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To: Criminal Justice Board Grants Committee

From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section

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Re: 2024 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (Local Coordination and Assessment Planning)

DCJS issued grant guidelines inviting applications for the 2024 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program to support evidence-informed strategic planning and assessment. Localities were invited to apply under two categories:

Category I supports local efforts to develop, implement, expand and/or enhance violent crime funding and strategic planning coordination. Under this category, funding will support hiring a local coordinator, criminal justice planner or create a new local position dedicated to local violent crime funding and coordination.

Category II supports local assessment. Applicants were encouraged to partner with local institutions of higher learning or an established organization to conduct local violent crime assessments.

DCJS received nine applications totaling \$1,970,233. After reviewing the grants, DCJS recommends approval of six grants totaling \$1,025,594. Of the three applications not recommended for funding, two were submitted to fund personnel inconsistent with the solicitation requirements, and one was submitted by a nonprofit organization, an ineligible applicant.

In summary, DCJS staff recommends approval to fund six projects for the 24-month period 1/1/24-12/30/25, totaling \$1,025,594, using State General Funds allocated for this purpose.

FVIPF -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)
Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund
Local Coordination and Assessment Planning

20-Nov-23

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
522222	Alexandria	City Government	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
521604	Colonial Heights	City Government	\$ 168,092.00	\$ -	\$ 168,092.00	\$ 168,092.00	\$ -	\$ 168,092.00
522259	Emporia	City Government	\$ 248,000.00	\$ -	\$ 248,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
521857	Fredericksburg	City Government	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
522170	Lynchburg	City Government	\$ 234,432.00	\$ -	\$ 234,432.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
521168	Petersburg	City Government	\$ 232,344.00	\$ -	\$ 232,344.00	\$ 172,344.00	\$ -	\$ 172,344.00
522171	Richmond	City Government	\$ 129,290.00	\$ -	\$ 129,290.00	\$ 12,075.00	\$ -	\$ 12,075.00
519661	Roanoke	City Government	\$ 258,083.00	\$ -	\$ 258,083.00	\$ 223,083.00	\$ -	\$ 223,083.00
522050	United Way of the South Hampton Roads	Local Non-Profit	\$ 199,992.86	\$ -	\$ 199,992.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Category SubTotal:			\$ 1,970,233.86	\$ -	\$ 1,970,233.86	\$ 1,025,594.00	\$ -	\$ 1,025,594.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 1,970,233.86	\$ -	\$ 1,970,233.86	\$ 1,025,594.00	\$ -	\$ 1,025,594.00

Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
522222	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Alexandria	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$250,000	\$250,000

Grant Project Description

The Alexandria Police Department is requesting \$250,000 in funding on behalf of the City of Alexandria to contract with a consultant who will serve as a coordinator for the current Brent Place workgroup for twenty-four months.

This consultant will be used to assist in the following:

1. Formalize the newly formed Brent Place workgroup.
2. Be the point of contact and coordination for the workgroup.
3. Assist in the establishment and creation of needed agreements and MOUs.
4. Assist the workgroup in setting goals for crime reduction.
5. Provide strategies on the City's response to crime.
6. Create a template for future multi-departmental response.

This position will foster a focused approach on the quality-of-life issues in and around the Brent Place community. Each organization can contribute to the overall success of the program. This will allow for a parallel approach to identifying the community's quality of life issues and rising violent crime, as well as identifying individuals in need of services and addressing those who are involved in criminal activity through legal process.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521604	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Colonial Heights	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$168,092	\$168,092

Grant Project Description

The Colonial Heights Police Department is seeking funding to establish and maintain a Crime Reduction Coordinator position to complement the City's efforts in addressing violent crime. This position will be responsible for assisting patrol investigations, resource mapping, and developing local crime statistics and trends. Additionally, this position will be responsible for analyzing information and producing annual reports on crime for the general public.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
522259	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Emporia	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$248,000	\$200,000

Grant Project Description

The Emporia Police Department is seeking funding to hire two part-time Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Specialists to develop local strategies for violence reduction, and to develop youth focused and crime prevention programs.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding at a reduced level (delete equipment purchases)

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521857	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Fredericksburg	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$250,000	\$0

Grant Project Description

City of Fredericksburg Police Department seeks to establish a Violent Crimes Detective position to investigate violent crimes. This position will also serve on the Fredericksburg Steering Committee on Teenage Violence and the Greater Fredericksburg Regional Gang Task Force. The Department also requested funds to acquire License Plate Recognition Equipment and Gun Shot Identification equipment.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Do not fund. The positions requested and the equipment requested are not consistent with the solicitation guidelines.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
522170	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Lynchburg	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$234,432	\$0

Grant Project Description

The Lynchburg Police Department is seeking funding for a Civilian Administrative Crime Analyst position, and additional pole cameras and a drone to assist and integrate with the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC).

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend not funding. Lynchburg PD is looking to fund a crime analyst and equipment for the RTCC.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521168	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Petersburg	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$232,344	\$172,344

Grant Project Description

Petersburg Police Department's initiative is aimed at reducing violent crime by developing a local strategic plan & effective community partnership. The initiative will rely on local data and crime trends to effectively apply intervention, prevention and enforcement initiatives that specifically target violent crime and gang violence where violent crime has been prevalent. The FVIP will cover the cost of one full-time Criminal Justice/Public Safety Coordinator, who is solely responsible for coordinating the implementation of the violent crime reduction strategies and the coordination of city-wide collaborations & multi-agency partnerships.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
522171	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Richmond City	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$129,290	\$12,075

Grant Project Description

The City of Richmond is requesting a criminal justice planner position to support the research, planning, and data and policy analysis efforts of the various components of the city's GVPI Framework. Additionally, Virginia Commonwealth University, in the role of consultant, will strengthen the GVPI Assessment by seeking additional participation of the Spanish-speaking residents impacted by gun violence.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding the assessment only, and reducing the hourly rate from the requested amount of \$180 to the amount allowed by the solicitation, \$87.50 (consultant rate). Delete funding for the planner position, as their Office of Safer Communities award includes funding for that position.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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522168	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Roanoke	City Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria at reduced level	0	\$258,083	\$223,083

Grant Project Description

The City of Roanoke is seeking funds to focus on coordinating the gun violence reduction strategy by employing an overall coordinator who, under the authority of the City Manager's Office, will connect the resources and ensure work is not being duplicated or unexploited that could be advantageous to any of the organizations providing work toward gun violence reduction. Funds will be used for the salary of the coordinator, provide the necessary administrative supplies, expand training opportunities, and fund police overtime for hot spot patrols.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend funding, except for the police overtime

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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522050	Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	New	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
United Way of South Hampton Roads	Non-Profit Organization		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Does not meet criteria	0	\$199,993	\$0

Grant Project Description

The United Way of South Hampton Roads (UWSHR) Community Violence Coalition is focused on addressing and reducing firearm violence by continuing the work of UWSHR's Hope and Healing Coalition to a) identify new ways to address gun violence in Hampton Roads and b) continue provide trauma informed care trainings to individuals and communities throughout Hampton Roads, as well as expand current efforts by offering case management support to those individuals who are at the greatest risk of perpetuating gun violence and those who are already connected to gun violence with the help of three community partners: Sylver Strategies, Teens with a Purpose and Quality of Life Counseling Services.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Recommend not funding. Nonprofits were not eligible applicants under this solicitation.

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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