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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 Safety Personnel and Programming 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 School Safety Personnel and Programming Grant Program (SSP) aims to provide funding for relevant school safety personnel within school divisions and law-enforcement agencies, and fund expenses related to the equipment necessary for relevant school safety personnel and the enhancement of the school-law enforcement partnership through training and programming. The goal of this funding opportunity is to promote the safety of students and school staff through the use and implementation of positions and programming to prevent crime and violence. Funding originates from §9.1-110 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The School Safety Personnel and Programming Grant Program is intended to fund relevant school safety personnel within school divisions and law-enforcement agencies. The approval of this funding request will fund one (1) Division Safety Coordinator, one (1) Division Threat Assessment Coordinator, and one (1) Law Enforcement Liaison Officer.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	3
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	3

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$299,143
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Increased	\$27,028
Total Amount Recommended	\$326,171

There were no applications denied. One (1) application did not include a local match in their request, leading to an increase in the amount recommended.

In summary, DCJS Staff requests the approval to fund three (3) grant applications for the 12-month period (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026), totaling \$326,171, using \$199,509 in SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program funds and \$126,662 in required local match funds.

SSP -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Cover Report)

CY 2026 New School Safety Personnel and Programming Grants

9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
558908	Amelia, County	County Government	\$62,420.00	\$37,580.00	\$100,000.00	\$62,420.00	\$37,580.00	\$100,000.00
558246	Shenandoah, County	County Government	\$71,003.00	\$0.00	\$71,003.00	\$56,387.00	\$41,644.00	\$98,031.00
559042	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	\$80,702.00	\$47,438.00	\$128,140.00	\$80,702.00	\$47,438.00	\$128,140.00
Grant Program Total:			\$214,125.00	\$85,018.00	\$299,143.00	\$199,509.00	\$126,662.00	\$326,171.00

SSP -- Criminal Justice Services Board (Summary Report)

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9-Oct-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
558908	Arnella, County	County Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	The Division Safety Coordinator leads comprehensive, all-hazards safety programs. They develop/update crisis, emergency, and medical response plans, coordinating essential drills and training. This pivotal role demands close collaboration with first responders for seamless incident management. They conduct annual safety audits (physical/procedural), manage secure building access, and actively monitor grounds. Ensuring strict compliance with state laws, including threat assessment and mandatory reporting, is paramount. They also manage grants for safety initiatives, fostering a proactive, positive climate via prevention, and integrating all security personnel.
558246	Shenandoah, County	County Government	New	\$71,003.00	\$98,031.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	The SCSO is requesting funding to support the creation of a new Law Enforcement Liaison Officer position. This role will serve as a vital link between the SCSO and SCPS, focused on improving school safety, communication, and coordination across all school facilities. The LEO will be responsible for supporting school emergency planning, threat assessment processes, coordinating drills, and ensuring timely information sharing between law enforcement and school personnel. While not serving as an SRO, they will work closely with school administrators, SROs, and community partners to strengthen the county's overall school safety infrastructure. Funding will be used to support salary/fringe benefits for this new civilian or sworn staff position.
559042	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	New	\$128,140.00	\$128,140.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	Spotsylvania County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students, staff, and visitors. Spotsylvania has established school-based threat assessment teams whose goal is to analyze and manage threats reported to the school administration. Each school's team will investigate, determine the level of the threat, and then implement interventions designed to keep the threat from being carried out. There are 31 individual threat assessment teams, and one Division-level Threat Assessment Coordinator is instrumental in providing professional development on threats and assisting school based threat assessment teams with appropriate case management practices.