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MEMO

To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section
Date: September 29, 2022
Re: Operation Ceasefire Fund (GVIP)

You have before you the funding request for 2.6 million for the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (OAG), to include \$1.3 million each year for two years from the Operation Ceasefire Fund.

Recognizing the serious need to address gun violence, the General Assembly appropriated to DCJS \$2,500,000 in funding each year for two years ([Operation Ceasefire Fund](#)) for the purposes of implementing violent crime reduction strategies. These strategies are intended to address comprehensively the investigation, prosecution, prevention and intervention of violent crime.

In order to best address the prosecution component, DCJS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Executive Office of the Governor and the Virginia Office of the Attorney General to provide \$1.3M for each of the next two years.

The primary purpose of the Operation Ceasefire initiative through the Office of the Attorney General is to support the implementation of strategies that will result in reducing gun violence and gang activity in Norfolk, Richmond, Newport News, Roanoke, and the "Target Cities" as identified by the Governor's Office. Funding will solely support "Prosecutorial Resources," described as federal prosecutors cross-designated to serve as Special Assistant United States Attorneys, and Gun Violence Intervention (GVI) Coordinators. These new Prosecutorial Resources will increase the capacity and ability of the Commonwealth to reduce violent crime.

The grant before you is to award the Office of the Attorney General \$1.3M each year for the next two years.