



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

Date: November 20, 2023

Re: 2023 Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program

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The Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program makes \$1.5 million available for competitive grants to localities to combat hate crimes, including but not limited to target hardening activities, contractual security services, critical technology infrastructure, cybersecurity resilience activities, monitoring, inspection and screening systems; security-related training for employed or volunteer security staff; and terrorism awareness training for employees. The funds are distributed to localities that have established a partnership program with institutions or nonprofit organizations that have been targets of or are at risk of being targeted for hate crimes.

There were two applications received through this funding opportunity. Staff is proposing the funding of one of the applications, in the amount of \$77,520 to Dickenson County.

The grant period for this award would be from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Staff is not recommending the funding of an application submitted by the Town of Haysi. Their application, in the amount of \$44,575 was for the installation of surveillance equipment, that was not specifically associated with an at-risk institution or non-profit organization.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund 1 award, totaling \$77,520 through the 2024 Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program.**

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## HCGP -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)

### Hate Crimes Grant Program

20-Nov-23

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| Application #                     | Location  | Jurisdiction      | Requested DCJS Funds | Requested Local | Requested Total      | Recommended DCJS Funds | Recommended Local | Recommended Total   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 521337                            | Dickenson | County Government | \$ 77,520.00         | \$ -            | \$ 77,520.00         | \$ 77,520.00           | \$ -              | \$ 77,520.00        |
| 520087                            | Haysi     | Town              | \$ 44,575.00         | \$ -            | \$ 44,575.00         | \$ -                   | \$ -              | \$ -                |
| <b>Program Category SubTotal:</b> |           |                   | <b>\$ 122,095.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 122,095.00</b> | <b>\$ 77,520.00</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ 77,520.00</b> |
| <b>Grant Program Grand Total:</b> |           |                   | <b>\$ 122,095.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 122,095.00</b> | <b>\$ 77,520.00</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ 77,520.00</b> |

# Grant Application Summary

| Grant Application Number           | Grant Program             | Application Type |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 521337                             | Hate Crimes Grant Program | New              |             |
| Applicant Location                 | Town, City, County, etc.  |                  |             |
| Dickenson                          | County Government         |                  |             |
| Grant Application Category: >>>>>> |                           |                  |             |
| Internal Status                    | Ranking Score (if New)    | Requested        | Recommended |
| Meets criteria with coonditions    | 40                        | \$77,520         | \$77,520    |

## Grant Project Description

Dickenson County Sheriff's Office will partner with local religious organizations to lower the risk of targeting for hate crimes and to increase resilience and survivability in the event of violent attacks. Deputies will provide enhanced protection to area churches through security checks and increased patrols. Active shooter training will be provided to members of religious organizations. This grant supports our local sheriff's office in its aim to safeguard vulnerable communities and prevent hate crimes.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

## Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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| Haysi   | Town Government           |                  |             |
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| Does not meet criteria                                      | 27.5                      | \$44,575         | \$0         |

## Grant Project Description

Community placement of cameras on heavily traveled streets, the effort is to deter and apprehend those whom are throwing out recruitment flyers for hate groups from moving vehicles. Hate groups are placing flyers, and bird seed in bags, and throwing them in front of area homes. Also seeking to purchase a fingerprint machine for the processing of those arrested.

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