

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Virginia’s State Administering Agency (SAA), has broad statutory responsibilities for criminal justice planning and program coordination. DCJS has identified persistent and evolving public safety challenges that continue to impact communities across Virginia and require sustained, strategic intervention.

Funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program plays an integral role in Virginia’s efforts to reduce crime. According to the *Crime in Virginia 2024* report published by the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP), although Virginia experienced a **7.0% decrease in violent crime offenses** and a **6.5% decline in violent crime victims** compared to 2023, the overall volume of violent crime remains significant. In 2024, there were **19,480 victims of violent crime**, demonstrating that thousands of individuals and communities continue to be directly impacted.¹

Violent crime in Virginia continues to be characterized by serious and often lethal offenses. Firearms represented **37.3%** of all known weapons used in aggravated assaults. In 2024, the Commonwealth recorded **421 homicides**, along with thousands of aggravated assaults and other violent incidents. These crimes disproportionately involve **younger individuals, particularly males between the ages of 18 and 34**, highlighting ongoing gaps in prevention, intervention, and community-based violence reduction strategies. **Hate crimes increased to 340 reported incidents involving 377 victims in 2024**, reflecting a rise in bias-motivated offenses and the need for targeted prevention, training, and community engagement. Law enforcement officers continue

¹ <https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2025/RD1009/PDF>

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to face heightened risks, reinforcing the need for resources, training, and support for officer safety and wellness.

While recent reductions in certain crime categories are encouraging, the overall data demonstrates that Virginia continues to face **persistent, resource-intensive, and evolving public safety challenges**. Violent crime, firearm-related offenses, property crime, hate crimes, and risks to law enforcement collectively strain criminal justice systems and highlight the need for coordinated, evidence-based responses.

Without continued investment, state and local agencies will face significant limitations in their ability to implement effective enforcement and community policing strategies, expand prevention and intervention programs, and leverage data and technology to respond to emerging threats. DCJS will utilize Fiscal Year 2025 JAG funds to support state and local law enforcement agencies and criminal justice partners through coordinated, evidence-based programs and initiatives.

Consistent with JAG statutory purpose areas and federal priorities, JAG funding will support: law enforcement technology enhancements; specialized law enforcement training to include safety, health, and wellness initiatives; criminal justice system improvements and reform initiatives; opioid and fentanyl enforcement, treatment, training and diversion efforts; communications and information-sharing systems; law enforcement/community engagement programs; drug and gang taskforce operations; violent crime and community gun violence reduction strategies; law enforcement led diversion programs; school and campus safety initiatives; behavioral health and crisis intervention programs; and other evidence-based crime reduction and prevention efforts.

Additionally, JAG funds will support state and local projects aligned with the Commonwealth's strategic priorities.

Barriers and Opportunities

Virginia's Statewide Criminal Justice Strategic Plan is grounded in the use of data to inform policy and practice. As data-driven decision-making is a core principle of Virginia's criminal justice system, DCJS actively identifies gaps in data availability, accessibility, and integration across agencies. While agencies across the system collect and maintain substantial volumes of information for operational and reporting purposes, they do not consistently ensure timely access to that data in the formats and environments where it is most needed. As a result, law enforcement, judicial, correctional, and other criminal justice stakeholders face ongoing challenges in sharing critical information. These limitations hinder efforts to effectively maintain and enhance public safety, contribute to duplication of effort and inefficient use of resources, create unnecessary delays across the criminal justice system, and impede the development and implementation of informed, evidence-based public safety policy. Virginia's Statewide Criminal Justice Strategic Plan is grounded in data-driven decision-making. DCJS has identified persistent gaps in data availability, accessibility, and integration, which limit information sharing across law enforcement, courts, and corrections. These challenges contribute to inefficiencies, duplication of effort, and delays, and hinder the development of informed, evidence-based policy.

In collaboration with stakeholders, DCJS addresses these barriers through targeted investments in data modernization, information-sharing systems, and statewide coordination efforts. This includes grant funding, cross-agency initiatives, and participation in studies and task forces to improve data access and interoperability.

While progress has been made in expanding evidence-based practices, barriers remain, including limited resources, inconsistent data standards, resistance to system change, and concerns related to data governance, privacy, and compliance. DCJS will continue to implement strategies

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to advance data integration and the consistent application of evidence-based approaches across the criminal justice system.

