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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Office of Safer Communities and Youth Services, Division of Programs and Services

Date: November 20, 2025

Re: Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Competitive Funding

Name of Person Presenting: Laurel Marks

The purpose of this Firearms Violence Prevention and Intervention (FVIP) funding opportunity is to reduce violent crime within the Commonwealth of Virginia by funding effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming designed to interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence. Violence intervention and prevention programs avert interpersonal violence by collaborating with a range of community stakeholders to provide support and intervention to those at highest risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.

At the time of solicitation, DCJS anticipated awarding approximately \$2,500,000 through this competitive solicitation. The maximum amount per award is \$250,000.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	49
# Grants Denied	35
# Grants Recommended	14

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$9,373,156
Amount Denied	\$6,612,014
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$2,761,142

Thirty-five (35) applications were denied. Out of those applications, seven (7) were deemed ineligible as they are local units of government or state entities, and this solicitation is solely for non-profit organizations. Thirteen (13) grants were denied due to the lack of clarity and detail in their application, lack of supporting documentation, or insufficient justification to meet programmatic purposes. Thirteen (13) applications are from current FVIP grantees and are

recommended for denial in this funding opportunity, as they are being considered under the FVIP Supplemental Funding option. Two (2) were denied because they receive earmark funding in the state budget.

Applications that are recommended include funding for personnel to carry out grant goals and objectives, staff training, travel allocation to support local mileage for programming, and program supplies.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund 14 grant applications for a 24-month grant award period (1/1/2026-12/31/2027), totaling \$2,761,142 using FVIP funds allocated for this purpose.

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Competitive Funding

20-Nov-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
557584	Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck Foundation Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,675.00	\$0.00	\$249,675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555289	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$225,023.00	\$0.00	\$225,023.00	\$225,023.00	\$0.00	\$225,023.00
556683	Center for Youth and Family Advocacy	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,491.00	\$0.00	\$249,491.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555123	Challenge Discovery Projects	Non-Profit Organization	\$116,921.00	\$0.00	\$116,921.00	\$116,921.00	\$0.00	\$116,921.00
556980	Chincoteague, Town	Town Government	\$121,020.00	\$0.00	\$121,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556799	Center for Alexandria's Children, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
555057	Cornerstone Craftsman	Non-Profit Organization	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	\$54,000.00
557660	Emporia, City	City Government	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
554634	Family Service of Roanoke Valley	Non-Profit Organization	\$158,010.00	\$0.00	\$158,010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557149	Harvest Outreach Center, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$246,240.00	\$0.00	\$246,240.00	\$246,240.00	\$0.00	\$246,240.00
556069	Help Me Help You Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556271	Individuals Making Positive Change Together	Non-Profit Organization	\$136,506.00	\$0.00	\$136,506.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556227	Jubilee Family Development Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,333.00	\$0.00	\$249,333.00	\$249,333.00	\$0.00	\$249,333.00
555903	Ketchmore Kids	Non-Profit Organization	\$219,270.00	\$0.00	\$219,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556725	Kids on First Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$225,800.00	\$0.00	\$225,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557679	King William, County	County Government	\$226,390.00	\$0.00	\$226,390.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557811	League of Advocates	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,900.00	\$0.00	\$249,900.00	\$249,900.00	\$0.00	\$249,900.00
557639	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557010	Lunenburg, County	County Government	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557375	M.A.Y.A Foundation Inc. (Mentoring Adults and Youth In America Inc.)	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
554975	Northern Virginia Family Service, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556924	Old Dominion Univ Research Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
555159	Orange, Town	Town Government	\$30,598.00	\$0.00	\$30,598.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555323	Phoenix Project	Non-Profit Organization	\$174,000.00	\$0.00	\$174,000.00	\$174,000.00	\$0.00	\$174,000.00
557363	Pretty Purposed	Non-Profit Organization	\$149,956.00	\$0.00	\$149,956.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557447	Quality of Life Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$232,224.00	\$0.00	\$232,224.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555470	Real Life	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557555	Reck League	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
554210	Rings vs Rent Scholarship Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557676	Saving our Youth VA	Non-Profit Organization	\$34,775.00	\$0.00	\$34,775.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557598	St. Luke Legacy Center Foundation, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$247,406.00	\$0.00	\$247,406.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557716	Stop The Violence 757 Inc	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557663	Straighten Up and Fly Right, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557222	The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area	Non-Profit Organization	\$134,836.00	\$0.00	\$134,836.00	\$134,836.00	\$0.00	\$134,836.00
556106	The Boys and Girls Club-Northern Neck	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,781.00	\$0.00	\$249,781.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556140	The Broken Men Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
554998	The BUCK Squad	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557576	The Edward Brown Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555137	The Hive Mentality	Non-Profit Organization	\$220,206.00	\$0.00	\$220,206.00	\$220,206.00	\$0.00	\$220,206.00
557451	The Hope Center of 11th St. NW	Non-Profit Organization	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555663	The Uhuru Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	\$87,500.00	\$0.00	\$87,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
555583	Total Action Against Poverty	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
556745	University of Virginia	Non-Profit Organization	\$244,614.00	\$0.00	\$244,614.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

