

DCJS Grants Committee Meeting

June 6, 2017

Richmond, VA

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Ms. Cookie Scott. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Andrew Block, Director, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice
The Honorable Michael Doucette, Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Lynchburg
Mr. David Johnson, Executive Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission
Mr. Edward Macon, Assistant Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
Ms. N.H. 'Cookie' Scott, Deputy Director of Administration, Virginia Department of Corrections
Ms. Debbie Smith, Hope Exists After Rape Trauma (H.E.A.R.T.)

The Committee was meeting to review and recommend grants to the full Criminal Justice Services Board from the following DCJS grant programs:

School Resource Officers (SROs)

Ms. Donna Michaelis, Manager of the DCJS Center for School and Campus Safety, explained that 39 applications (mostly for continuation grants) were received and reviewed by agency staff. The majority were recommended for full funding.

As funding is limited for new requests, several applications were denied due to insufficient funds – the Prince George County Police Department (also scored low), the Town of Saint Paul Police Department (also scored low), the Smyth County Sheriff's Office (of four applications denied, one also scored low), the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Wise County Sheriff's Office.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Debbie Smith that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 31 applications totaling \$1,946,742. There were no oppositions. The only recusal was from Michael Doucette (Lynchburg City Police Department).

DARE

Mr. John Colligan, Director of the DCJS Division of Administration, explained that, per the adopted budget for the 2016-2018 biennium, DCJS has been directed to issue a grant for a DARE program in the amount of \$85,000. The funds will be issued to the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, which is currently administering the DARE program statewide. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will maintain and support the Virginia DARE Coordinator, who will provide oversight for DARE programs across the Commonwealth, along with planning and implementing DARE trainings.

As this is not a competitive grant, no Committee vote was necessary.

BYRNE

Mr. Albert Stokes, DCJS Violent Crime Reduction Coordinator, explained that five applications, all continuation grants, from the Albemarle County Police Department, the Buena Vista Police Department, the Danville-Pittsylvania CSB, the Martinsville Police Department and the Suffolk Police Department, were received and reviewed by agency staff. All were recommended for full funding.

Mr. Stokes then explained the two DCJS in-house applications, supporting an analyst position and survey research. Both were recommended for full funding.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Andrew Block and seconded by Edward Macon that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the seven applications totaling \$875,834.00. There were no oppositions or recusals.

Ms. Monica Jackson, DCJS Juvenile Justice Program Analyst, then explained that five additional applications, also continuation grants from the City of Charlottesville, the Western Tidewater CSB, the Southside Survivor Response Center, the Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club and the Warren Coalition, were received and reviewed by agency staff. All were recommended for full funding except for the City of Charlottesville, for which reduced funding was recommended due to a three-month extension request on the implementation of the City of Promise initiative.

Ms. Jackson then explained the last two applications, also continuation grants from the Office of the Attorney General and the Drive to Work program. The Drive to Work grant is another grant DCJS is directed to fund based on the state budget. Both were recommended for full funding.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Michael Doucette and seconded by Andrew Block that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the seven applications totaling \$671,297.00. There were no oppositions or recusals.

Children's Justice Act (CJA)

Ms. Mary Wilson, DCJS CJA Coordinator, explained that three new grant applications were received from the Buchanan County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, the Children's Trust Foundation Roanoke Valley Child Advocacy Center, and the ChildSafe Child Advocacy Center. This federal funding stream supports, via competitive solicitation process, programs that support the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, specifically localities with child abuse multi-disciplinary teams that are looking to expand or establish Child Advocacy Centers. Following review by agency staff, all were recommended for full funding.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Michael Doucette that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the three applications totaling \$49,112. There were no oppositions or recusals.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)

Ms. Paula Harpster, DCJS Adult Corrections Criminal Justice Analyst, explained that three grant applications were received from the Department of Corrections (new), the Riverside Regional Jail and the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority (both continuation requests). After review by agency staff, all were recommended for full funding.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Andrew Block and seconded by Debbie Smith that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the three applications totaling \$322,134. There were no oppositions. The only recusal was from Cookie Scott (Department of Corrections).

