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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 Hate Crimes Grant Program

Presenting: Elizabeth Polak, Grant Programs Specialist

The Hate Crimes Grant Program (HCGP) provides state funds through a competitive process to localities to help reduce bias-motivated incidents. The program supports institutions and nonprofit organizations at risk for targeted violence based on race, religious conviction, color, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or national origin.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	10
# Grants Denied	4
# Grants Recommended	6

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$953,737
Amount Denied	\$450,345
Amount Reduced	\$0
Total Amount Recommended	\$503,392

**Four applications were denied** because they did not meet the funding opportunity criteria and were not recommended for funding. No local match is required.

**In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund six (6) grant applications for a 12-month period (7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027), totaling \$503,392** using state funds allocated for this purpose.

# HCGP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

## Hate Crimes Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
569332	Alexandria, City	City Government	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
567617	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	\$115,345.00	\$0.00	\$115,345.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
568489	Harrisonburg, City	City Government	\$106,995.00	\$0.00	\$106,995.00	\$106,995.00	\$0.00	\$106,995.00
569306	Newport News, City	City Government	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
568248	Roanoke, City	City Government	\$138,176.00	\$0.00	\$138,176.00	\$138,176.00	\$0.00	\$138,176.00
569052	Tappahannock, Town	Town Government	\$52,221.00	\$0.00	\$52,221.00	\$52,221.00	\$0.00	\$52,221.00
568148	Tazewell, County	County Government	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
568458	Virginia Beach, City	City Government	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
568287	Warren, County	County Government	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
567669	Wise, County	County Government	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Grant Program Total:</b>			<b>\$953,737.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$953,737.00</b>	<b>\$503,392.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$503,392.00</b>

# HCGP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

## Hate Crimes Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
569332	Alexandria, City	City Government	New	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	The Alexandria Police Department (APD) respectfully requests consideration for the 2027 Combating Hate Crimes Grant to support our ongoing efforts to strengthen community trust and engagement, particularly with Alexandria's diverse faith-based communities and non-profit organizations. Through assessments conducted in collaboration with these organizations, several safety and security vulnerabilities were identified. Our goal is to broaden our outreach efforts to ensure that assistance, resources, and protective services are accessible to as many organizations as possible.
567617	Colonial Heights, City	City Government	New	\$115,345.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Colonial Heights Police Department proposes a one-year project to fund mobile surveillance and messaging equipment to assist the department in hardening targets within the community that are at risk for targeted and bias-motivated violence. The project includes two IVC Mobile Surveillance Trailers and one Millennium Products Messaging Trailer to support hardening targets of racial and religious organizations specifically within the community. This will allow officers to deter religious and racially based crimes and assist in furthering investigations of such activity within the community.
568489	Harrisonburg, City	City Government	New	\$106,995.00	\$106,995.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	Funds would be utilized to continue and expand existing law enforcement security at specified Jewish and Muslim religious institutions in the city. Additional funds are being requested to finish the secure target hardening efforts identified in 2024.
569306	Newport News, City	City Government	New	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	A collaboration between the City of Newport News and the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula to assist with enhancing security on campuses.
568248	Roanoke, City	City Government	New	\$138,176.00	\$138,176.00	Meets Criteria	The Harrison Museum of African American Culture, Local Colors, and As Salam Islamic Center are three of the 22 non-profit organizations that partner with the Roanoke Police Department through its B.R.A.V.E. (Building Relationships and Values through Engagement) program. These three organizations represent social segments of the population that, historically, have been underserved and marginalized in the community and in broader U.S. society. In this grant, they will receive security-related training for employees, on-site security services, and equipment/supplies for target hardening.
569052	Tappahannock, Town	Town Government	New	\$52,221.00	\$52,221.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	This project will enhance the safety and security of River of Life Tappahannock Church and First Baptist Church Tappahannock by installing cameras, lighting and monitoring systems. These churches host large gatherings, community events, and meetings that make them potential targets of bias-motivated incidents. Funding will support targeted security measures to reduce the risk of hate crimes and protect congregants, staff, and community members attending these events.
568148	Tazewell, County	County Government	New	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The purchase of a Crime Analysis Software Program created and implemented by BDE Analytics. This program will be installed by BDE and used by our crime analyst. This program will give the sheriff's office the ability to break down crime including hate crimes that is occurring in Tazewell County and surrounding jurisdictions.
568458	Virginia Beach, City	City Government	New	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Meets Criteria with Conditions	This project focuses on target hardening and imminent threats to specific At-Risk Community partners. This will be accomplished by purchasing several FUSE5 core devices. A real-time public safety platform that integrates live video feeds, data, and communication from various sources to provide a unified view for Virginia Beach Police Dept. Real Time Crime Center.

568287	Warren, County	County Government	New	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	The Warren County Sheriff's Office seeks funding to upgrade the video security system at the Warren County Courthouse. The project will install a new 48TB network video recorder and strategically place high-resolution cameras in key public areas, including courtrooms, judicial parking, and public service offices. These upgrades will strengthen courthouse security, improve video clarity and retention, and enhance our ability to deter, detect, and document potential bias-motivated incidents involving protected members of the community accessing court services.
567669	Wise, County	County Government	New	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	Does not meet criteria	Agreements are signed with local non-profit churches, and with non-profit Family Crisis Support Center for Domestic and Sexual Assault Victims, to include their 5 emergency shelters in Wise County. In this partnership group, if requested, a security survey of the organization will be conducted. The deputy will provide CPTED recommendations to help lower the risk of targeting for both Hate Crimes and Property Crimes. Deputy will perform security checks at the facilities and document each time as agreed upon with the organizations. Security will be available for special events or events that may draw protest. Deputies will provide stop the bleed classes if requested by the non-profit.