557739	Urban Trauma Healing Institute	Non-Profit Organization	\$213,353.00	\$0.00	\$213,353.00	\$213,353.00	\$0.00	\$213,353.00
557053	VA League For Safer Streets	Non-Profit Organization	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557273	Virginia Commonwealth University	Non-Profit Organization	\$249,998.00	\$0.00	\$249,998.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
557236	Virginia Eagles	Non-Profit Organization	\$131,231.00	\$0.00	\$131,231.00	\$131,231.00	\$0.00	\$131,231.00
556462	Young Men's Christian Association of South Hampton Roads	Non-Profit Organization	\$246,099.00	\$0.00	\$246,099.00	\$246,099.00	\$0.00	\$246,099.00
557009	YWCA of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Grant Program Total: \$9,373,156.00 \$0.00 \$9,373,156.00 \$2,761,142.00 \$0.00 \$2,761,142.00

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)
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20-Nov-2023

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
557584	Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck Foundation Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$249,675.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck (BGCNN) Foundation, working alongside BGCNN, aims to address rising levels of youth violence in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties by implementing its evidence-based prevention programs - Project Learn and SMART Moves. The primary goal of the program is to reduce aggressive and violent behaviors among participants by strengthening their decision-making and resiliency skills. The program will operate Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and will focus on serving youth who are most in need of support and intervention. Services will be delivered at the BGCNN Clubhouses in both Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. In its first year, the program is projected to serve over 200 youth. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.
555269	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$225,023.00	\$225,023.00	Meets criteria	The Youth Trauma Recovery and Violence Prevention project, led by the Center for Child & Family Services (CCFS), will serve 50 Hampton youth ages 10-24 at risk of firearm violence or suicide. The project provides trauma-informed counseling, suicide prevention, job readiness support, and community outreach. CCFS will partner with schools, law enforcement, and service agencies to connect high-risk youth with therapy, education, and employment resources. This initiative aims to reduce violence and promote healing through sustainable, data-driven, and culturally responsive care. Project will have one FT coordinator/mental health counselor, one part-time mental health counselor, one part-time job readiness counselor and 15% of the project director. This grant will also fund travel and supplies.
556683	Center for Youth and Family Advocacy	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$249,491.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Youth Restorative Diversion Initiative is a collaborative public-non-profit program that uses restorative justice programming to prevent and reduce youth violence, improve individual and familial outcomes and create healthy and safe communities. This grant will fund personnel, travel, subsistence, supplies, and equipment.
555123	Challenge Discovery Projects	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$116,921.00	\$116,921.00	Meets criteria	Challenge Discovery Projects' (CDP) mission is to deliver school-based and community programs that effectively prevent and address firearm violence by tackling critical issues such as behavioral health, substance use, bullying, and trauma. CDP offers all services at no cost; this is especially salient given that the household income for a majority of CDP clients is below the poverty threshold, and many would be unable to access resources otherwise. By eliminating barriers to mental health care, substance use therapy, and social and emotional skill development, we are committed to fostering comprehensive wellness and safer communities. This grant will fund personnel.
