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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Kristina Vadas, Victims Services Manager, Division of Programs and Services
Date: April 23, 2026
Re: Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) for State Fiscal Year 2027

Name of Person Presenting: Anya Shaffer, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Administrator

The purpose of Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) funding is to support the delivery of direct services to victims of crime. This funding opportunity offered continuation funding for a group of currently funded subrecipients selected through a competitive application process in 2025. The initial funding opportunity was designed to fulfill the federal requirement that 10% of VOCA funding support services to victims from underserved populations. It is anticipated that this is the final continuation funding year for this group of subrecipients.

Funding for VSGP comes from both state general funds allocated to support this program, and federal VOCA funds awarded to DCJS by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime. There is also a subrecipient match requirement.

In accordance with VOCA guidelines, direct services to victims of crime include efforts that:

1. Respond to the emotional, psychological, or physical needs of crime victims;
2. Assist victims to stabilize their lives after victimization;
3. Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and/or
4. Restore a measure of security and safety for the victim.

Grant Application Review	
# Grants Submitted	32
# Grants Denied	0
# Grants Recommended	32

DCJS Recommendations	
Amount Requested	\$5,163,994
Amount Denied	\$0
Amount Reduced	\$12
Total Amount Recommended	\$5,163,982

No applications were denied. Two applicants requested amounts that were slightly more than their predetermined award amounts, which resulted in the difference between the total amount requested and the total amount recommended.

Recommended funding supports the following: 1) personnel (counselors, therapists, victim advocates, volunteer coordinators, supervisory staff, outreach and education staff); 2) supplies (office supplies, printing costs, shelter maintenance, training registrations, victim emergency clothing, victim moving expenses, agency phone and internet services); 3) consultants (translation and interpretation services, victim childcare services, certified public accountants, technology services, victim therapy services); 4) travel (staff mileage and per diem reimbursement for meetings, court accompaniment, hospital accompaniment, and trainings); 5) indirect costs in accordance with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate or the de minimis rate; and 6) training funded by this grant program may be used to train paid staff and volunteers on how to provide services to victims of crime.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to fund 32 grant applications for the 12-month period (7/1/2026-6/30/2027), totaling \$5,163,982, using \$4,129,947 in state general funds and federal VOCA funds, and \$1,034,035 in subrecipient provided match.

VSGP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Requested DCIS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCIS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
567268	Ayuda	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
567238	Blue Ridge Legal Service, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$93,790.00	\$23,448.00	\$117,238.00	\$93,790.00	\$23,448.00	\$117,238.00
567950	Boat People SOS	Non-Profit Organization	\$75,000.00	\$18,750.00	\$93,750.00	\$75,000.00	\$18,750.00	\$93,750.00
567372	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$151,800.00	\$37,950.00	\$189,750.00	\$151,800.00	\$37,950.00	\$189,750.00
568537	Charlottesville, City	City Government	\$123,600.00	\$30,900.00	\$154,500.00	\$123,600.00	\$30,900.00	\$154,500.00
567271	Doorways for Women and Families	Non-Profit Organization	\$93,652.00	\$23,413.00	\$117,065.00	\$93,652.00	\$23,413.00	\$117,065.00
568146	Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00
567213	Family Crisis Support Svcs. Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$109,000.00	\$27,250.00	\$136,250.00	\$109,000.00	\$27,250.00	\$136,250.00
567698	First Step, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$20,268.00	\$5,067.00	\$25,335.00	\$20,268.00	\$5,067.00	\$25,335.00
568309	Greater Richmond SCAN	Non-Profit Organization	\$149,500.00	\$37,375.00	\$186,875.00	\$149,500.00	\$37,375.00	\$186,875.00
568456	Greater Washington Jewish Coalition	Non-Profit Organization	\$140,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$175,000.00
567264	Hampton, City	City Government	\$34,760.00	\$8,690.00	\$43,450.00	\$34,760.00	\$8,690.00	\$43,450.00
565537	Korean Community Services Center of Greater Washington	Non-Profit Organization	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00
567472	Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
568809	Legal Aid Justice Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
567226	Legal Aid Society of Rke Valley	Non-Profit Organization	\$110,679.00	\$27,670.00	\$138,349.00	\$110,679.00	\$27,670.00	\$138,349.00
567318	Legal Aid Works	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
568748	Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
568409	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	\$99,000.00	\$24,750.00	\$123,750.00	\$99,000.00	\$24,750.00	\$123,750.00
568566	Mental Health America of Virginia	Non-Profit Organization	\$39,027.00	\$11,338.00	\$50,365.00	\$39,027.00	\$11,338.00	\$50,365.00
567337	Piedmont CASA, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$154,000.00	\$38,500.00	\$192,500.00	\$154,000.00	\$38,500.00	\$192,500.00
567216	Project Horizon, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$73,000.00	\$18,250.00	\$91,250.00	\$73,000.00	\$18,250.00	\$91,250.00
567930	ReadyKids-fmrly Children Yth & Fam Svcs	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
567960	Safe Harbor	Non-Profit Organization	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00
568054	Tahirih Justice Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$123,200.00	\$30,800.00	\$154,000.00	\$123,200.00	\$30,800.00	\$154,000.00
568158	The James House	Non-Profit Organization	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$180,000.00
567305	The Laurel Center	Non-Profit Organization	\$140,114.00	\$35,029.00	\$175,143.00	\$140,114.00	\$35,029.00	\$175,143.00
568191	Virginia Anti-Violence Project	Non-Profit Organization	\$124,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$124,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$155,000.00
567955	Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$200,000.00	\$50,001.00	\$250,001.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
568562	Virginia Poverty Law Center, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	\$153,000.00	\$38,250.00	\$191,250.00	\$153,000.00	\$38,250.00	\$191,250.00
568392	Warren Coalition	Non-Profit Organization	\$131,530.00	\$32,893.00	\$164,423.00	\$131,530.00	\$32,893.00	\$164,423.00
567780	Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Non-Profit Organization	\$135,000.00	\$33,750.00	\$168,750.00	\$135,000.00	\$33,750.00	\$168,750.00