Funding Priorities

DCJS funding priorities align with Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) areas of emphasis and are guided by the Virginia 2023–2026 Statewide Criminal Justice Strategic Plan, developed using empirical data and stakeholder input. Based on this framework, DCJS will focus on the following priorities:

Violent Crime Reduction and Gun Violence Prevention

Reducing violent crime, including firearm-related violence, remains a top priority. Virginia has made significant investments in evidence-based and community-informed strategies. Potential programs for funding include expansion and enhancement of: the Office of Safer Communities, the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program, Virginia Community-Based Gun Violence Intervention, Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Lethality Assessment Program, the Combating Hate Crimes Grant Program, and the Virginia Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Program.

Law Enforcement Capacity, Effectiveness, and Community Trust

The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Criminal Justice Services Board, and DCJS are statutorily charged with strengthening law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice across the Commonwealth (*Code of Virginia* § 9.1-1022). This includes advancing professionalism, effectiveness, and accountability through statewide training standards, model policies and best practices, targeted funding for staffing, equipment, and technology, and ongoing research and evaluation to improve policing outcomes.

DCJS provides financial support to advance these law enforcement priorities by distributing state funding to law enforcement agencies through the State Aid to Localities with Police

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Departments (“599”) program, and by providing funding to local, state, and campus law enforcement agencies through the federal JAG program. Within the JAG Program, DCJS places a strategic emphasis on supporting law enforcement initiatives, recognizing that other significant state and federal funding streams are available to support corrections, prosecution, and victim services.

Central components of Virginia’s public safety strategy are strengthening law enforcement capacity, improving operational effectiveness, and fostering public trust. Projects supported may include:

- Initiatives that promote professionalism, coordination, and operational efficiency, including efforts to address emerging public safety challenges such as violent crime, gun violence, and illicit drug activity.
- Programs that strengthen engagement between law enforcement and communities, emphasizing partnerships with community-based organizations to build trust, improve transparency, and advance violence prevention and intervention efforts.
- Training initiatives that enhance officer readiness and performance, including de-escalation, crisis response, behavioral health awareness, officer safety and wellness, implicit bias, leadership development, and advanced investigative techniques.
- Resources to strengthen multi-jurisdictional task forces and initiatives, and Project Safe Neighborhood Teams, in the areas of overtime, training, prevention and intervention efforts, and undercover operations.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LOLE)

DCJS will utilize a portion of JAG funds to support the “Less Than \$10,000 Allocations,” funds administered by DCJS to smaller units of local government that are ineligible for a direct award of JAG funds due to their agency size. Eligible localities submit budgets and narratives to

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DCJS detailing how they intend to utilize the funds. Allowable uses of funds include the purchase of essential law enforcement equipment, training, prevention and education initiatives, technology improvements, and other activities that enhance law enforcement capacity and effectiveness.

Samples from these categories include:

Equipment and Technology

Strategic investments in equipment and technology to enhance law enforcement services to the community and ensure the safety of citizens and officers, including: modernization of communications, records management, and information-sharing systems; acquisition of protective, tactical, and safety equipment to enhance officer readiness and safety; deployment of analytical technologies and equipment to address violent crime, gun violence, drug trafficking, violent extremism, and domestic terrorism; enhancements to surveillance capabilities, forensic and crime scene investigation tools, and software to support opioid incident tracking and crime analysis; and equipment that supports officer training, wellness, and physical readiness.

Training

Development and delivery of training programs that strengthen law enforcement effectiveness and align with emerging public safety needs, including: critical incident response, preparedness, and post-incident recovery; violence and extremism awareness, prevention, and deterrence; officer-involved incident investigations; social media and open-source investigations; advanced training in leadership, supervision, and specialized investigative techniques; evidence-based wellness initiatives, including resilience training, trauma-informed care, post-traumatic stress support, chaplaincy services, and other programs to address the physical and mental health needs of law enforcement personnel; and peer-supported Critical Incident Stress Management programs, including post-critical incident

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services addressing events such as officer-involved shootings, severe injuries, child fatalities, suicides, and civil unrest.

Other Law Enforcement Programs, Activities, and Services

DCJS is committed to funding law enforcement programs and activities that align with statewide and federal priorities, including: preventing the illegal sale and possession of firearms; enforcing drug laws and disrupting drug trafficking organizations; and reducing violent crime and other criminal activity.