556980	Chincoteague, Town	Town Government	New	\$121,020.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Chincoteague Police Department (CPD) will implement a Virtual Reality (VR) training program focused on firearm violence prevention among teens and officer preparedness. The project will serve approximately 200 students annually through VR scenarios led by the School Resource Officer, and all 14 sworn CPD officers will receive scenario-based training on firearm suicide prevention and safe firearm removal. Funds will support the purchase of a VR system and a high-performance computer. The project will be managed by the Accreditation Manager with support from the Chief of Police and the SRO. This grant will fund equipment (VR simulators).
556799	Center for Alexandria's Children, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets criteria	Safe Starts: Strengthening Families, Preventing Violence is a two-year initiative to reduce firearm and family violence by expanding our LearningPlaygroup(TM) (LPG) prevention program, caregiver education, and child abuse intervention services. This project will: (1) enhance existing weekly LPG sessions in high-risk neighborhoods by integrating individualized case management, resource navigation, and expanded caregiver education to address immediate stressors and build long-term protective strategies; (2) facilitate new pop-up LPG sessions in shelters, transitional housing, subsidized housing, communities, and reentry settings to reduce access barriers and reach highly targeted, transient populations; (3) expand prevention education by developing, piloting, and implementing a comprehensive violence prevention curriculum on safe discipline, firearm safety, child protection, and caregiver stress management, delivered in LPG sites and other partner locations; and (4) enhance trauma-informed crisis intervention and case management through our Children's Advocacy Center to ensure timely, coordinated support for families experiencing community and domestic violence. Together, these initiatives will reduce risk, interrupt cycles of intergenerational violence, and promote safety and stability for Alexandria families most impacted by trauma, systemic inequity, and community violence. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
555057	Cornerstone Craftsman	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00	Meets criteria	Cornerstone Craftsman (CC) is an established pre-apprenticeship program providing court-involved and underserved youth in Alexandria with skilled trades training, mentorship, and pathways to economic stability. Founded to create alternatives to violence and incarceration, the program helps youth earn industry credentials and build leadership skills. With FVIP support, CC will add a Gun Violence Prevention certificate program focusing on helping youth understand the consequences of gun violence, develop strategies for peaceful conflict resolution, and build the self-awareness and communication skills required to thrive in both personal and professional environments. Through trauma-informed education, conflict-resolution training, and guidance from community partners, participants gain the emotional intelligence, personal accountability, and a tangible certification, symbolizing their commitment to nonviolence and personal transformation, empowering them to break cycles of violence, contribute positively to their communities, and thrive as they turn adversity into opportunity.

