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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 PAPIS Grant Program

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

The purpose of the Prerelease and Post Incarceration Services (PAPIS) Grant Program is to support PAPIS programs in providing direct services to incarcerated individuals nearing release into the community, or previously incarcerated individuals living in the community. This grant is intended specifically to facilitate case management, coaching, reentry success planning, treatment, and referrals. It also provides resources to meet the basic needs of reentering individuals, such as transitional housing and employment readiness and placement for individuals returning to the community from a local or regional jail or prison. This program is funded by general appropriation funds, which include \$3,596,429 designated to support PAPIS programs.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	9
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	9

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$3,592,920
Amount Denied	\$0.00
Amount Reduced / Increased	\$377/\$3,886
Total Amount Recommended	\$3,596,429

No applications were denied.

DCJS staff recommends funding all PAPIS programs at SFY 2026 level funding. Two grantees made an error in their requests, asking for either more or less than level funding.

The majority of applicant funding requests were allocated towards personnel and supplies/other expenses needed to successfully implement and carry out grant activities. These include transportation assistance, emergency housing assistance, space rental, technology and communication needs, course materials, assistance with obtaining identification documents, wellness and hygiene kits, printing, office supplies, and professional training. Grant funds were also requested to support travel and mileage expenses for reentry professionals associated with the PAPIS program.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund nine grant applications for the 12-month period (7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027), totaling \$3,596,429 using state general appropriation funds allocated for this purpose.

PAPIS -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

Prerelease and Post Incarceration Services Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested		Requested Total	Recommended		Recommended Total
			DCJS Funds	Local		DCJS Funds	Local	
567483	Frederick, County	County Government	\$140,594.00	\$0.00	\$140,594.00	\$140,594.00	\$0.00	\$140,594.00
568056	James City, County	County Government	\$121,480.00	\$0.00	\$121,480.00	\$121,480.00	\$0.00	\$121,480.00
568416	OAR of Arlington	Non-Profit Organization	\$373,641.00	\$0.00	\$373,641.00	\$373,641.00	\$0.00	\$373,641.00
568389	OAR of Fairfax	Non-Profit Organization	\$281,217.00	\$0.00	\$281,217.00	\$285,103.00	\$0.00	\$285,103.00
568263	OAR of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	\$601,748.00	\$0.00	\$601,748.00	\$601,748.00	\$0.00	\$601,748.00
567514	OAR/Jefferson Area Comm Corrections	Non-Profit Organization	\$248,031.00	\$0.00	\$248,031.00	\$248,031.00	\$0.00	\$248,031.00
568429	Step Up, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$421,826.00	\$0.00	\$421,826.00	\$421,826.00	\$0.00	\$421,826.00
569121	Virginia CARES	Non-Profit Organization	\$1,246,178.00	\$0.00	\$1,246,178.00	\$1,246,178.00	\$0.00	\$1,246,178.00
568106	Westmoreland, County	County Government	\$158,205.00	\$0.00	\$158,205.00	\$157,828.00	\$0.00	\$157,828.00
Grant Program Total:			\$3,592,920.00	\$0.00	\$3,592,920.00	\$3,596,429.00	\$0.00	\$3,596,429.00

PAPIS -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Pre-release and Post Incarceration Services Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
567483	Frederick, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$140,594.00	\$140,594.00	Meets Criteria	The Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center (NRADC) works to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism and promoting successful offender reintegration through evidence-based treatment, education, job training, and individualized case management. A key component is the Offender Reentry Transitional Program (ORTP), the primary Papis grant-funded program, which provides structured support to individuals preparing for reentry. Grant funds will sustain and expand these efforts by funding the salaries and benefits of four Inmate Program Specialists and providing essential supplies serving about 500 pre-release clients facility-wide this fiscal year.
568056	James City, County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$121,480.00	\$121,480.00	Meets Criteria	Colonial Community Corrections provides direct evidence-based reentry services to inmates located in the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ) and individuals in the Greater Williamsburg area who were incarcerated in the past twelve months. These services include MRT Groups, Risk/Needs Assessment, and individual cognitive based meetings with Papis staff. In FY2027, we anticipate providing MRT groups to 80 individuals; resuming Job Readiness; providing cog-based meetings with 15-20 individuals; and working with DMV Connect in providing Virginia ID cards. The Papis team consists of one full-time Reentry Coordinator and one part-time Reentry Specialist.
568416	OAR of Arlington	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$373,641.00	\$373,641.00	Meets Criteria	PAPIS funding will provide critical stabilization, guidance, and support to help 500 participants and their families build safe, stable lives through participation in OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church's pre-release and post-release programming and community-based wraparound direct services for men and women returning from incarceration. Journeying with participants in a high-cost of living environment, the four grant-funded OAR Collective members (most whom are Peer Recovery Specialists) offer trauma-informed care and culturally appropriate support and the practical resources needed to help participants build stable futures and hopeful lives through successful reentry that strengthens families and improves community safety.
568389	OAR of Fairfax	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$281,217.00	\$285,103.00	Meets Criteria	OAR's pre- and post-incarceration services promote successful community reintegration for justice-involved community members in Loudoun County and post-incarceration services to Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Based on risk assessments, with medium/high-risk clients receiving more intensive services, OAR will deliver case management, case plans, skills development/classes, mentoring, and employment to 300+ people annually with Papis funds. Funds will partially support 10 staff positions: Director of Programs, Executive Director, Director of Development, Reintegration Program Manager, Reintegration Case Manager (2), Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Batterer Intervention Program Coordinator, Alternative Sentencing Program Manager.
568263	OAR of Richmond	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$601,748.00	\$601,748.00	Meets Criteria	OAR will provide pre & post incarceration services to over 5,000 individuals. Papis Funds will be used to support positions including salary and benefits for 4 Post-release Reentry Advocates, 2 Pre-release Reentry Advocates, Director of Community Engagement, Peer Specialist, Front Office Coordinator, Assistant Director, and Executive Director. One of the jail Reentry Advocates and the Peer Specialist are fully funded by Papis; all other positions are partially funded. For the upcoming year OAR anticipates providing for the basic needs of the participants through the provision of clothing, hygiene items, food, transportation, and peer support. In addition, OAR will provide Narcan kits and training. All case management and groups are person-centered.
567514	OAR/Jefferson Area Comm Corrections	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$248,031.00	\$248,031.00	Meets Criteria	OAR/Jefferson Area Community Corrections serves nine jurisdictions. OAR/JACC provides reentry services through pre-release programs at the Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional Jail and the Central Virginia Regional Jail and provides post-release services for individuals once released from jail or prison. The target population is incarcerated medium and high-risk individuals that are preparing for release in the local jails as well as those individuals who are released from the jail or prisons who are returning to the areas we serve. The program intends to provide services to 150 pre-release and 250 post-release individuals.
568429	Step Up, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$421,826.00	\$421,826.00	Meets Criteria	STEP-UP will provide pre-release services via a Peer Recovery Specialist prior to and after individuals are released from incarceration. Papis funding will be used to support program staff to include the Program Director, Assistant Director, Case Managers, Employment & Training Specialists, Bookkeeper, and Instructor who will provide services to reintegrating individuals. Two hundred fifty pre-release participants and 300 post-release participants will be served. Trauma Informed Care Services will be provided to 100 individuals, and mental health and substance abuse services will be provided to 146 individuals.

569121	Virginia CARES	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$1,246,178.00	\$1,246,178.00	Meets Criteria	Virginia CARES, Inc. provides statewide reentry services that support individuals returning from incarceration while strengthening public safety across the Commonwealth. The organization operates pre-release programs in 16 state prisons and 20 regional and local jails and provides transitional housing and post-release services in 58 localities. Services begin prior to release and continue after individuals return to the community. Participants receive individualized case management and evidence-based support focused on reducing recidivism and promoting stability. Local offices are located in Lynchburg, Radford, Abingdon, Fredericksburg, Danville, Roanoke, and Covington. The organization intends to provide services to 910 reintegrating individuals.
568106	Westmoreland County	County Government	Continuation of Grant	\$158,205.00	\$157,828.00	Meets Criteria	This project will provide a range of transitional services to 250 incarcerated individuals, including substance abuse/mental health referrals to in-house and community counselors, anger management, local medical care information, and vocational and educational classes. The program's goal is to provide services to individuals released from jail into the community who have been assessed as medium to high-risk. We offer these individuals a range of services, including release plans, housing, identification card issuance, employment, and Medicaid/SNAP applications. Our facility has a QMHP to provide case management and counseling to incarcerated individuals.