Grant Program Total: \$4,129,920.00 \$1,034,074.00 \$5,163,994.00 \$ 4,129,947.00 \$ 1,034,035.00 \$ 5,163,982.00

VSGP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)

Victims Services Grant Program

23-Apr-2026

Application Number	Applicant	Organization Type	Type of Application	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Application Criteria	Grant Project Description
567268	Ayuda	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	Ayuda will provide culturally and linguistically specific legal and social services for 150+ low-income immigrant crime victims, primarily in Northern Virginia. Services include immigration legal consultations, direct representation, case management, and emotional support groups, as well as training or outreach events. Funds will support 18 staff: Legal Director, Associate Legal Director, Managing Attorney, 4 Supervising Attorneys, Pro Bono Coordinator, 2 Senior Staff Attorneys, Staff Attorney, Paralegal, Partially Accredited Representative, Social Services Director, Senior Social Services Manager, Senior Case Manager, and 2 Case Managers. Funds will cover language access; travel; training; supplies; IT; memberships; and indirect costs.
567238	Blue Ridge Legal Service, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$117,238.00	\$117,238.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP grant funds will be used to pay the personnel costs for an experienced domestic violence/immigration law attorney (along with other direct and indirect costs associated with her work) to provide legal assistance in immigration cases tied to clients' experience of crime, with a primary focus on serving immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Funds will also be used for outreach activities. We anticipate serving 75 immigrant survivors with these funds during the grant period.
567950	Boat People SOS	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$93,750.00	\$93,750.00	Meets Criteria	Our CADV project will comprise three main components: 1) enhance existing services by providing direct crisis services to victims of domestic violence and guiding adult survivors and their children to legal, advocacy, and translation services, as well as healthcare, social, and economic support; 2) conduct community outreach and education on the problem of domestic violence within the community and the availability of locally available trauma-informed services for victims and survivors; and 3) building local capacity to address domestic violence through policy advocacy, coalition-building, and partnerships. With the support from DCDS, we will serve 60 domestic violence victims to gain confidence and to rebuild their lives.
567372	Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$189,750.00	\$189,750.00	Meets Criteria	The Thrive Program serves 150 victims of crime to include child abuse, crime and neglect, including adults who were sexually abused as children, and the traditionally underserved populations. VSGP funds will used to pay salaries of 6 staff members who will provide mental health trauma-focused counseling for 150 clients, using a combination of individual, group, or family sessions.
568537	Charlottesville, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$154,500.00	\$154,500.00	Meets Criteria	The City of Charlottesville's Department of Human Services' Evergreen Program will increase access to trauma-informed intervention for victims within schools as well as low-wealth families, expand access to mental health services for victims, and support behavioral interventionist positions serving victims of crime. Evergreen will employ one full time school-based family support specialist and one partial time family support specialist to meet the needs of student participants. Evergreen staff will be supported by a supervisor in meeting these goals. The Evergreen program will serve up to 25 students for the grant period.
567271	Doorways for Women and Families	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$117,065.00	\$117,065.00	Meets Criteria	Doorways requests \$93,652 in VSGP Competitive funds for FY27 to support services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. These funds will support prorated portions of our 24/7 Hotline, Hospital Accompaniment, Court Advocacy, and Counseling programs. The number of survivors and their family members to be served with these funds is estimated to be 115.
568146	Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	Meets Criteria	The project funds 2 victim advocates and 4 admin staff, to support the psychological and physical needs of 60 crime victims. We provide education on how to participate in the criminal justice system and restore a measure of security and safety for underserved victims. This is done through outreach and individualized support designed to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of cultural/ethnic-specific communities, immigrants, refugees and non-English speakers. ECDC/AACC uses a victim-centered approach to identify and find solutions for the challenges individuals with foreign backgrounds face in navigating U.S. systems, accessing information, and confronting cultural norms that often prohibit them from requesting help.
567213	Family Crisis Support Svcs, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$136,250.00	\$136,250.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP funds will support an Emergency Shelter Victim Advocate and Children's Services Coordinator serving the historically underserved, isolated Appalachian region. Services include advocacy, emotional support, safety planning, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing services, and information/referrals. Opening in May 2026, the new Leslie's Center for Hope will add pet kennels for survivors, the Enhanced Forest children's therapy/playroom, laundry facilities, and a community kitchen. Collaboration with Anchoring Hope Counseling and Ballard Health will offer on-site physical and mental health services. We anticipate serving over 300 survivors and 90 children during SFY 2027.
567698	First Step, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$25,335.00	\$25,335.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP continuation grant funds will be used to pay for a portion of the personnel expenses (salary and benefits) for the Bilingual Domestic Violence Counselor who provides counseling services and facilitates the Domestic Violence Support Group for victims of domestic violence. These services are provided free of charge to victims. We anticipate serving 16 victims with these grant funds during the grant period.