557650	Emporia, City	City Government	Grant	Continuation of	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Emporia Police Department desires to collaborate with key stakeholders within the community to deter and eliminate gun violence that plagues a small city located in Southeast Virginia. The Police Department is looking to retain two part-time Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Specialists who can work with at-risk juveniles, their parents or guardians, and other community organizations to stop gun violence through our Dare to be Aware program. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
554634	Family Service of Roanoke Valley	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$158,010.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Family Services of Roanoke Valley (FSRV) proposes a comprehensive, trauma-informed initiative to reduce firearm violence risk factors by expanding outpatient mental health counseling and evidence-informed healthy relationship programming. Services address the behavioral, relational, and emotional needs of youth and adults at elevated risk of violence and are grounded in prevention, intervention, and trauma recovery. This project includes the continuation and enhancement of existing services, as well as new programming in four focus areas: outpatient counseling, adult healthy relationship classes, youth healthy relationship classes, and support for the Roanoke Valley Trauma-Informed Community Network. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.
557149	Harvest Outreach Center, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$246,240.00	\$246,240.00	Meets criteria	The enhancement of Harvest Outreach Center's Social-Emotional Behavioral Supports (SEBS) program provides preventative school-based mental health services to Lynchburg youth at highest risk for violence. In response to rising poverty, trauma, and community violence, SEBS delivers trauma-informed, evidence-based daily interventions to support emotional regulation, prevent violent behavior, and increase community and school safety. By identifying and supporting vulnerable youth early, SEBS interrupts the pathways that lead to firearm violence and helps build safer, more resilient communities. This grant will fund personnel.
556069	Help Me Help You Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Help Me Help You Foundation (HMHY) proposes to implement Healing the Village with Peer-Led Reentry Support, a comprehensive, community-based violence prevention and intervention strategy designed to prevent the recurrence of harm affecting many vulnerable families in Richmond, Virginia. HMHY will expand its successful parenting element, Chat and Chew Bingo, and launch a new juvenile justice mentorship program targeting high-risk communities. These initiatives will be led by lived experience experts (LEEs), individuals who were formerly incarcerated, that have been trained in trauma-informed care, conflict resolution, peer support, and reentry case management. HMHY's primary goals are to empower LEEs, strengthen families, and support successful reentry for young adults (18-25). This grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
556271	Individuals Making Positive Active Change Together	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$136,506.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Safe and Sound is I.M.P.A.C.T.'s flagship initiative focused on violence prevention, healing-centered engagement, and social determinants of health. The initiative combines community events, youth development, workforce readiness, mental health access, and public safety awareness to reduce crime and build resilience. This grant will fund personnel, supplies, and equipment.
556227	Jubilee Family Development Center	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$249,333.00	\$249,333.00	Meets criteria	Jubilee Family Development Center provides high quality academic, athletic, and occupational programs that encourage personal, social, and spiritual growth and the stability of families. Jubilee is a model for grassroots community and economic development initiatives, serving as a regional leader in providing educational, physical, and social programs, as well as job readiness opportunities, to hundreds of at-risk people throughout Central Virginia. Jubilee's existing programming, including after-school and mentoring programs for youth, and occupational and STEM college classes and certification trainings for adults, encourages them to build better lives, avoid violence of any kind, and prepare for successful careers earning a living wage. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
555903	Ketchumore Kids	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$219,270.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Think Tank is a culturally responsive conflict resolution and critical thinking program that can be based in the community and in a locked facility, serving those at highest risk of gun violence. Participants learn communication, emotional regulation, de-escalation techniques and more. Using a data guided framework, led by Credible Messengers, participants are taught how to implement conflict resolution skills in all life domains, leading to fewer incidents of gun violence. Drawing on evidenced-based practices recommended by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Think Tank incorporates restorative justice, re-entry services, gun violence prevention and intervention, mediation, organic mentorship, family, engagement, etc. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, travel, subsistence, and supplies.
556725	Kids on First Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	New		\$225,600.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Kids on First uses baseball and mentorship to prevent gun violence by engaging youth in safe, structured environments. This program targets youth ages 7-18 in high-risk communities through sports, life skills, and mentorship. People served through this grant will be: 150+ youth annually across Richmond and surrounding areas 30+ families directly impacted by programming 10 paid mentors/coaches with lived experience and community ties. This grant will fund personnel, travel, supplies, and equipment.
557679	King William, County	County Government	New		\$226,390.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Community Connection Program seeks to expand its evidence-based truancy prevention initiative, Checking & Connecting with Youth, as a strategy to prevent youth violence. Building on current success, this proposal funds monthly youth engagement events, behavior and attendance incentives, and anger management seminars for high-risk students. It also supports staffing for mentor supervision, case management system development, family engagement, and program coordination. These efforts address root causes of violence by building protective factors that reduce delinquency, school-based conflict, and system involvement. Strengthening Community Connections With Youth will allow earlier, more effective intervention for youth most vulnerable to violent pathways. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.

