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To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Subcommittee

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

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Re: 2023 ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program

Included in the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, was an allocation of \$75 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Department *“to make one-time grants to state and local law enforcement agencies located in the Commonwealth, including colleges and universities, local and regional jails, for the purpose of training and purchasing equipment and supplies to support law enforcement related activities, excluding equipment from which one-time equipment grants were appropriated from the General Assembly in item 406 chapter 552 of the 2021 Acts of the Assembly. * Of the amount provided, no less than \$60,000,000 shall be provided for the support of local law enforcement agencies.”*

*The item 406 exception to ARPA funding refers to the state funding of \$6.5 million allocated to support Body Worn Cameras and related equipment needs.

As a result of this allocation, the Department made funds available to local law enforcement agencies, college and university police departments, and regional and local jails through the ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program.

Through previous funding opportunities, the Department awarded and obligated approximately \$73 million of the appropriated amount above. This proposed budget of \$1,993,000 would award additional funds to sixty-seven (67) localities (53 counties and 14 towns). This distribution utilizes the same criteria used in the first distribution which included financial stress, number of law enforcement officers, and arrest response.

This opportunity focuses on counties with a population below 25,000 and towns with a population below 1,000. In the previous funding opportunities, localities with a population less than 1000 were only eligible for a minimum award of \$10,000.

The current awards would be added to each localities existing award and would maintain the same award end date of June 30, 2024.

Counties and towns that previously declined funds were not included in this proposed budget.

Goochland County and the towns of Courtland, La Crosse and White Stone have all been removed.

In summary, DCJS staff request **approval to fund sixty-seven (67) awards, totaling \$1,993,000 through the DCJS ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program.**