

Pre-Application Webinar for

Operation Ceasefire Grant (CY 2026-2028) and Operation Ceasefire Grant (CY 2026-2027) for Forensic and Analytical Technology

> Overview of Guidelines and Application Procedures

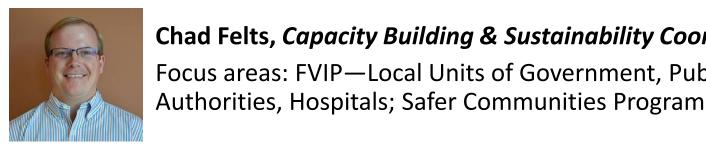


DCJS Introductions



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Introduction and Purpose

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is now accepting applications for:

Operation Ceasefire Grant (CY 2026-2028)

 Supports the implementation of programs and strategies that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth

Operation Ceasefire Grant (CY 2026-2027) for Forensic and Analytical Technology

- Supports local law enforcement efforts to solutions to intercept and eliminate violence using forensic and analytical technology
- Supports local initiatives to fight violent crime by providing resources for law enforcement

The Operation Ceasefire Fund was created by the Virginia General Assembly in the 2022 Appropriations Act (Chapter 2, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I). The purpose of these funds is to support the implementation of violent crime reduction strategies, provide training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors, and provide forensic and analytical equipment for law enforcement agencies.



Grant Details

OCG (CY 26-28)	OCG CY 26-27 for Forensic and Analytical Technology
Programmatic (i.e., personnel and equipment)	Forensic and analytical equipment ONLY
Eligibility: local units of government, Commonwealth's Attorney's offices, and law enforcement	Eligibility: law enforcement
Maximum award of \$500,000 with a maximum request amount of \$100,000 for equipment	Maximum award of \$300,000
3-year grant period	2-year grant period

Award Details

OCG (CY 26-28)

- Total: \$10,000,000
- Maximum award of \$500,000
- Only \$100,000 available for equipment; \$400,000 available for programs
- 3-year grant period
- Start: January 1, 2026

OCG (CY 26-27) for Forensic and Analytical Technology

- Total: \$6,000,000
- Maximum award of \$300,000
- Equipment only
- 2-year grant period
- Start: January 1, 2026

Program Requirements

Violence Reduction Programs should focus on at least one of the following three key elements:

Prevention

• Solutions that keep youth and young adults from entering the cycle of violence. Prevention involves efforts to prevent escalation by assisting individuals at an increased risk of violence or exhibiting early signs of violent behavior.

Intervention

• Programs and policies that assist individuals and their families that have been impacted by violence, to reduce their risk levels of repeat exposure.

Enforcement

 Law enforcement and prosecutorial practices that interrupt the cycle of violence and positively engage the community

Possible Programs for Replication

Crime Investigations

- Personnel to support violent crime investigations and crime analysis
- Non or sworn personnel to staff local Real Time Crime Centers

Equipment and Supplies

- Technology/resources to aid and support local law enforcement efforts in reducing violent crime
- Crime scene supports/resources

Training and Community Engagement

- Law Enforcement training for violent crime reduction strategies, crime analysis, and advance tactical supports
- Training to support to street outreach for local community-based organizations and local government agencies

Allowable Expenses

Examples of allowable expenditures include:

- Personnel required for the project
- Overtime
- Supplies
- Training
- Travel
- Equipment (necessary items related to violent crime reduction)

Restrictions

Grant funds may <u>not</u> be used for:

- Construction or renovation
- Land acquisition
- Lobbying and political contributions
- Honoraria
- Bonuses
- Alcohol
- Unmanned aircraft
- Surveillance equipment



Grant Application Review Process

Considerations

DCJS is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for awarding grants.

DCJS reviews the applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation.

All applications will be reviewed as part of a competitive review process and will be rated based on information provided; adherence to these Grant Guidelines; and the clarity, substance, and strength of the request made for funding.

Grant Application Review Process



The Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Grants Committee will review:

- Project narratives,
- Grant application scores, and
- DCJS recommendations for funding and make recommendations for funding to the CJSB.
- The CJSB will make final grant award decisions at its meeting on **December 4**, **2025**.
 - *Funding decisions made by the CJSB are final and may not be appealed. Fiscal and programmatic revisions may be required as a condition of funding.
- DCJS Office of Grants Management in the Division of Finance and Administration will issue grant award packages based on the final approval of the CJSB.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted in OGMS by:

5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2025

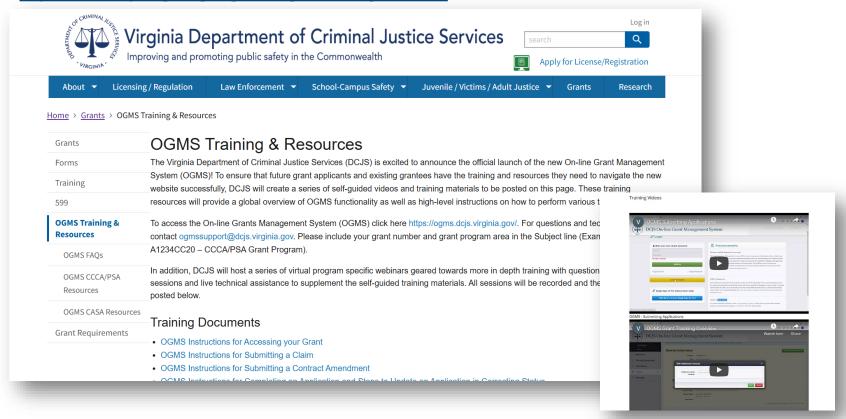
*Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.





On-line Grant Management System (OGMS) Training & Resources Page

https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources

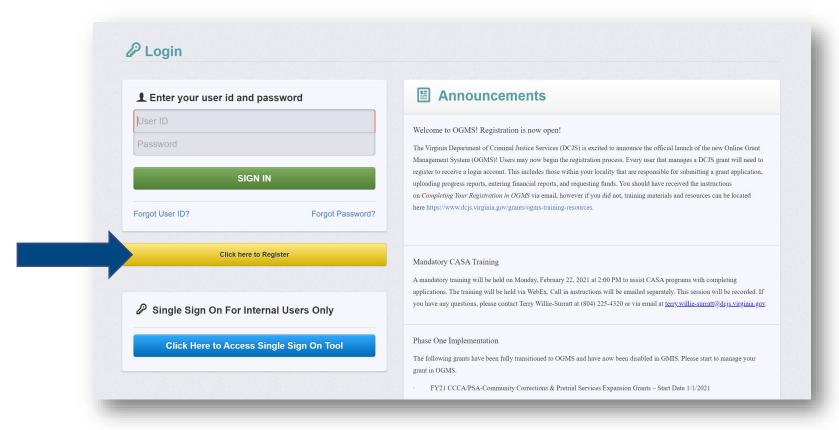






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OGMS Registration

- Every user that manages a DCJS grant will need to register with OGMS to receive a login account.
- •When registering, the **Program Area of Interest** is only used to process your registration, and it doesn't restrict your ability to apply for other funding opportunities.
- Registration approval takes approximately 3-5 business days.
- •You will receive a confirmation email from VAgrantsDCJS@webgrantsmail.com with your user ID and temporary password to login to OGMS.
- •To update your personal contact information, select **My Profile**, update the information, and select save. For organization profile changes, contact grantsmgmt@dcjs.virginia.gov.
- For technical assistance contact: ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov



Budget Form

All requested items on the Budget Form should be in the "Special" column.



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