569309	Greater Richmond SCAN	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$186,875.00	\$186,875.00	Meets Criteria	Greater Richmond SCAN's Trauma-Focused Treatment Services project includes services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their nonoffending caregivers through SCAN's therapeutic preschool-based treatment at Circle Preschool Program (CPP) and treatment for severely abused children through Child Advocacy Center Trauma-Focused Treatment (CAC FTI). SCAN expects to serve approximately 170 victims of crime and 105 of their nonoffending caregivers through the requested positions at SCAN's Circle Preschool Program and Child Advocacy Centers in fiscal year 26-27 through this project.
568456	Greater Washington Jewish Coalition	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	Meets Criteria	VSQP grant funds will be used to pay the salaries of nine ICADA staff who will provide short- and long-term individual and group counseling services and victim advocacy support with basic needs, including client assistance for housing, utilities, travel and living expenses related to client victimization, public benefits access, Address Confidentiality Program enrollment, and financial literacy. Grant funds support personnel costs for direct service providers, client assistance, and other program related costs. We anticipate serving 100 victims with these funds during this grant period.
567264	Hampton, City	City Government	Continuation of Grant	\$43,450.00	\$43,450.00	Meets Criteria	The Hampton Victim Witness Program provides comprehensive information and direct services to crime victims in accordance with the Crime Victims and Witnesses Rights Act and other applicable victims rights laws. It is estimated that 275 victims will receive program services during fiscal year 2027. Services will support the continuation of current VOCA-supported projects which include providing information about the criminal justice process and victims rights and referrals to other victim service programs. It will also enhance the further development and implementation of our community-based violence services through our RESET program designed to provide direct services, referrals, assistance, support, and resources.
567337	Korean Community Services Center of Greater Washington	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Meets Criteria	The SFY27 VSQP funding will be used to offer 250 units of culturally and linguistically sensitive and comprehensive support services to 4 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are limited English proficient, low- to moderate-income Korean and Chinese individuals. Two bilingual Victim Service Coordinators will provide initial intake, assessment, and case management and will refer both internally and externally clients for wrap-around services including counseling, legal assistance, and education so that in time these survivors will regain stability, restore self-esteem, recover from trauma, and put an end to being re-victimised.
567472	Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	VSQP grants funds will be used to pay the salaries of 2,36 FTE who will provide/supervise hotline services, face-to-face advocacy services, including peer counseling, case management, safety planning, relocation assistance, and assistance with the criminal justice system, and interpretation services. Grant funds will also support space and telecommunication needs for grant-funded staff. We anticipate serving approximately at least 300 victims with these funds during this grant period.
568809	Legal Aid Justice Center	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	VSQP grant funds will be used to pay a portion of the time of 10 staff members who provide services to isolated victims of workplace crimes of violence and control across the state. Our services include legal representation in a variety of issues including trafficking prosecution, T and U-Visas (Immigration), and wage theft. We also assist victims to physically escape their traffickers, help them access services including law enforcement and medical care, and operate a live-operator/bilingual hotline for victims. We anticipate providing victim services to 105 workers during this grant period as well as outreach and education to 1,400 high-risk workers with limited English proficiency.
567226	Legal Aid Society of Roke Valley	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$138,349.00	\$138,349.00	Meets Criteria	The Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley (LASRV), a public service legal aid law firm, will use DCIS funds to respond to crime victims' needs to restore their safety and security by providing free legal advice, court representation, and assistance navigating civil and criminal justice processes. LASRV will tailor referrals to other victim services within our large collaborative network and execute outreach and educational programs concerning crime victims within our network, and for underserved populations. In SFY 2027 we anticipate serving 225 crime victims. Funds will pay partial salaries of two full-time attorneys serving victims of crime.
567318	Legal Aid Works	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	Indigent DV victims will be offered legal help in contested divorce matters. From 7/1/26-6/30/27, 75 victims will receive services through this program. Critically under-served low-income victims face not just their abuser but also a civil court system that will determine their futures. We will level the legal playing field by offering expert advocacy on behalf of our clients in under-served rural areas who need enforceable court orders for child & spousal support, divorce, & equitable distribution of property all while putting their physical safety foremost by obtaining PO's. VSQP will fund 1 FT atty & 3FT paralegals.
568748	Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	To provide direct holistic legal services to underserved victims of crime. We anticipate providing legal services to 250 crime victims during the grant period. We will also serve 75 clients through the Pro Bono Attorney of the Day Program.

