

# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## *Department of Criminal Justice Services*

### **ANNOUNCING THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR NEW PROJECTS STARTING JULY 1, 2008**

The Department of Criminal Justice Services announces the availability of federal grant funds through the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). Grant applications may be submitted for **new** projects in the following areas:

- 1) School and Campus Safety Projects;
- 2) School Resource Officers;
- 3) Crisis Intervention Team Pilot Projects;
- 4) Assessing the Impact of and Responding to the Mentally Ill in the Criminal/Juvenile Justice Systems;
- 5) Crime & Delinquency Prevention in Minority/Immigrant Communities;
- 6) Recruiting and Retention of Criminal Justice Professionals; and
- 7) Criminal Justice System Improvements.

Certain limitations and requirements apply to these funds, including the following:

1. Grant funds may be used to pay no more than 75% of the cost of a project. The remaining funds must be provided, in cash, from non-federal sources.
2. Grant funds may not be used to purchase equipment unless it is a necessary part of an approved project. Grant funds may not be used for construction or renovation.
3. Grant funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds that would otherwise be available for these purposes.

Successful applicants will receive funding for 12 months, starting July 1, 2008.

Grant guidelines and instructions for preparing and submitting grant applications may be obtained from the Department's website at <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/forms/grants/byrne/P-Guide-08Final.pdf>. If you are unable to access the information or download the documents, contact Virginia Sneed, at 804/786-5491 or [virginia.sneed@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:virginia.sneed@dcjs.virginia.gov), to obtain copies of the grant guidelines and application forms.

**Completed grant applications for these funds must be received at DCJS no later than 4pm on Friday, February 29, 2008.**