557811	League of Advocates	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$249,900.00	\$249,900.00	Meets criteria	The League of Advocates' Safe Passage Program provides trauma-informed, community-based support to ensure safe transit for children facing threats of violence or displacement. Through coordinated partnerships with local agencies, volunteer escorts, and transportation services, the program creates secure pathways for youth from and to schools in some of the most violence-prone neighborhoods in Chesapeake. This initiative addresses urgent safety concerns while restoring a sense of dignity, agency, and trust among the most vulnerable. By removing barriers to mobility and protection, Safe Passage fosters healing, stability, and equitable access to critical services. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
557639	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	This project will establish a targeted domestic violence housing stabilization initiative for survivors at the highest risk of homicide in Loudoun County, Virginia, prioritizing survivors disclosing strangulation, stalking, or firearm access by the abuser. It will be fully integrated with legal, court, and community partnerships to ensure wrap-around support. Through trauma-informed case management, housing advocacy, and flexible financial assistance, including rental support, deposits, and emergency hotel stays, LAWS will remove housing as a barrier to safety and long-term recovery. By addressing housing instability, a leading risk factor for domestic violence homicide, this initiative aims to prevent repeat victimization and save lives. This grant will fund flexible financial assistance.
557010	Lunenburg County	County Government	New	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Lunenburg County Sheriff's Office is applying for funding to support targeted overtime patrols aimed at reducing firearm-related violence in our community. Grant funds will be used exclusively for overtime, allowing deputies to conduct additional patrols during high-crime times and in areas where gun violence has occurred. These extra shifts will enhance law enforcement visibility, improve response times, and deter potential violent activity. By increasing patrol presence without impacting regular operations, the Sheriff's Office can proactively address firearm violence, build stronger community trust, and improve overall public safety. This initiative is a critical step in our ongoing efforts to create a safer Lunenburg County. This grant will fund overtime for officers.
557375	M.A.V.A. Foundation Inc. (Mentoring Adults and Youth In America Inc.)	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Peaceful Arms is a community-driven firearm prevention program aimed at addressing the need for enhanced safety and peace within our neighborhoods. With a strong emphasis on proactive intervention, Peaceful Arms will offer comprehensive services to combat the risk of firearm-related violence and promote community well-being. The goals of Peaceful Arms are to: reduce incidents of firearm violence and related injuries within our community; provide support and resources through mentoring with paid mentors; help individuals and families affected by firearm violence; decrease youth mortality rates; increase high school graduation rates; and foster a culture of peace and safety through collaborative efforts and community empowerment. This grant will fund personnel, supplies, and travel.
554975	Northern Virginia Family Service, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Northern Virginia Family Service, Inc.'s (NVFS) Intervention, Prevention, and Education (IPE) program will provide victim-centered and trauma-informed therapeutic case management services to youth in Fairfax County ages 10-21. IPE increases youth's protective factors to prevent and reduce violent crimes by reducing their risk of gang involvement or eliminating current gang involvement. FVIP funds will allow NVFS to hire a youth counselor who will provide case management services to up to 10 youth at a time, with each youth receiving services for four to 12 months. Funds will also support IPE program management, responsible for program quality/oversight and collaboration with community stakeholders. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.
556924	Old Dominion Univ Research Foundation	Non-Profit Organization-School	New	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets criteria	The Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) program is a two-year, community-based firearm violence intervention and prevention initiative targeting at-risk youth (ages 9-17) and their families. The program leverages credible messengers, trauma-informed mentoring, entrepreneurship training, and wrap-around support services to disrupt cycles of violence and foster safer neighborhoods. The model is adapted from Advance Peace, with enhancements including law enforcement relationship-building and a strong family engagement component. The grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
555159	Orange, Town	Town Government	New	\$30,598.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	Provide supplies/equipment to resident gun owners to prevent access and train police officers to be certified in firearm violence intervention. This grant will fund supplies and equipment.
555323	Phoenix Project	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$174,000.00	\$174,000.00	Meets criteria	The proposed project, grounded in research-based initiatives from NIJ Crime Solutions, includes two prevention-based goals and two intervention-based goals to address violent crime. The goals include a program for reducing risk in college-aged adults; actions to build trust and collaboration among community stakeholders to reduce violence; case management for victims at high-risk of violent crime; and implementation of the lethality assessment program (LAP) with Warren County Sheriff's Office. This grant will fund personnel.
557363	Pretty Purposed	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$149,956.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Pretty Purposed will implement Girl Circles, a trauma-informed, bi-weekly mentoring and enrichment program for girls ages 10-18, across 22-24 school and community sites in Petersburg, Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Richmond, Sussex, and South Chesterfield. While we show up for all girls, the core of our work centers on girls in under-resourced communities. Over two years, the program will serve 500+ girls and train 80+ educators in culturally responsive, healing-centered facilitation. OCIS funds will support expanded staffing, curriculum, a new program hub, and a fundraising director to sustain growth. Girl Circles builds protective factors, reduces isolation, and addresses violence at its root, empowering girls with skills, connection, and hope. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.