56949	Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$123,750.00	\$123,750.00	Meets Criteria	LAWs continues to maintain core services and support for Loudoun County's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and non-English-speaking populations who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence through bilingual/bicultural advocacy and multi-language outreach, information, and resource building. We anticipate (1) serving approximately 500 survivors, (2) establishing three partnerships within our community, with one partner training LAWs staff on the services they provide and their specific challenges with LAWs cross-training them on our services, and (3) moving toward a social media campaign with content in different languages. These goals help us bridge cultural gaps critical for equitable access to justice, safety, and empowerment.
56856	Mental Health America of Virginia	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$50,365.00	\$50,364.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	Survivors of Trauma Obtaining Resiliency and Empowerment (RESTORE), strengthens the mental health resiliency of adult victims in ongoing recovery from mental trauma. The grant funds support Certified Peer Recovery Specialists providing recovery tools and peer support to a total of 140 victims through a 2-day program offered twice a year, an introductory webinar provided four times, and a small group webinar provided twice during the year. Funds also support staff providing outreach to victim and mental health service providers at meetings and conferences and through social media. Ongoing support is provided through the agency's peer-run mental health Warm Line and resources communicated through social media.
567337	Piedmont CASA, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$192,500.00	\$192,500.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP grant funds will be used to pay the salaries and benefits of three full-time Coaches and a full-time Program Director. Bridges Coaches are primarily responsible for providing individualized and professional support to CASA youth, ages 13 to 18+. Coaches work directly with these older CASA youth to help them develop a comprehensive, holistic, and measurable plan to guide and support their transition to self-sufficiency and to living an independent, interdependent life. The Program Director provides direct supervision of the Bridges Coaches. We anticipate serving 30-35 youth with these funds during this grant period.
567216	Project Horizon, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$91,250.00	\$91,250.00	Meets Criteria	Project Horizon serves victims of domestic and sexual violence in the Rockledge community which includes Buena Vista, Lexington and Rockbridge County. We provide comprehensive information and direct services to sexual assault and domestic violence victims. It is estimated that during July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (FY27), over 500 victims of domestic violence or sexual assault will receive direct services through this program. We anticipate that similar to previous years, nearly 40% of the people we serve will represent marginalized victims. Services in this proposal will be provided by 3 staff and approximately 35 volunteers.
567930	ReadyKids Family Children Yth & Fam Sys	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria	The ReadyKids Trauma Counseling Program offers a critical response to the treatment needs of children (ages 2-17) who are victims of crime including abuse, neglect and/or exposure to domestic violence in Charlottesville and the five surrounding counties, including rural communities. The program prioritizes children and families who encounter barriers to receiving trauma focused mental health services, including limited insurance coverage, geographic isolation, language access needs, and insufficient availability of appropriate services in their region. We anticipate serving 150 primary victims and 100 secondary victims during the grant period.
567960	Safe Harbor	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	Meets Criteria	DCS VOCA VSGP competitive funds will be used to pay a portion of the salaries and benefits for the following bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) staff positions: Director of Shelter and Community Services, SOV Bilingual Case Manager, Bilingual Therapist, and Bilingual Court Advocate. We anticipate serving 100 Spanish Speaking victims during FY27.
568054	Tahirih Justice Center	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$154,000.00	\$154,000.00	Meets Criteria	Tahirih requests continuation VOCA support to sustain and grow our program to deliver free, holistic, trauma-informed, culturally competent, and linguistically accessible interdisciplinary legal services, including crisis/social services, to at least 115 underserved immigrant adult and child victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, child abuse and other eligible crimes throughout our service area each year. Further, we will leverage donated volunteer services. We request VOCA funds to enable immigrant victims to report crime, navigate the justice system, and secure humanitarian legal protections and work authorization to which they are entitled to in order to achieve safety, stability, and self-sufficiency.
568158	The James House	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP grants funds will be used to pay a percentage of salaries for 5 staff who will provide counseling services, case management, crisis intervention, hospital and court accompaniment and assistance with basic needs for underserved victims of crime. Funds will also be used for outreach activities with a focus on underserved populations. We anticipate serving 300 victims with these funds during this grant period.
567305	The Laurel Center	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$175,143.00	\$175,143.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP grant funds will be used to pay the salaries of a full-time staff. The Program Coordinator will be funded at 20%, the Licensed Child Therapist will be funded at 100%, the Care Coordinator will be funded at 50%, and the Bilingual Victim Advocate will be funded at 50%. In this grant, staff will provide therapy services, crisis intervention, court accompaniment, safety services, and information and referrals. Funds will also be used for outreach activities, especially to underserved populations, and training to staff. We anticipate serving 50 individuals during the grant period.

