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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee

From: Tracy Matthews, Manager, Division of Public Safety Training and Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

Date: June 1, 2023

Re: FY 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for DCJS Training

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

The current awards will provide funding and support personnel for critical training initiatives for law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth.

DCJS submitted two applications for FY24, totaling \$1,295,580. The first grant, the JAG Law Enforcement and Active Attack Grant Program, for \$647,580, would support personnel and provide specific law enforcement training to law enforcement agencies and criminal justice professionals throughout Virginia. The second grant, the JAG Office of First Responder Wellness Grant Program, for \$648,000, would support personnel and resources dedicated to first responder wellness training and programming.

The grant period for these awards would be from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

No applications were denied.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund 2 awards, totaling \$1,295,580 through the FY 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for DCJS to provide law enforcement training throughout the Commonwealth.**

BYRNE JAG -- Grants Committee Recommendations (Cover Report)**Byrne Justice Assistance Grant***1-Jun-23*

Application #	Location	Jurisdiction	Requested DCJS Funds	Requested Local	Requested Total	Recommended DCJS Funds	Recommended Local	Recommended Total
TBD	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services	State Government	\$ 647,580.00	\$ -	\$ 647,580.00	\$ 647,580.00	\$ -	\$ 647,580.00
TBD	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services	State Government	\$ 648,000.00	\$ -	\$ 648,000.00	\$ 648,000.00	\$ -	\$ 648,000.00
Program Category SubTotal:			\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ -	\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ -	\$ 1,295,580.00
Grant Program Grand Total:			\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ -	\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ 1,295,580.00	\$ -	\$ 1,295,580.00

Grant Application Summary

Grant Application Number	Grant Program	Application Type	
	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	New	
Applicant Location		Town, City, County, etc.	
Virginia Dept. of Crminal Justice	JAG Law Enforcement and Active Attack	State Agency	
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$647,580	\$647,580

Grant Project Description

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has provided extensive specialty training for law enforcement personnel for many years due to constituent requests, leveraging other general fund monies and grants when available. The General Assembly has not yet appropriated funding necessary for training and personnel needed to deliver such training. DCJS has leveraged other general funds within the PST-VCSCS division to meet these necessary, and sometimes unfunded mandates, for training and resources for constituents, however those funds are no longer available for this use This grant would provide 2 law enforcement training coordinators and operational funds to deliver needed law enforcement training services and conferences across the Commonwealth to all law enforcement agencies. Additionally, DCJS was recently award 2.4 million dollars from ARPA at the May CJSB, however, those funds did not include personnel. A full-time active attack coordinator is necessary for the successful implementation of the ARPA funds into active attack programming across the Commonwealth.

Project Performance to Date (if Continuation)

Additional Staff Recommendations/Comments

Subcommittee Recommendation/Comments

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Virginia Dept. of Crminal Justice Services	JAG Office of First Responder Wellness Grant	State Agency	
Grant Application Category: >>>>>>			
Internal Status	Ranking Score (if New)	Requested	Recommended
Meets criteria	0	\$648,000	\$648,000

Grant Project Description

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services is seeking to establish the Virginia Office of First Responder Wellness. This grant provides a Trauma Training Coordinator to coordinate with sister agencies to provide first responder specific training and conferences in suicide prevention awareness, mental health, and trauma issues across the Commonwealth. It also provides a First Responder Resource Coordinator to create a strategic plan for the Office of First Responder Wellness by collaborating with all relevant state agency and local stakeholders, coordinating all available resources, identifying gaps in needed resources and services, and developing a plan to address deficiencies.

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