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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Lindsay Burton, Division Director, Division of Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety
Date: April 23, 2026
Re: FY 2027 - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Continuation Grant Funding

Name of Person Presenting: Jordy Nolan, Senior Criminal Justice Grant Program Specialist

The Peer Support Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Grant Program provides state funding to support nonprofit organizations offering post-critical incident seminars and peer-supported stress management programs to law enforcement agencies and their personnel. This program helps law enforcement staff manage the emotional and psychological effects of critical incidents through targeted education and peer support, promoting their well-being and operational effectiveness.

The FY 2027 CISM Grant Program will provide continuation funding for two (2) Virginia-based nonprofit agencies with a proven track record of success in delivering these vital services to law enforcement personnel throughout the Commonwealth.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	2
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	2

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$300,000
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$300,000

No applications were denied.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund two (2) grant applications for a 12 month (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027) totaling \$300,000, using CISM funds allocated for this purpose.

CISM -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Peer Supported Critical Incident Stress Management

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested			Recommended		
			DCIS Funds	Local	Total	DCIS Funds	Local	Total
568877	Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
568975	Virginia Peer Support Association	Non-Profit Organization	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Grant Program Total:			\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00

CISM -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Peer Supported Critical Incident Stress Management

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
568877	Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	The Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program offers a multi-faceted approach to the provision of stress management and peer support to Virginia law enforcement professionals including police officers, deputies, corrections officers, communications officers and their families through Post Critical Incident Seminar, Critical Incident Stress Management services, CISM Peer training and Pre-Event Education. These services are intended to mitigate the adverse effects of incident-specific and cumulative stress inherent to the law enforcement profession which profoundly impacts a law enforcement professional's performance, health and career longevity.
568975	Virginia Peer Support Association	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	The Virginia Peer Support Association (VAPSA) proposes a statewide program to deliver peer-supported Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services to Virginia law enforcement officers. This includes four (4) Level 1 Peer Support trainings (3 days each) at regional academies, four (4) recertification classes (1 day each), and one (1) Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) / Health and Wellness Seminar. These activities will train 300+ officers to provide support that will enhance resiliency, ensure confidentiality, and address trauma from critical incidents. Partnerships with LE agencies ensure geographically diverse access.