557447	Quality of Life Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$232,224.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Quality of Life Inc. will implement a trauma-informed mental health program that combines both prevention and intervention strategies for youth and young adults at highest risk of firearm violence. The initiative will proactively engage participants through therapeutic mentoring, emotional regulation support, conflict resolution training, and access to mental health services, aimed at deterring initial involvement in violence and interrupting patterns before they escalate. We will provide healing-centered therapy for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by gun violence, helping process trauma, build resilience, and reclaim a sense of stability. The program will strengthen trust, reduce risk factors, and promote safer neighborhoods. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
555470	Real Life	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	REAL LIFE'S Project SAF (Safe, Alive and Free) is a program that identifies those who are the highest risk for involvement in violence, and intervenes, therefore reducing violence. In partnership with the community and stakeholders, Project SAF provides hope to those at highest risk. Through life coaching and other services, lives are changed and violence is reduced. Project SAF is coupled with the Community Resilience Project (CRP) which organizes and educates the community about resilience. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) prevention, and intervention. CRP supports communities impacted by violence, promoting healing. This grant will fund personnel.
557555	Reck League	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Reck League's C.A.L.M. (Conflict & Anger Life Management) program provides trauma-informed, community-based conflict resolution and emotional regulation support to youth and young adults at high risk of violence in Norfolk, VA. This funding will support personnel, outreach, and materials to expand group-based and 1:1 C.A.L.M. sessions in neighborhood-disproportionately impacted by firearm violence. The program uses evidence-informed practices and credible messengers to interrupt violence cycles, reduce retaliatory behavior, and connect participants with wraparound supports including mental health, employment, and mentoring. This grant will fund personnel, supplies, and indirect costs.
554210	Rings vs Rent Scholarship Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	My Life Caest Academy's CARE Program is a trauma-informed, school- and community-based initiative serving middle and high school students in Richmond's highest-need areas. Now in its fourth year at MLK Jr. Middle School, CARE provides mentoring, life skills coaching, and academic support while addressing substance abuse, mental health, and gun violence prevention. Through programs like Boots and Ball After School Program and Upward Down Summer Academy, students build skills in emotional regulation, time management, and conflict resolution. Supported by Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) interns, CARE fosters consistent engagement, trusted relationships, and positive identity development to reduce violence and improve outcomes. This grant will fund personnel, subsistence, supplies, and equipment.
557676	Saving our Youth VA	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$34,775.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Futures Without Violence Program is geared towards helping youth stay out of trouble so they have a future without violence in an area where violence is prevalent. We serve a vulnerable population, people in need of special care, support, or protection because of the circumstances of the community. A child raised in this area is more likely to be raised in poverty, to live in a household where one or more adults is unemployed, and to attend a school where indicators show many students are lagging behind on literacy, attendance, and graduation, and there is a significantly higher chance that they will spend time in jail/prison, or worse. This grant will fund personnel, subsistence, supplies, and indirect costs.
557598	St. Luke Legacy Center Foundation Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$247,406.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	PIP (protection in Peace) is a wraparound approach to prevention of weapons-related violence that has already been funded by DCJS. St Luke Legacy Center is seeking to expand this program by funding: 1) a full-time 1099 position for the consultant who was running the PIP program; 2) youth focus groups to develop more participatory strategies for engagement in the program; 3) workforce development and technical skills training; and 4) a youth-centered confidential text-support line for gun violence trauma exposure. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
557716	Stop The Violence 757 Inc	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Stop The Violence 757 will expand its afterschool violence prevention program from two schools (Parkview and Brighton Elementary) to include two additional high-need sites: Douglas Park and London Oaks. Programming uses structured, trauma-informed mentorship, enrichment activities, and conflict resolution curricula to reduce risk factors for youth exposure to violence. Funding will support part-time staff, transportation, and curriculum materials to serve an additional 80 to 100 elementary students weekly. This grant will fund personnel and indirect costs.
557663	Straighten Up and Fly Right, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Refuge Project is a youth violence prevention initiative serving Suffolk, VA that uses sports, arts, mentoring, and workforce development to reduce firearm violence among youth ages 10-25. The program engages high-risk individuals through street outreach, trauma-informed mentorship, suicide prevention, and job readiness training. By providing safe spaces, life skills, and economic opportunities, REFUGE Project aims to interrupt cycles of violence and empower youth with positive pathways to success. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and equipment.
557222	The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$134,836.00	\$134,836.00	Meets criteria	This collaborative initiative will integrate Project Imagine's virtual workforce exploration program directly into the Danville Boys & Girls Club after-school and summer programming. The project will deliver: -Workforce readiness and virtual career simulations through VR labs; Mentorship pairing and individual case management, targeting youth exposed to violence or exhibiting early warning signs; -Conflict resolution and de-escalation training embedded in all programming; Project Imagine staff will operate on-site at the Boys & Girls Club conducting mentoring sessions and administering virtual career labs. Club staff will provide consistent programming. This grant will fund positions that directly work with the youth enrolled in the after-school and summer programs. Consultants will provide empowerment and skill-building lessons to participants. Supplies for the after-school and summer programs will also be funded.