Substance Use, Drug Enforcement, and Overdose Prevention

Addressing substance use, particularly opioid and fentanyl-related overdoses, remains a focus for DCJS. Potential programs for funding include: programs targeting use, trafficking, and overdose prevention; enhanced tools and resources for law enforcement to address illegal drug activity; and expansion of prevention, treatment, diversion, and recovery initiatives.

Enhancing Services for Victims of Crime

Virginia has a longstanding commitment to supporting victims of crime and protecting their rights, established through the Virginia Crime Victims' Bill of Rights (1995) and reinforced by a constitutional amendment in 1997. The Commonwealth continues to prioritize expanding and enhancing victim services to ensure access to comprehensive support and meaningful engagement in the justice system. Funded projects may include services for crime victims and initiatives to prevent, detect, and respond to human trafficking.

Evidence-Based Practices

DCJS recognizes that sustainable public safety improvements require evidence-based practices (EBP) and data-driven decision-making. In coordination with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, DCJS ensures funding is guided by research, performance data, and proven practices, and promotes EBP adoption through funding, training, and technical

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assistance focused on accountability, measurable outcomes, and continuous improvement. DCJS expects to award grants in the following areas:

Prosecution and Courts

DCJS will support initiatives that improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and administration of justice across the Commonwealth. Virginia's criminal justice system includes 120 elected Commonwealth's Attorneys and approximately 720 assistant prosecutors.

Consistent with FY 2025 JAG priorities, funded projects may include: programs designed to address barriers to court appearance, such as transportation and childcare; multidisciplinary training that enhances the quality and effectiveness of indigent defense, prosecution, or judicial handling of criminal cases; specialized training to strengthen the investigation and prosecution of complex crimes, including basic economic crimes and comparative offensives, payment methods, money laundering, identity theft and fraud, elder fraud, construction fraud, welfare fraud, cybercrimes, and electronic evidence, admitting business records, and trying the financial case; training to enhance prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, gun-related, and gang-related offenses; collaborative training for prosecutors and law enforcement to address impaired driving cases involving illegal and prescription drugs; training on asset forfeiture laws, procedures, and administrative requirements for prosecutors, law enforcement, and related personnel; improvements to court notification systems and related communication processes to increase court appearance rates and system efficiency; and diversion programming for identified crimes and offender groups.

Prevention and Education

DCJS will support EBPs and education initiatives that address the root causes of crime, with a particular focus on youth engagement, early intervention, and community-based strategies. These efforts are aligned with FY 2025 JAG priorities emphasizing prevention,

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community partnerships, and long-term reductions in crime. Evidence-based projects may include: programs addressing juvenile delinquency and crime prevention through the provision of direct services to youth; youth-focused, gang-related prevention and education programs, services and practices; development and implementation of collaborative strategies between School Resource Officers (SRO) and school-based professionals, including social workers, to re-engage truant students and address trauma, neglect, and abuse; mentorship and support programs for youth impacted by parental incarceration, victimization, or loss; SRO-led initiatives that provide mentoring, summer programming, and law-related education; community-based youth engagement programs, including mentorship opportunities and structured activities such as athletic leagues; public education initiatives led by law enforcement to promote parent engagement and community awareness of public safety issues; and training and programming for campus law enforcement to support violence prevention, intervention, and community engagement, including initiatives addressing substance use, suicide prevention, dating violence, stalking, bystander intervention, and outreach to underserved and marginalized student populations.

Corrections and Community Corrections

DCJS will support evidence-based corrections and community corrections aimed at enhancing public safety, improving offender outcomes, and reducing recidivism. In partnership with the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association (VCCJA) and local agencies, DCJS will continue to support the statewide implementation of EBPs among local probation and pretrial services agencies. Projects may include efforts to: support the planning and implementation of pretrial risk assessment tools; provide implicit bias training for pre-trial and probation staff; reduce reliance on expensive and less effective facility-based sanctions by diverting non-violent offenders to more appropriate supervision; support programs and

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initiatives that implement or enhance re-entry and aftercare efforts; provide for pretrial and pre-adjudicatory services for defendants; and deliver interventions for justice-involved individuals with serious mental illness or chronic substance use disorders.

