



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee Meeting

September 10, 2018

Members Present

Ms. Diane Abato
Ms. Francine Horne
Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Edward Macon
Ms. Cookie Scott (Chair)

Members Absent

Chief Craig Branch
Ms. Angie Carrera
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Chief James Williams

DCJS Staff Present

Stephanie Arnold
Bill Dodd
Andrew Kinch
Patrick Harris
Ed Holmes
Laureen Hyman

DCJS Staff Present (cont).

John Mahoney
Laurel Marks
Melissa O'Neill
Ken Rose
Lynn Sivels
Albert Stokes
Andy Warriner

I. Call to Order

Ms. Cookie Scott called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Macon and seconded by Ms. Francine Horne that the Committee vote to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2018, meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

III. Grant Review

EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) CONTINUATION

Law Enforcement – Patrick Harris, Grants Monitor, DCJS

Mr. Harris gave an overview of continuation grant applications received. Twelve applications requested Naloxone continue to be provided to law enforcement in their communities and one application requested funding for body-worn cameras for the third year. The Department of Forensic Science requested continuation funding (i) to support training and (ii) for software for utilizing evidence-based policing strategies.

Juvenile Services – Ed Holmes, Grants Monitor, DCJS

Mr. Holmes gave an overview of continuation grant applications received. The City of Charlottesville requested continuation funding for an intensive program to prevent truancy and expulsions. The program has been successful with an overall increase in school attendance for 10 students of 46%. None of the students had new referrals to the juvenile justice system. The City of Roanoke requested continuation funding to continue the Positive Action Program which is provided to juveniles in public housing in Roanoke who are visited weekly by family services. The Program encourages parent engagement and community service and focuses on impulse control. The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) requested continuation funds to provide training for DJJ line and supervisory staff in the court service unit setting. Such personnel will be trained in Effective Practices in Community Supervision, an evidence-based program that allows probation officers to build relationships with individuals they supervise.

Adult Services – Andy Warriner, Manager, DCJS

Mr. Warriner gave an overview of continuation grant applications received. Chesterfield County requested continuation funding for advanced agency skills through training in Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II. This will be the third year of a three-year grant for ethics training materials that helps supervisors and officers implement evidence-based practices. Loudoun County requested continuation funding for the Rapid Screening and Referral substance treatment for offenders program. This will be the third year out of a four-year grant for a combination web-based/one-on-one substance abuse program that provides treatment to those offenders at the Halifax Field Unit.

Victims Services – John Mahoney, VOCA Administrator, DCJS

Mr. Mahoney gave an overview of continuation grant applications received. The Patrick County Commonwealth’s Attorney Office requested continuation funding for the employment of a specialized prosecutor to pursue evidence-based prosecutions in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other cases who will promote victim safety as well as offender accountability. This individual has been on the job for 16 months and there has been a good collaboration between the individual and the sheriff’s office and community corrections.

A motion was made was made by Mr. David Johnson to approve a total of 22 awards totaling \$448,139 in Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funds to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon. *Recusals: Ms. Cookie Scott for DOC and DJJ, Ms. Diane Abato for DOC and DJJ.* The motion passed.

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) GRANT

Juvenile Services – Melissa O’Neill, CASA Coordinator, DCJS

Ms. O’Neill gave an overview of three grant applications requesting funding under the CASA Grant. This funding supports expansion projects continuing efforts to recruit and train volunteer advocates and to develop outreach campaigns that educate and engage community partners. The CASA Program expansion grants were to be used in previously underserved areas. Grantees were asked to apply for up to 75 of the grant amount for the previous year. We are looking to get all VOCA grantees on the same cycle year. One came slightly under and one asked for the full 75 percent.

A motion was made was made by Mr. Macon to approve a total of 3 awards totaling \$147,378 in Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) funds to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)/SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER (SSO) GRANT

Law Enforcement– Patrick Harris, Grants Monitor DCJS

Mr. Harris gave an overview of 33 grant applications requesting funding under the SRO/SSO Grant. This one-time funding will allow localities to place 16 SROs and 2 SSOs in 18 middle and high schools. The funding will also allow localities to place 14 SROs and 1 SSO in 15 elementary schools. Fifty-two grant applications were received; however, funding is only available for 33 grant applications.

A motion was made was made by Mr. Macon to approve a total of 33 grants totaling \$1,224,893 in SRO/SSO grant funding to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horne. The motion passed.

IV. Other Business

There was no other business at this meeting.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made was made by Ms. Scott to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed.