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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Kristina Vadas, Victims Services Manager

Date: November 9, 2023

Re: Calendar Year (CY) 2024-2025 Virginia Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution (VSTOP) Grant Program

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The VSTOP Grant Program is supported by federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds through the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The goals of the VSTOP program are to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women; to encourage the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women; and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

For the CY 2024-2025 funding opportunity, guidelines were drafted to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of long-standing VSTOP projects as well as offer a competitive application process to new applicants. On October 23, 2023, this funding opportunity was re-opened to allow additional current CY 2023 recipients to apply. DCJS received an additional nine (9) applications under the re-opened funding opportunity. One continuation applicant formally indicated their intent not to apply (Lancaster County Sheriff's Office). Applications were submitted via the DCJS On-Line Grants Management System (OGMS) and received a comprehensive review based on elements indicated within the grant guidelines.

Additionally, DCJS staff request to increase the award previously approved for the Supreme Court of Virginia to ensure compliance with the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2013, which indicates that 5% of STOP money shall go to courts. To meet the 5% requirement, it is requested that the total award to the Supreme Court of Virginia be increased from to \$413,832 to \$480,499.

Due to the availability of funding, no applications were denied for funding. In summary, DCJS staff **request approval to fund nine additional projects and increase the award amount of one project** for the 24-month period (1/1/2024-12/31/2025), **totaling \$1,397,124**, using federal STOP funds and program-provided matching funds allocated for this purpose. The total award is comprised of \$973,228 in federal STOP funds and \$423,896 of local matching funds.

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

### Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution

20-Nov-23

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
521595	Bedford Co. DSS	County Government	\$ 25,182.00	\$ 8,394.00	\$ 33,576.00	\$ 25,182.00	\$ 8,394.00	\$ 33,576.00
521598	Caroline Co. CA	County Government	\$ 22,155.00	\$ 7,385.00	\$ 29,540.00	\$ 44,310.00	\$ 14,770.00	\$ 59,080.00
521597	Empowerhouse (Formerly RCDV)	Other	\$ 18,208.19	\$ -	\$ 18,208.19	\$ 36,416.00	\$ -	\$ 36,416.00
521608	Fairfax Co. Police Dept.	County Government	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 66,667.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 33,333.00	\$ 133,333.00
520203	Floyd Co. Sheriff's Ofc.	County Government	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 10,333.00	\$ 41,333.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 33,333.00	\$ 133,333.00
521784	Office of the Attorney General	State Government	\$ 80,312.00	\$ 26,772.00	\$ 107,084.00	\$ 80,312.00	\$ 26,771.00	\$ 107,083.00
521705	Roanoke/Council Community Sv	Other	\$ 13,418.00	\$ 4,641.00	\$ 18,059.00	\$ 26,634.00	\$ 8,878.00	\$ 35,512.00
521547	Rockbridge Co. Sheriff's Ofc	County Government	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 115,970.00	\$ 215,970.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 115,970.00	\$ 215,970.00
521544	Wise Co. Sheriff's Ofc.	County Government	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 31,161.16	\$ 81,161.16	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 62,322.00	\$ 162,322.00
<b>Program Category SubTotal:</b>			<b>\$ 390,275.19</b>	<b>\$ 221,323.16</b>	<b>\$ 611,598.35</b>	<b>\$ 612,854.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 916,625.00</b>
<b>Grant Program Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$ 390,275.19</b>	<b>\$ 221,323.16</b>	<b>\$ 611,598.35</b>	<b>\$ 612,854.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 916,625.00</b>

# Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521595	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Bedford County DSS	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$33,576	\$33,576

## Grant Project Description

Bedford Domestic Violence Services provides comprehensive Information and direct services to domestic violence victims. It is estimated that during CY2024 and CY 2025, 120 victims of domestic violence will receive direct services through this program. Court accompaniment will be provided to 10 victims of domestic violence monthly. During the court hours of Bedford Judicial Court System, the court advocate will provide direct support services, distribute DV education materials, and share appropriate resources and referrals to 120 victims of domestic violence. The Court advocate will also assist with safety planning and lethality assessments to victims and provide protective order information when needed.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

## Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521598	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Caroline County CA	County Government		
<b>Grant Application Category: &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$29,540	\$59,080

## Grant Project Description

The Caroline County Victim Witness Program (CCVWP) is requesting VSTOP continuation funding for a part-time Court Advocate. Our program served 341 domestic violence victims, 12 sexual assault victims, and 1 stalking victim in the 2020 calendar year. Our program provided services to 227 domestic violence victims, 7 sexual assault victims and 5 stalking victims in the 2019 calendar year. This program projects delivering services to 358 domestic violence victims, 18 dating violence victims, 9 sexual assault victims, and 2 stalking victims in CY 2022 and 150 domestic violence victims, 12 dating violence victims, 5 sexual assault victims and 2 stalking victims in CY2023.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

\*Applicant did not submit a two-year budget as advised.

## Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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521597	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Empowerhouse (Formerly RCDV)	Other		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$18,208.19	\$36,416

## Grant Project Description

Empowerhouse is requesting V-STOP continuation funding for a part-time domestic violence Court Advocate (DVCA) to assist victims in Planning District 16's (Fredericksburg, Stafford, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania) civil and criminal court systems. The DVCA worked with 133 domestic violence victims from Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2021, through V-STOP funding. Empowerhouse Projects serving 150 domestic violence victims with V-STOP funding in the 2024-2025 years with more concentrated and thorough services for those most at risk seeking services during a year with the continued pandemic. This grant also supports the DVCA's activities to provide law enforcement training and coordination of the community response to domestic violence.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521608	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Fairfax County Police Department	County Government		
<b>Grant Application Category: &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$66,667	\$133,333

## Grant Project Description

The Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Division is requested continued funding for a full-time VSTOP specialist. The grant, including matching funds, will provide partial support of this position. It is anticipated that the VSTOP specialist will serve approximately 150 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in both CY 2022 and CY 2023.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
520203	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Floyd County Sheriff's Office	County Government		
<b>Grant Application Category: &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$41,333	\$133,333

## Grant Project Description

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office is requesting VSTOP continuation funding for a full time Domestic Violence Deputy. Floyd County has worked with 450 of victims in CY 2022. The individuals were victims of crime which includes domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence. It is anticipated that the Floyd County DV Deputy will provide services to 450 victim in CY 2024 and CY 2025. The grant also will also support the DV Deputy in participation in trainings.

## Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

## Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

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Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
521784	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Office of the Attorney General	State Government		
<b>Grant Application Category: &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$107,084	\$107,083

## Grant Project Description

OAG runs the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and houses the ACP Coordinator position. ACP provides victims of DV, SV, stalking, and trafficking with a substitute address to use in lieu of their physical address to keep their location confidential. This address serves as their legal address and state/local government agencies are required to accept it and ACP provides free mail forwarding. The ACP coordinator provides advocacy/assistance to participants and other victims and trains/assists a range of allied professionals and law enforcement. In addition to continuing to assist the current caseload of 587 ACP participants, we anticipate adding 45 new families to ACP in CY23/50 in CY24. 10-12 ACP trainings will be held each year.

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521705	Violence Against Women Grant Program	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Roanoke/Council of Community Svcs	Other		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$18,059	\$35,512

## Grant Project Description

To provide part time staff in support of the Roanoke Valley Violence Prevention Council to meet its goals of enhancing training for criminal justice, agency, and human service professionals; strengthening the cooperation among agencies, professionals, and citizens; identifying gaps in service to victims; and improving community awareness of family violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and human trafficking in the Roanoke Valley.

The program anticipates providing multidisciplinary training for 100+ people, distributing 500+ brochures, hosting two domestic violence public awareness events, and facilitating 11 Council meetings in CY 2024

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521547	<b>Violence Against Women Grant Program</b>	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office	County Government		
<b>Grant Application Category: &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	<b>\$215,970</b>	<b>\$215,970</b>

## Grant Project Description

The VSTOP project has helped fund a position that can better address ongoing issues within our community. The position has been implemented to improve our department's knowledge and response to incidents involving domestic/dating violence, sexual assaults, and stalking-related incidents. This position also works closely with Project Horizon, Victim Witness, and the Commonwealth Attorney's office in reference to improving apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women. This position is also utilized in educating different members of the community and local organizations in reference to ongoing issues that occur in our area.

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521544	<b>Violence Against Women Grant Program</b>	Continuation of Grant	
Applicant Location	Town, City, County, etc.		
Wise County Sheriff's Office	County Government		
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	<b>\$81,161.16</b>	<b>\$162,322</b>

## Grant Project Description

The Wise County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding for a full-time Domestic Violence Investigator referred to as the (DVI). For CY 22, the DVI has reviewed/supplemented 206 reports in which the victims involved fell under the guidelines of V-STOP. As of 2023, the DVI reviewed/supplemented 126 reports. The DVI will continue to handle a large number of cases of domestic violence and predicts around 200 V-STOP incidents for 2024. This continuation grant will support the DVI's time for DV/SA training and participation on the Sexual Assault Response Team, MDT, and others when requested to attend. The V-STOP grant allows our agency to provide victims with resources and information to hopefully help break the cycle of domestic violence.

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