Drug Treatment and Enforcement

DCJS will support initiatives that strengthen the intersection of substance use treatment and enforcement efforts, with a focus on reducing substance-related crime and improving access to effective treatment services. Projects may include efforts to: provide community-based treatment services targeting high-risk populations, including individuals who are jail-bound, have co-occurring disorders, are misdemeanants, and/or are frequently involved in the criminal justice system; develop and implement diversion programs for individuals with substance use disorders; expand access to substance use training, prevention, and education programs; and support drug taskforce operations with training, overtime, and equipment.

Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement

DCJS will support initiatives that enhance system effectiveness through strategic planning, data-driven decision-making, and the integration of technology across the criminal justice system. Projects may include efforts to: improve grants management of JAG-funded programs; provide training and strategic planning for Community Criminal Justice Boards; leverage technology to evaluate and assess crime trends, cases, defendants, and incarcerated populations across Virginia's criminal justice system; and support law enforcement accreditation, policy development, and training.

Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Programs

DCJS will support mental health initiatives and related law enforcement and corrections programs that improve responses to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises, prioritizing crisis intervention, diversion, and collaboration between public safety and

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behavioral health systems. Projects may include efforts to: provide support to law enforcement agencies to expand crisis intervention training capacity, including funding for training, travel, and overtime; and support statewide efforts to increase access to and availability of Crisis Intervention Team training.

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Many of Virginia's criminal justice agencies and entities maintain specialized roles and areas of focus, such as law enforcement and criminal investigations, prosecution, adjudication, or corrections. DCJS provides statewide coordination, support, and strategic leadership across these functional areas and beyond.

In addition to aligning with the funding priorities established by the BJA and the areas of emphasis identified in Virginia's 2023–2026 Statewide Criminal Justice Strategic Plan, the Governor and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security identified key priority areas to advance public safety in the coming years, with Virginia's Statewide Criminal Justice Strategic Plan serving as the framework to guide coordinated implementation and measure progress. Some topics are already being acted upon through Executive Orders, legislation, policy guidance, and funding. Priorities include: reducing violent crime and preventing gun violence; strengthening law enforcement recruitment, retention, and workforce sustainability across the Commonwealth; enhancing safety and security in schools and on college and university campuses; reducing overdose fatalities; advancing the continued transformation and modernization of the juvenile justice system; sustaining and improving upon the nation's lowest recidivism rate through effective supervision and reentry practices; expanding and enhancing services and support for victims of crime; and leveraging technology to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and

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interoperability of public safety operations and to strengthen information sharing across local, state, federal, and private sector partners.

Application Process

DCJS administers a competitive grant process through the issuance of funding opportunities that outline program priorities, allowable uses of funds, and application requirements. Solicitations invite applications from eligible localities, state agencies, and other qualified entities, are publicly posted online, and include comprehensive guidelines that detail application timelines, eligibility criteria, submission instructions, and programmatic and financial requirements. To promote broad awareness and equitable access, DCJS encourages prospective applicants to subscribe to agency website notifications for direct updates on funding opportunities and related announcements. In addition, DCJS disseminates funding announcements through professional associations and partner organizations, which distribute the information to their memberships.

Eligible localities and state agencies are required to submit comprehensive grant applications that clearly document the identified problem or need, supported by current and relevant data. Applications must include detailed project descriptions, defined implementation timelines, clearly articulated goals and measurable objectives, and itemized budgets that align with proposed activities and allowable costs.

As appropriate, applicants will be required to develop proposals grounded in established, evidence-based program models. DCJS grant guidelines will direct applicants to relevant evaluation research and evidence-based practice resources, including those provided by the BJA, the Office of Justice Programs, and other recognized sources.

DCJS staff and, when appropriate, external reviewers with relevant subject matter expertise, will conduct a thorough review, evaluation, and scoring of all grant applications. Based

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on the criteria established in the solicitation and accompanying guidance, DCJS will develop funding recommendations for consideration by the CJSB's Grants Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will, in turn, present its recommendations to the full CJSB for final approval.

Consistent with standard JAG award procedures, successful applicants will receive formal notification through a Statement of Grant Award. Award recipients must sign and return this document to acknowledge acceptance of the award and agreement to comply with all applicable conditions, certifications, and assurances. DCJS will not disburse funds until receiving the fully executed award document and all required certifications and assurances from subrecipients. This process includes the completion of pre-award risk assessments, such as debarment verification and confirmation of active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM).

