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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 - School Resource Officer New Grant Funding

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

The purpose of the School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Incentive Grant Program is to support the establishment of new School Resource Officer (SRO) positions in Virginia public schools. SROs provide law enforcement and school safety services that help maintain a safe and supportive learning environment across the Commonwealth. Funding is authorized under §9.1-110 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The FY 2027 School Resource Officer Incentive New Grant Program funding opportunity is intended to support the creation of new SRO positions. Applications may request funding for personnel, supplies, equipment, travel, and subsistence, as permitted under program guidelines.

Following DCJS staff review, the following funding recommendations are provided:

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	11
# Grants Denied	1
# Grants Recommended	10

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$1,440,238
Amount Denied	\$81,575
Amount Reduced/Increased	\$215,673/\$258,962
Total Amount Recommended	\$1,401,952

One application was denied due to the requested position already being locally funded. Reduced applications were due to applicants requesting ineligible items. All increased

applications were due to applicants incorrectly filling out their budgets and/or adjustments to their composite index match amount.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund 10 grant applications for the 12-month period (07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027), totaling \$1,401,952. This funding includes \$892,569 from the SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program and \$509,383 in required subrecipient provided match.

SRO -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

School Resource Officer Grants - New

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCJS Funds		Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds		Recommended Local	Recommended Total
			Requested	Local		DCJS Funds	Local		
569195	Accomack, County	County Government	\$149,530.00	\$0.00	\$149,530.00	\$262,590.00	\$144,400.00	\$406,990.00	
568866	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	\$62,400.00	\$23,282.00	\$85,682.00	\$62,303.00	\$23,250.00	\$85,553.00	
568630	Carroll, County	County Government	\$50,000.00	\$21,059.00	\$71,059.00	\$50,000.00	\$21,059.00	\$71,059.00	
568467	Charlotte, County	County Government	\$58,022.00	\$18,524.00	\$76,546.00	\$58,022.00	\$18,524.00	\$76,546.00	
568182	Essex, County	County Government	\$32,786.00	\$36,884.00	\$69,670.00	\$32,786.00	\$36,884.00	\$69,670.00	
568424	Fredericksburg, City	City Government	\$31,732.00	\$48,269.00	\$80,001.00	\$31,732.00	\$48,257.00	\$79,989.00	
568101	Grayson, County	County Government	\$55,000.00	\$28,080.00	\$83,080.00	\$55,000.00	\$28,080.00	\$83,080.00	
568155	Grayson, County	County Government	\$54,000.00	\$27,575.00	\$81,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
568683	Page, County	County Government	\$56,000.00	\$31,637.00	\$87,637.00	\$56,000.00	\$31,637.00	\$87,637.00	
568615	Richmond, County	County Government	\$56,000.00	\$25,278.00	\$81,278.00	\$56,000.00	\$26,780.00	\$82,780.00	
569243	Suffolk, City	City Government	\$377,768.00	\$196,412.00	\$574,180.00	\$228,136.00	\$130,512.00	\$358,648.00	
Grant Program Total:			\$983,238.00	\$457,000.00	\$1,440,238.00	\$892,569.00	\$509,383.00	\$1,401,952.00	

SRO -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

School Resource Officer Grants - New

23 Apr 2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Project Description
569195	Accomack County	County Government	New	\$149,530.00	\$406,990.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Accomack County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to support School Resource Officer (SRO) positions in Accomack County Public Schools. SROs provide a daily law enforcement presence in schools and work closely with administrators, teachers, and students to help maintain a safe learning environment. Deputies assist with school safety planning, respond to incidents, and help identify concerns before they become larger problems. SROs also provide classroom instruction and prevention programs focused on drug awareness, decision making, and personal safety. Grant funds will support salary, benefits, training, and equipment for deputies assigned to these positions.
568866	Bluefield, Town	Town Government	New	\$85,682.00	\$85,553.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	The Bluefield VA Police Dept and Dudley Primary School are applying for a new SRO position at Dudley Primary School. SRO will interact with students of different backgrounds and ethnicities. SRO will be a familiar and approachable person with students, as well as, faculty and staff. Our SRO is already familiar with the physical layout of the school and knowledgeable with the social environment, aware of conflicts, and who belongs on school grounds and who does not. They will anticipate and practice early intervention in potential incidents. School safety, security, and reducing/eliminating crimes among the students will be a priority. We will work jointly with Tazewell County School Division and community to ensure our students safety.
568630	Carroll County	County Government	New	\$71,059.00	\$71,059.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Carroll County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to support the assignment of a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Fancy Gap Elementary School within Carroll County Public Schools. Carroll County Public Schools operates 10 school campuses across approximately 478 square miles, creating unique coverage and response challenges due to the county's large geographic area. Fancy Gap Elementary is currently staffed by a School Security Officer (SSO) who is scheduled to retire effective June 30, 2026. This grant funding will ensure continuity of school-based law enforcement presence by replacing the SSO position with a dedicated SRO. The SRO will enhance school safety efforts through law enforcement services.
568467	Charlotte, County	County Government	New	\$76,546.00	\$76,546.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The purpose of this project is to provide continued funding to support placement of one (1) full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Eureka Elementary School. Eureka Elementary School is the largest school in the division and has a high level of student and community activity. As such, having a full-time School Resource Office is imperative to provide the kind of support and first responder presence needed to help ensure the safety and well-being of the students and staff. This position provides a constant presence for safety and supervision; a resource for drills and other safety drills; an immediate connection to first responders; instructional resources for classrooms; and support to students through counseling and mentoring.
568182	Essex, County	County Government	New	\$69,670.00	\$69,670.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Essex County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) supports safe learning environments across Essex County schools. The SRO assists administrators with specialized training in handling weapons violations, identifying controlled substances, and addressing safety threats. A visible law enforcement presence deters misconduct and helps identify unauthorized individuals on campus. Beyond schools, the SRO strengthens community partnerships and fosters positive relationships with students, families, and stakeholders.
568424	Fredericksburg, City	City Government	New	\$80,001.00	\$79,989.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	The new part-time SRO will be assigned to the Lafayette Upper Elementary School to cover the two days the current part-time SRO is not scheduled, which will provide total coverage of Lafayette Upper Elementary School. The new SRO will also assist, on their third day of work, with teaching the Dare Program at Gladys West, Walker Grant Middle School and the new THC and Alcohol Impairment program at James Monroe High School.

568101	Grayson, County	County Government	New	\$83,080.00	\$83,080.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Grayson County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Grayson County School Board, requests grant funds through this program to facilitate the placement of a new SRO at the Grayson County CATE (Career and Technical Education) Center, in order to promote safety and security of students, faculty and staff. The primary goal of this grant program is to enhance the partnership between the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the Grayson County School Board, students and parents. We currently have 6 SROs in place with 5 on grant funding.
568155	Grayson, County	County Government	New	\$81,575.00	\$0.00	Ineligible	The Grayson County Sheriff's Office is in danger of losing its SRO at IMS without reinstated grant funding. Due to limited county resources and local funding, the county administrators have stated they may not be able to sustain the position. Loss of the SRO would create a significant prevention gap within our schools, reducing proactive intervention, threat assessment coordination, crisis response readiness, and positive youth engagement. Reinstating grant funding will ensure continued full-time law enforcement presence dedicated to school safety and violence prevention.
568683	Page, County	County Government	New	\$87,637.00	\$87,637.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The Page County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) is applying for \$87,637.00 (\$56,000.00 ?special? funds request) for a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO primary sector will be Stanley Elementary School (STES). This will be the first PCSO full-time SRO position assigned to STES. Currently (YTD) STES enrollment 340, 91% receiving free/reduced meals, 7% students chronically absent. SRO positions have promoted school safety by decreasing barriers between law enforcement, students, staff, administration, and parents and providing a safe school environment. Without this funding, our department won't be able to provide the full-time SRO needed at STES.
568615	Richmond, County	County Government	New	\$81,278.00	\$82,780.00	Meets criteria with conditions	The SRO will provide safety, security and counsel to the student of the Northern Neck Technical Center. This will be a full-time position in the school every day that works closely with the teachers, students and administration ensuring the safety of the facility, the children and the teachers
569243	Suffolk, City	City Government	New	\$574,180.00	\$358,648.00	Meets criteria at reduced level	The City of Suffolk is seeking funding to hire 4 new SRO's for assignments at four elementary schools.