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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Kristina Vadas, Manager, Victims Services, Division of Programs and Services
Date: November 20, 2025
Re: Virginia Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution (VSTOP) Grant Program Calendar Years 2026-2027 (Competitive)

Name of Person Presenting: Kristina Vadas, Victims Services Manager

The purpose of the Virginia Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution (VSTOP) Grant Program is to provide funding to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women; to encourage the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women; and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. This competitive Funding Opportunity was open to new law enforcement category applicants for a 24-month award period. Grant recipients within the law enforcement category must also provide a minimum 25% match.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	6
# Grants Denied	3
# Grants Recommended	3

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$517,133
Amount Denied	\$150,467
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$366,666

Three (3) applications were denied. One (1) applicant was not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Two (2) applications were not recommended for funding as the proposed projects were not in accordance with the established priority area for this funding opportunity.

Projects funded under this funding opportunity will increase access to justice for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, by establishing new VSTOP law enforcement officer positions.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund three (3) grant applications for the 24-month period (1/1/2026-12/31/2027), totaling \$366,666, using \$266,667 in federal STOP funds allocated for this purpose and \$99,999 in subrecipient-provided match.

VSTOP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (VSTOP) Grant Program CV2026-2027 (Competitive)

20-Nov-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested		Requested Total	Recommended		Recommended Total
			DCJS Funds	Local		DCJS Funds	Local	
560763	Appomattox, County	County Government	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.00	\$133,333.00	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.00	\$133,333.00
563272	Lynchburg, City	City Government	\$66,667.00	\$33,333.00	\$100,000.00	\$66,667.00	\$33,333.00	\$100,000.00
562703	Manassas, City	City Government	\$19,134.00	\$6,378.00	\$25,512.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
562878	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.00	\$133,333.00	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.00	\$133,333.00
562482	Sussex, County	County Government	\$53,264.00	\$0.00	\$53,264.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
563143	Virginia Beach, City	City Government	\$71,691.00	\$0.00	\$71,691.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Program Total:			\$410,756.00	\$106,377.00	\$517,133.00	\$266,667.00	\$99,999.00	\$366,666.00

VSTOP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (VSTOP) Grant Program CY2026-2027 (Competitive)

20-Nov-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
560763	Appomattox, County	County Government	New	\$133,333.00	\$133,333.00	Meets criteria	VSTOP funds will be used for the following: salary and benefits for a part time law officer who will investigate crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking. We anticipate that this grant funded position will serve 100 victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking during CY2026 through December 31, 2027.
563272	Lynchburg, City	City Government	New	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Lynchburg Police Department seeks VSTOP funding to create a Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistant (JGVA) position. The JGVA will serve as a dedicated liaison for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. This role will enhance protection order enforcement, promote trauma-informed responses, and strengthen coordination among law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and victim advocacy partners to improve victim safety and support.
562703	Manassas, City	City Government	New	\$25,512.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Manassas City Police Department operates one of the only certified RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) teams in Northern Virginia, providing self-defense and empowerment training to women locally and across partner jurisdictions. VSTOP funds will expand the program through the purchase of new protective suits, manuals, and sanitation equipment, allowing MCPD to increase class availability, improve safety, and enhance outreach. This project strengthens law enforcement-led prevention and promotes victim safety in alignment with VAWA purpose areas.
562878	Spotsylvania, County	County Government	New	\$133,333.00	\$133,333.00	Meets criteria	This project will enable the Spotsylvania County's Sheriff's Office to hire a full-time Domestic Violence (DV) Senior Detective. VSTOP funds will be used to partially pay the associated salary costs for this position. By December 31, 2027, it is anticipated that this position will have reviewed and investigated a minimum of 125 cases involving domestic violence/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. This position will aid in reducing the number of cases that do not receive additional investigations from a dedicated DV Detective, increase investigative thoroughness, provide victim support, and specialize in complex cases, such as those involving digital evidence, elder or disabled victims, and other high-risk victims.
562482	Sussex, County	County Government	New	\$53,264.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Sussex County Sheriff's Office seeks VSTOP grant funding to enhance its capacity to effectively investigate and respond to cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. As a small, rural jurisdiction, the Sheriff's Office often serves as the primary first responder and evidence custodian for these sensitive cases. The proposed equipment purchases are designed to improve evidence preservation, documentation accuracy, victim-centered practices, and overall investigative integrity. Collectively, these equipment purchases will enable the Sussex County Sheriff's Office to strengthen its investigative capacity, uphold victim confidentiality, and ensure compliance with best practices in evidence management.
563143	Virginia Beach, City	City Government	New	\$71,691.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	This project seeks funding to hire a part-time legal assistant to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence throughout the court process. The position will help maintain communication with domestic violence victims, locate these victims who do not appear in court, and connect them with local support resources. By improving outreach and providing consistent communication, the project aims to strengthen victim services, reduce case delays, increase victim participation, and ensure victims feel supported and informed.