Pursuant to federal statute, certain localities receive JAG funding through a formula-based allocation that relies on crime data, rather than through the competitive application process described above.

DCJS does not intend to set aside the three-percent funding requirement for NIBRS compliance, as Virginia has already been certified by the FBI as compliant with the National Incident-Based Reporting System. Supporting documentation is available upon request.

CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCIES

Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security provides executive oversight for 11 public safety agencies whose collective mission is to protect and ensure the safety and security of the Commonwealth's residents. These agencies span the full continuum of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, adult and juvenile corrections, prosecution, forensic science services, victim services, and private security services.

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The breadth and complexity of these responsibilities require continuous coordination, monitoring, and response to evolving public safety needs. Policy direction and operational demands arise from multiple sources, including the Governor, the General Assembly, the judiciary, local government officials, and the public. They often require balancing the competing priorities and resources of the many agencies tasked with responding to these demands.

Agency Overview

DCJS, as the SAA, serves as the central coordinating entity at the intersection of these system components and is the primary criminal justice planning agency in Virginia, responsible for providing the data, planning, and administration necessary for supporting policy and resource allocation across the criminal justice system. Members of the CJSB work continuously with DCJS staff to review empirical data to identify major public safety trends, issues, needs, and available resources. The CJSB helps develop priorities and objectives to guide and coordinate the SAA's administration of JAG funding and other federal and state resources.

Leveraging its broad expertise, DCJS expanded the Commonwealth's public safety framework to address issues that extend beyond traditional criminal justice boundaries. Substance use, for example, is not addressed solely as a law enforcement or corrections matter, but as a public health issue requiring coordinated prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies, including diversion of appropriate individuals from the justice system and recognition of overdose events as medical emergencies. Similarly, individuals experiencing mental health crises are increasingly diverted from incarceration through enhanced law enforcement training that supports recognition of behavioral health conditions and appropriate referral to treatment services rather than criminal justice processing. Individuals who are sentenced to jail or prison are also viewed, when appropriate, through a reentry-focused lens that emphasizes successful reintegration into the community. School safety is addressed as a shared responsibility that extends beyond traditional

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enforcement, incorporating multidisciplinary approaches such as threat assessment teams to identify needs and connect individuals to appropriate support and interventions. In addition, victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes receive trauma-informed services that recognize the complexity and duration of recovery and that prioritize individualized, long-term support.

DCJS collects and integrates crime and arrest data from local law enforcement agencies; correctional population data from state and local adult and juvenile correctional systems; court-related data; victim services data from state and local programs; and additional public safety information from relevant partner organizations, and uses this data to inform statewide planning, policy development, and resource allocation. The DCJS Criminal Justice Research Center collects, maintains, and analyzes key statewide datasets, including National Incident-Based Reporting System data, jail population data, and school safety survey data. VCSCS also coordinates access to data from courts, adult and juvenile corrections systems, victim services programs, and other public safety stakeholders to support comprehensive analysis and decision-making.

DCJS further advances the use of data and evidence-based practices by integrating them into model policies and practices, providing training and technical assistance to support implementation, and requiring their incorporation into state and local criminal justice programs funded through DCJS-administered grants. Current examples of evidence-based initiatives supported through DCJS JAG funding across the criminal justice system include EBP practices, specialized prosecution initiatives focused on evidence-based prosecution strategies and REVIVE! training for law enforcement agencies equipped with JAG-funded naloxone kits.

The data-driven planning process used by DCJS supports a more informed and objective approach to identifying critical public safety priorities and strengthens the consistency and transparency of resource allocation.

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As the SAA, DCJS is one of 11 agencies in the Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Operational since 1982, DCJS is charged with planning, coordinating, and implementing programs and initiatives that enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. While DCJS administers programs and services that support each component of the criminal justice system, it also maintains a comprehensive, system-wide perspective. DCJS assesses interdependencies across system components, evaluates the impact of policy and operational changes, and ensures that planning and program implementation are coordinated, strategic, and aligned with statewide public safety objectives. Through its core functions—including training, research, partnerships, regulation, and grant administration—DCJS works to strengthen Virginia’s criminal justice system and improve outcomes for the communities it serves.