568191	Virginia Anti-Violence Project	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00	Meets Criteria	Virginia Anti-Violence Project will provide culturally specific advocacy and support services to 30 LGBTQIA+ victims of crime across Virginia in FY27. A team of Survivor Community Specialists and program oversight from the Executive Director, the project will deliver direct services including safety planning, advocacy, emotional support, and assistance navigating housing and legal systems. VAVP will also provide emergency financial assistance, community outreach, and training for mainstream providers to strengthen culturally competent responses to violence. The project aims to increase access to affirming services, reduce survivor isolation, and expand community awareness of resources available to LGBTQIA+ individuals impacted by violence.
567955	Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$250,001.00	\$250,000.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	VSGP grants funds will be used to pay part of the salaries of our domestic violence team: six attorneys, one case handling paralegal, and one community outreach coordinator. The team, with support from our lawline client intake team and other staff, will close cases serving geographically isolated populations that help 1,200 domestic violence and sexual assault survivors and the people in their households. It also will provide information to 800 geographically isolated survivors to 1) make them aware that free civil legal help is available and 2) equip them to help themselves through increased understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities.
568562	Virginia Poverty Law Center, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$191,250.00	\$191,250.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP grant funds will be used to cover the salary & fringe benefits for two full-time staff and partial salary and fringe benefits for two other staff to serve an underserved population of low-income, undocumented or under-documented immigrant victims of domestic and/or sexual violence crimes by opening, managing, and/or filing visa applications (VAWA Self-Petitions, U visas, T visas, Removal of Conditions on Residence) and/or adjustment of Status applications for an anticipated 100 clients; provide information and training to 5 local core services programs in Virginia on immigration visa relief available to immigrant victims of domestic and/or sexual violence crimes; and prepare 5 applicants to attend USCIS Field Office appointments.
568392	Warren Coalition	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$164,423.00	\$164,413.00	Meets Criteria with conditions	Project COURAGE provides weekly skill building sessions to children in grades 5-8, their siblings, those in alternative school. The program focuses on helping children feel safe & connected & encourages regular school attendance & good grades. Transportation for clients to school, Drs, and court provided as are referrals to services, and accompaniment to court/school meetings. Parents are contacted monthly to get feedback, provide parenting support & basic needs. Two FTEs & a contract agency provide these services. The grant serves 75 students & their parents. Funds pay Executive Director for weekly supervision and finance support. Funds pay mileage to schools, liability insurance & Microsoft 365 subscription for Denise Hackney.
567780	Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Non-Profit Organization	Continuation of Grant	\$168,750.00	\$168,750.00	Meets Criteria	VSGP funds will be used to pay the salaries (or partial salaries) of 4 staff members. These staff will provide direct services to adult and child victims of domestic and sexual assault including crisis intervention, counseling, court accompaniment, and referrals to services. Staff funded under this grant project will also provide emergency accompaniment to victims (adults and children) of sexual and domestic violence through the WRCNRY Emergency Advocacy Program. We anticipate serving 400 victims (as outlined in the goals/objectives) during the grant period.