COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Cynthia Nwarache, Drive to Work (DTW) Program Coordinator

Date: April 13, 2023

Re: FY24 DTW Grant Program

Purpose of Funding

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers general appropriation funds to support the DTW program. The Appropriations Act states that DTW receive $75,000 in state funds. Additionally, the Act states that DTW receive an additional $75,000 in federal funds when available. Federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance also support the DTW program.

The purpose of the Drive to Work Program (DTW) is to provide assistance to low income and previously incarcerated individuals to restore their driving privileges so they can drive to work and keep a job. DTW is the only organization which provides legal assistance to help individuals whose licenses are suspended by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to reinstate their driver's license. They also provide educational services to individuals wishing to have their licenses reinstated.

This funding opportunity is a continuation grant awarded to the Drive to Work Program.

Summary - request/recommendation to Committee

In summary, for FY24, DCJS staff request approval for funding one application totaling $150,000, using $75,000 of State Funds and $75,000 of Federal Funds allocated for this purpose.

Drive to Work -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)
Drive to Work
2-May-23

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested State General	Requested Federal Byrne/JAG	Requested Total	Recommended State General	Recommended Federal Byrne/JAG	Recommended Total
511199	Drive-to-Work	Other	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 150,000.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 150,000.00
	Program Category SubTotal:		**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 150,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 150,000.00**
	Grant Program Grand Total:		**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 150,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 150,000.00**

Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program		Application Type
511199	**Other**		Continuation of Grant
Applicant Location			**Town, City, County, etc.**
Drive-to-Work			Other
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			

Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	**$150,000**	**$150,000**

Grant Project Description

Lack of a valid driver's license is a serious employment-related problem. Public transportation is not available in many parts of Virginia. This effectively excludes people without driving privileges from many jobs. Workers without licenses cannot take advantage of job growth in surburban areas or fill positions in rural areas. Since 2007, Drive-To-Work has assisted low income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driver's licenses so they can drive to work and keep a job. We provide eligible individuals the legal services of attorneys to remove the causes of their license suspensions. This is a much needed public service, a fact recognized by courts, legislators, employers, re-entry organizations, and many individuals.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

The Drive-to-Work program remained in compliance with grant conditions and reporting requirements during Fiscal Year 2023. The Drive-to-Work program continues to do great work in the community.

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

Concur/accept staff recommendation as presented	Concur w/staff recommendation as modified below	Disagree w/staff recommendation as stated below
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