556106	The Boys and Girls Club-Northern Neck	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$249,781.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck (BGCCNN) is expanding its services to Westmoreland County. This strategic expansion responds to the county's limited access to youth services. To address these challenges, BGCCNN will implement its evidence-based prevention programs, Project Learn and SMART Moves, with the goal of reducing aggressive and violent behaviors among participants. The program will operate Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, targeting youth most in need of support and intervention. BGCCNN has formed a key partnership with Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors and Public Schools, which will provide programming space at the former high school facility. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, travel, and supplies.
556140	The Broken Men Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Mentorship Gun Preventive Violence Program aims to address youth gun violence by providing mentorship, education, and resources to at-risk individuals. Through positive role models, educational workshops, and community engagement, the program seeks to empower youth to make informed decisions, resolve conflicts peacefully, and contribute to safer communities. Our program will provide college tours, introduce young people to apprenticeship/trades, vehicle maintenance, health and wellness, address mental health, etc. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, subsistence, travel, supplies, and equipment.
554998	The BUCK Squad	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The mission of the BUCK Squad (DBA Central Virginia Violence Interrupters) is to reduce the cycle of gun related crime and homicides through education and economic empowerment by restoring a sense of commitment, community and personal development in areas prone to elevated violence in the city of Charlottesville. We use mediation, mobilization and motivation to act as violence interrupters. This grant will fund personnel.
557576	The Edward Brown Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Edward Brown Foundation will implement the Youth Guard Violence Prevention Program in Portsmouth, VA to reduce youth firearm violence through culturally responsive mentoring, trauma-informed support and community engagement. This two-year initiative will serve 50 youth annually, focusing on prevention and intervention strategies that promote resilience, safety, and long-term success. This grant will fund personnel.
555137	The Hive Mentality	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$220,206.00	\$220,206.00	Meets criteria	The Trauma Healing Response Network (THRN) is a coalition of grassroots organizations and city partners led by the Richmond and Henrico Health District that delivers culturally rooted violence intervention in Richmond and Henrico. The Hive, a community-led nonprofit and THRN's strategic lead, builds the capacity of these frontline partners through training, coaching, and convening. This 18-month project will support a select cohort of THRN partners, strengthening the community safety ecosystem through infrastructure development, peer learning, and cross-sector collaboration rooted in community engagement and trauma-informed principles. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
557451	The Hope Center of 11th St. NW	Commonwealth of VA Locality - City	New	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Gun violence remains a critical public safety and public health issue in the city of Roanoke, disproportionately affecting young men and women ages 13 to 25, particularly those engaged in gang activity, drug trade, or living in at-risk environments. This proposal outlines a comprehensive, coordinated Gun Violence Prevention Platform designed to disrupt cycles of violence, provide pathways to opportunity, and address the root causes of gun-related crimes. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, and supplies.
555663	The Uhuru Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$87,500.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Uhuru Foundation proposes to offer mentoring, case management, housing, and workforce development services to youth and adults reentering the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities after incarceration. Uhuru will serve twelve youth and fifteen adults annually, totaling twenty-seven individuals each year and fifty-four individuals during the two-year project period. Funds will primarily support a percentage of personal costs for Uhuru's Executive Director and Deputy Director, mileage for staff to travel to meet with clients, rent for two transitional houses, rent for office space.
555583	Total Action Against Poverty	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Uhuru Foundation proposes to offer mentoring, case management, housing, and workforce development services to youth and adults reentering the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities after incarceration. Uhuru will serve twelve youth and fifteen adults annually, totaling twenty-seven individuals each year and fifty-four individuals during the two-year project period. Funds will primarily support a percentage of personal costs for Uhuru's Executive Director and Deputy Director, mileage for staff to travel to meet with clients, rent for two transitional houses, rent for office space.
556745	University of Virginia	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$244,614.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Total Action for Progress (TAP) will utilize grant funding to enhance support for 50 at-risk youth per year through a new youth program, Project Discover 'U, through the hiring of two new staff, a coordinator and specialist. Funds will also support contracted monitors at Sabrina's Place, a safe exchange location that provides secure custody exchanges to 60 individuals and families annually who have experienced violence. These funds will provide crucial diversion and support to at-risk youth most vulnerable to firearm violence through TAP's Youth Services, while also offering increased protection and reduction for the potential for violent custody situations through support for Sabrina's Place. This application also requests funds for travel and supplies.
							We will bring together city, county, and University of Virginia leaders to provide resources to community members in need of support. This resource coordination and intentional outreach effort will mitigate violence by preventing harmful action, intervening to support community members in choosing alternate paths, and bringing community voices to the table for intentional collaboration and education. The proposed initiative powerfully leverages the collaboration between local and university police departments, community service providers, and University of Virginia resources. This type of consistent, intentional collaboration is impactful and innovative. The goal is to reduce violence through focused service coordination. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, subsistence, and supplies.

