



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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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: Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Calendar Years 2026-2028 (Juvenile Justice)

Name of Person Presenting: Laurel Marks

The purpose of this Juvenile Justice Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) funding opportunity is to provide current Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (JJDP) grantees, whose grant ends December 2025, the opportunity to continue their work reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth of Virginia through effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming designed to interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	6
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	6

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$1,054,990
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$1,054,990

**No applications were denied.**

Funding will be used to hire or maintain current personnel such as case managers, resource counselors, clinicians, facilitators and mentors. Additionally, recommended applications include funding for program curriculums, materials, and licenses.

**In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund six (6) grant applications for the 36-month period (1/1/2026-12/31/2028), totaling \$1,054,990, using FVIP funds allocated for this purpose.**

# FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

## Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) CY2026-2028 (Juvenile Justice)

20-Nov-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
561439	Chesapeake Public Schools	City Government	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
562412	Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	Community Services Board - NON-PROFIT	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00
560659	King William, County	County Government	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00
560346	Richmond, City	City Government	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
563195	Richmond, County	County Government	\$74,990.00	\$0.00	\$74,990.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$74,990.00
563175	Winchester, City	City Government	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
<b>Grant Program Total:</b>			<b>\$1,054,990.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,054,990.00</b>	<b>\$1,055,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,054,990.00</b>

FVIP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) CY2026-2028 (Juvenile Justice)

20-Nov-2025

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
561439	Chesapeake Public Schools	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The grant will continue to help Chesapeake Public Schools Create Safe Spaces for our Students and our Community through three key initiatives: youth violence, substance use, and firearm prevention. For youth violence prevention, we will continue school-wide Behavioral Threat Assessments while adding new training for social media threats. For substance use prevention, students violating policy will be assigned to our Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAPP), with treatment support available through Harbor Hope. For Firearm Prevention, we will implement the Our Voice, Our Safety campaign to educate and empower our students, families, and community on firearm safety. Funding will be used to support case managers, resource counselors, support staff, and educational modules to support the materials and training.
562412	Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	Community Services Board - NON-PROFIT	Continuation of Grant	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Champions of CH A.N.G.E. initiative empowers youth and families through trauma-informed, evidence-based programs that promote resilience, positive behavior, and mental wellness. Serving more than 500 youth and 200 adults each year, the project continues to expand programming through targeted community initiatives and multiple prevention series focused on reducing youth violence and substance use. Funds will support the Rise Above curriculum implementation, facilitator development, media outreach, and enhanced community engagement to strengthen protective factors, increase coping skills, and foster safer, healthier communities across Hampton and Newport News.
560659	King William, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of this project is to continue to prevent/ reduce violent crimes and/or behaviors caused by students that may arise due to truancy (chronic absenteeism). This proposal is a comprehensive truancy prevention program targeting at-risk middle and high school students by focusing on students showing the early warning signs of disengagement and predictors of dropping out. The program aims to reduce suspension rates, anti-social behaviors and substance use while improving personal goal achievement and social skills for better academic outcomes. The program uses early identification, individualized interventions, and community and caregiver partnership to offer support services tailored to the students' unique needs. Funding will help to continue to employ the two Check and Connect Mentor positions
560346	Richmond, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	Domestic, sexual, gender based, family, and gun violence are a part of the trauma newcomer youth are experiencing as they migrate to this country and during their integration process. This project will continue to assess mental health needs, provide trauma informed behavioral healthcare, teach healthy relationship skills, and reduce victimization of Latinx newcomer youth. This violence prevention project leverages best practices and evidence-based strategies identified by the Centers for Disease Control in order to build protective factors against youth violence and gun violence, thereby reducing the likelihood that identified youth will become perpetrators and/or victims of violence. Funding will help to continue to employ a bilingual client services specialist, bilingual clinician, and engagement specialists.
563135	Richmond, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$74,990.00	\$74,990.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck will continue to implement a violence/substance abuse prevention program. Programming will focus on providing youth with the skills necessary to resist peer pressure, decipher hidden media messages often aimed at promoting high risk and unhealthy behaviors. In addition, services will also focus on developing communication and coping skills. BGCNN will utilize the following evidence-based curriculums for reducing delinquency/violence and substance abuse: Boys & Girls Club of America Project Learn (PL), Innovation Research Media Detectives (MD), and Media Ready (MR). Grades 1-2 and 7-12 will participate in PL while grades 3-8 will participate in PL as well as MD and MR. Funding will primarily go to two Project Learn and one Innovation Research facilitators.
563135	Winchester, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Timberlake Achievement Center (TAC) provides evidence-based diversion and prevention programming for youth involved in, or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system. TAC's programs are tailored to help youth clients and their families navigate away from further involvement in the criminal justice system. This project seeks to expand TAC's programming through the utilization of virtual reality (VR) based career training experiences. Through the use of VR devices and specialized programming, clients can experience various job opportunities and learn valuable skills for real-world application. Funding is requested for the use of 5 VR devices, program licenses, and training to facilitate this program for two years.