Victim of Crime Act – VOCA

Ms. Mary Wilson explained that a continuation grant application from the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) before the Committee for approval. VDSS will continue to administer federal VOCA funds to support Child Advocacy Centers and other specialized treatment and services for victims of child abuse.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Michael Doucette and seconded by Edward Macon that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the application totaling \$4,095,926. There were no oppositions or recusals.

Virginia Domestic Violence Victims Fund

Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson, DCJS Violence Against Women Program Administrator, explained that 64 continuation grant applications were received and reviewed by agency staff. All were recommended for full funding.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Michael Doucette and seconded by Debbie Smith that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 64 applications totaling \$2,574,197. There were no oppositions. The only recusal came from Michael Doucette (Lynchburg City Commonwealth's Attorney's office).

Violence Against Women

Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson explained that two new in-house/DCJS grants applications were before the Committee for approval. Both would be funded using reverted PREA funds. The first grant would be used to train law enforcement, prosecutors and victim service providers on the FETI protocol in servicing victims of sexual violence. The second would be used to support Title IX and dating violence, domestic violence and stalking on campus trainings.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Andrew Block that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the two applications totaling \$124,235. There were no oppositions. The only recusal came from Michael Doucette.

Ms. Waddy explained that other grants were approved for 2018 as follows:

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC): Ms. Mary Wilson explained that the continuation grants before the Committee are provided by state special funds. These are pass-through funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the Virginia State Police and \$1.25 million for the Southern Virginia ICAC Task Force, which consists of experts across the Commonwealth on the latest Internet technology and administers funds to local law enforcement.

PAPIS: Ms. Paula Harpster explained that nine continuation grant applications were received and reviewed by agency staff. These grants are provided to support pre and post incarceration services programs statewide. All were recommended for full funding.

Ms. Harpster then explained that a Comprehensive Community Corrections Act/Pretrial Services continuation grant received and reviewed by staff allotted a two percent salary increase for all full-time CCCA/PSA staff, which is a slight increase in the amount of level funding.

CASA: Ms. Melissa O'Neill, DCJS CASA Program Coordinator, explained that 27 continuation grant applications were received and reviewed by agency staff. All were recommended for full funding. These grants are provided by state general funds and VOCA funds to support CASA programs statewide.

Sexual Assault: Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson explained that the 58 continuation grant applications received are VOCA funded; however, there has been a change in that local program applicants will now be required to contribute a five percent match. This is the second year of a three-year grant cycle and is the primary funding source for sexual assault and domestic violence programs in Virginia. VOCA typically requires a twenty percent match; however, DCJS can cover fifteen percent. To notify applicants of the new match requirement, DCJS has hosted two webinars and provided written notification. Cash and in-kind match options are both acceptable.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by Andrew Block and seconded by Debbie Smith that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation to approve all funding. There were no oppositions. Recusals came from Michael Doucette (Lynchburg YWCA) and Andrew Block (Emporia CSU).

Victim/Witness Program: Mr. John Mahoney, DCJS VOCA Program Administrator, explained that 112 continuation grant applications were received and reviewed for level funding for the second year. The funds are provided via VOCA, state general funds and state special funds, which were decreased this year by the General Assembly. Appomattox County wished to expand their program from part time to full time but submitted their application in the incorrect format. As a result, they were initially recommended for a lower award. In addition, due to staff turnover, the Essex County Sheriff's Office did not request as much funding as they could have. DCJS' recommendation is to award all at level funding, and to increase Appomattox's request to the full \$60,845 requested.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Debbie Smith that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 112 applications totaling \$17,817,925. There were no oppositions. The only recusal came from Michael Doucette (Lynchburg City Commonwealth's Attorney's office).

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.