557739	Urban Trauma Healing Institute	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$213,353.00	\$213,353.00	Meets criteria	Project Safe/Path: A Collaborative Youth Violence intervention in Petersburg will support trauma-informed mentoring and community-based prevention strategies for 25-30 youth aged 10-17 residing within high-crime priority blocks. The Urban Trauma Healing Institute (UTHI) leads the program in partnership with the Petersburg Bureau of Police, PAL, Crime Stoppers of Petersburg, and Covenant, Creche Learning Lab. Services are anticipated to commence in early 2026 and extend through the conclusion of 2027. This grant will fund personnel, two part-time trauma mentors, a grant manager, and an assistant director. Funds will also be allocated for training, materials, evaluation, and subawards to PAL and Crime Stoppers.
557053	VA League For Safer Streets	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Hoops for Healing is a comprehensive community-based violence prevention and intervention program rooted in culturally responsive street outreach. Operating through a structured basketball league that serves over 200 Black males ages 18-40, the program combines competitive sports with pre-game life skills workshops. These sessions address core risk factors such as trauma, lack of educational attainment, unemployment, absence of male-specific support systems, and strained relationships with law enforcement. The program's key innovation lies in using basketball as a trust-building and engagement tool, paired with proactive mentorship and direct resource access to interrupt cycles of violence. This grant will fund personnel, consultants, travel, and supplies.
557273	Virginia Commonwealth University	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$249,998.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Emerging Leaders is a high school program that strives to provide youth with case management, group sessions, internships, mentoring, and programs that encourage positive behavior with healthy outcomes. It provides exposure to activities that enhance skills that enable positive choices. Projects and activities that promote teamwork, collaboration, philanthropy, financial responsibility, and healthy relationship skills are included. Opportunities to explore different healthcare-related career fields while being equipped with skills and knowledge necessary to pursue their goals successfully are offered. Upon completion, students will display leadership qualities that will propel them to success and break the cycle of violence in communities. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
557236	Virginia Eagles	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$131,231.00	\$131,231.00	Meets criteria	We empower participants who live in communities most impacted by gun violence. Our program integrates sports, conflict resolution, tutoring, mentoring, and community engagement, all while fostering personal growth. We strive to create a safe environment where participants can develop essential life skills, build confidence, and make positive choices that lead to a brighter future free from violence. We envision a community where every one of our participants have the opportunity to thrive, free from the threat of violence. Our program is open to all who wish to participate, but we give priority to black males ages 5-18. Data shows that this population has been disproportionately impacted by gun violence as both victims and perpetrators. This grant will fund personnel and supplies.
556482	Young Men's Christian Association of South Hampton Roads	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$246,099.00	\$246,099.00	Meets criteria	The YMCA believes that all youth should have the opportunity to be the best version of themselves and reach their fullest potential. Our Thriving Youth & Teens Initiative for 2026-2027 supports youth of color and at-risk youth from under-resourced communities to access before & after school care, summer camps, teen summer memberships, and teen leadership programming. By building self-esteem and resilience in youth, these programs help reduce firearms violence and create safer, more connected communities. Over the two-year period, FVIP funds will offset costs to empower at-risk youth and their families - giving them access to critical interventions to reduce violence and improve socioeconomic factors. This grant will fund personnel, travel, and supplies.
557009	YMCA of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	New	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	YMCA Richmond requests \$250,000 to reduce firearm-involved domestic and sexual violence through prevention and intervention. The project includes 24/7 crisis response via EmpowerNet Hotline, peer-led youth prevention to interrupt cycles of violence, survivor-centered case management, and Family Justice Center (FJC) development to enhance trauma-informed coordinated services and survivor safety. Funds support four staff: Hotline Specialist (50%), Case Manager (50%), Prevention Specialist (50%), and FJC Coordinator (100%). About 86% (\$214,764) covers personnel and fringe benefits, 14% (\$35,236) funds supplies like laptops, youth stipends, and training. The program will serve 500+ youth and 200+ adults across Richmond and nearby communities.