$61,605.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Application to add an additional SSO to Prince George High School. This is additional position is needed to support the daily use of CEIA Object Detectors at entry points on school days.
558780	Spotsylvania County	County Government	New	\$307,156.00	\$307,156.00	Meets criteria	Spotsylvania County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students, staff, and visitors. School Security Officers (SSOs) play an important role in supporting this vision. This project will help to provide one SSO for the Spotsylvania Career & Technical Center and the five largest elementary schools. None of these six locations currently have an assigned SSO. Ideal candidates for these SSO positions will be retired law enforcement officers and those with previous security experience.