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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Jennifer MacArthur, Manager, Adult Justice Programs, Division of Programs and Services
Date: April 23, 2026
Re: State Fiscal Year 2027 Drive to Work Grant Program

Name of Person Presenting: Cynthia Nwarache, Reentry Coordinator, Adult Justice Programs

The purpose of the Drive to Work (DTW) Grant Program is to assist low income and previously incarcerated individuals with restoring their driving privileges so that they can drive to work and maintain employment. DTW is the only organization that provides legal assistance to help individuals whose licenses are suspended by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to reinstate their driver's license. The DTW program also provides educational services to individuals wishing to have their licenses reinstated. This program is currently funded through \$75,000 in state general funds and an additional \$75,000 in federal funds. The federal funds come from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG).

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	1
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	1

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$150,000
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$150,000

No applications were denied.

The Drive to Work program requests were allocated towards Personnel and Supplies and Other Expenses needed to successfully implement and carry out grant activities. These services include office rent, technology, and communication services.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund one grant application for the 12-month period (7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027), totaling \$150,000 using state general funds and federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) allocated for this purpose.

DTWP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Drive To Work Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
568446	Drive-to-Work	Non-Profit Organization	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
Grant Program Total:			\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00

DTWP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Drive To Work Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
568446	Drive-to-Work	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Meets criteria	<p>Since 2007, Drive-To-Work has assisted low income and previously incarcerated people to restore their driver's license so they can drive to work and maintain employment. DTW provides eligible individuals with the legal services of attorneys to remove the causes of their license suspensions. This is a much-needed public service, a fact recognized by courts, legislators, employers, reentry organizations and many individuals. The funds will be used to pay a portion of the salary for the President & CEO as well as the Client Services Administrator, both of whom provide services to the DTW clients. Funds will also support office rent, accounting, communications, phone, internet, and information technology. We anticipate serving 100 program participants.</p>