Agency responsibilities include conducting research and evaluation on criminal justice issues; developing and implementing short and long-term criminal justice strategic plans; administering federal and state funding to localities, state agencies and nonprofit organizations in the areas of law enforcement, prosecution, school and campus safety, crime and delinquency prevention, juvenile justice, services for crime victims, corrections and information systems; providing training, technical assistance, and program development services to all segments of the criminal justice system; and establishing and enforcing minimum training standards for law enforcement, criminal justice, private security, and other public safety-related personnel.

Primary stakeholders include local and state criminal justice agencies, nonprofit organizations, professional associations, private security practitioners and businesses, and other public safety-related entities. Additional stakeholders include the legislative and judicial branches, local governments, federal partners, advocacy organizations, and the public at large.

The DCJS Law Enforcement Grants and Programs section is responsible for the management of the JAG award. This section coordinates the grant activity from several state and

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federal funding sources and works closely with the Grants Management Section, which sub-awards grant monies after extensive review of all applications (process detailed above), and processes financial, programmatic, and administrative data.

Lindsay Burton is the Director of the Division of Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety at DCJS and is currently the Point of Contact for JAG funds. Her responsibilities include oversight of federal fiscal and programmatic reporting and accountability.

Joseph Thompson is the Financial Point of Contact for the JAG funds and serves as the Grants Compliance Supervisor, responsible for performing various reconciliations to ensure the accuracy of the financial reports, including performing the drawdowns for the JAG funds and reviewing agency-to-agency pass-through transactions to ensure accurate preparations of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. He reports to Wendy Lohr Hopp, Director of the Grants Administration Section, within the Division of Finance and Administration.

DCJS has more than 37 years of experience managing grant funds and ongoing relationships with the state agencies that have criminal justice, juvenile justice, or related responsibilities, including the Departments of Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Forensic Science, and the State Police; the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council; the Indigent Defense Commission; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia; the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and the Department of Social Services. DCJS works with these agencies and organizations to make the most effective use of available state and federal funds. In addition, DCJS staff members serve as subject matter experts on task forces and committees formed to specifically address several issues and topics, including gangs, adult and juvenile offender reentry, drug courts, substance abuse treatment for adults and juveniles, and services for crime victims.

Plan for Collecting and Reporting Data Required for Performance Measures

DCJS will collect, maintain, and report data necessary to assess the performance and effectiveness of programs funded under this award. The data will be provided to OJP in the manner and timeframe specified by OJP in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. The data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

The Financial Point of Contact, in coordination with the Law Enforcement Grants and Programs Section, will prepare and submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) and semi-annual performance reports through the Office of Justice Programs' Justice Grants System (JustGrants). Performance data will be reported using the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), supplemented by required narrative reporting. Consistent with the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, DCJS will provide data that measures the results of our work. Staff will submit quarterly performance metrics reports through BJA's PMT website.

In addition, DCJS collects and reports data on deaths that occur in custody, in compliance with the Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA) and the *Code of Virginia* § 9.1-192.1. DCJS gathers data from local law enforcement agencies and juvenile detention centers on a quarterly basis through a standardized online reporting process. The agency also receives data on deaths in state correctional facilities from the Virginia Department of Corrections and on deaths in local and regional jails from the Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails. The DCJS Criminal Justice Research Center compiles and analyzes these data and coordinates submission to the Law Enforcement Grants and Programs Section for reporting through PMT in accordance with federal requirements.

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In accordance with the special conditions of their award agreements, all subrecipients are required to submit quarterly programmatic and financial reports to DCJS through the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and the Online Grants Management System (OGMS), a web-based platform that supports the solicitation, award, and management of grants across the agency, including financial and programmatic reporting functions. This dual-reporting structure ensures that subrecipients provide the data necessary for DCJS to meet federal performance reporting requirements while also supplying detailed information on project implementation, financial compliance, and qualitative indicators of progress and impact. DCJS uses this data to monitor subrecipient performance and support accurate, timely reporting to the BJA. DCJS provides guidance, training, and technical assistance to subrecipients to facilitate timely and accurate submission of PMT reports and compliance with all reporting requirements. In alignment with federal priorities, DCJS emphasizes the integration and documentation of evidence-based practices and will ensure that all required performance data are collected and reported in accordance with BJA guidance.