



# 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: February 22, 2024

Re: Bryne/ JAG - Virginia State Police Violent Crime and Defeating Fentanyl Strategy

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The purpose of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) funds is to allow states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. As the State Administrative Agency (SAA), DCJS has the responsibility of managing the coordination and distribution of JAG funds in a manner that supports and improves the overall criminal justice system of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This funding opportunity was offered to assist the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) with carrying out the provisions of [Executive Order 26](#) and some of the priority areas identified by the Governor and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. These priorities include but are not limited to: Reducing violent crime and preventing gun violence and Reducing drug overdose fatalities.

For this funding opportunity, DCJS received and reviewed applications an application from VSP. Staff is requesting the approval to award \$2,000,000.00 in federal JAG funds to VSP for the above stated purpose.

No applications were denied for this JAG funding opportunity.

In summary, DCJS staff request approval to **make one (1) award to VSP, for the 18-month period (4/1/2024 – 9/30/2025), totaling \$2,000,000.00, using federal JAG funds** allocated for this purpose.

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**Byrne/JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)****Byrne/JAG VSP Violent Crime Strategy Grant Program***3/7/2024*

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<b>Application #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Requested DCJS Funds</b>	<b>Requested Local</b>	<b>Requested Total</b>	<b>Recommended DCJS Funds</b>	<b>Recommended Local</b>	<b>Recommended Total</b>
526392	Department of State Police	State Government	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
<b>Program Category SubTotal:</b>			<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>
<b>Grant Program Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>

**Byrne/JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Summary Report)**

**Byrne/JAG VSP Violent Crime Strategy Grant Program**

*3/1/2014*

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Applicant Location	Implementing Agency	Recommended Funding	Final Approval Notes	Internal Status	Applicants Brief Project Overview	Type of Application
526392	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Department of State Police	State Government	\$2,000,000.00		Meets criteria with conditions	This project will provide funding to assist the Virginia State Police in initiating the Violent Crime Reduction program. The goal of the program is to reduce violent crime and fentanyl supply and demand across the Commonwealth. While the program will have benefits statewide, there will be a focus on the thirteen hot spot localities that have been previously identified during the Operation Bold Blue Line initiative.	New