



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Department of Criminal Justice Services*

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## **Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee Meeting**

December 4, 2018

### ***Members Present***

Ms. Diane Abato  
Chief Craig Branch  
Ms. Angie Carrera  
Ms. Francine Horne  
Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Ed Macon  
Chief James Williams

### ***Staff Present***

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick  
Ms. Laurel Marks  
Ms. Kristina Vadas  
Mr. Andrew Warriner  
Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson  
Mr. Pat Harris  
Mr. Dennis Harrell  
Mr. Joe Marshall

## **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chief James Williams, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chief Williams then asked Ms. Lauren Hyman to take the roll. Ms. Hyman stated there was a quorum with seven members present.

Chief Williams then called for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Grants Committee. Chief Craig Branch made a motion that Chief Williams fill the Chair position. Mr. David Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Ed Macon then made a motion that Chief Branch fill the Vice-Chair position. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

## **II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Chief Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018, meeting. Mr. Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes and Chief Branch seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

## **III. Grant Review**

### **Law Enforcement Grants**

#### ***Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (FY16)***

Mr. Pat Harris, Criminal Justice Grant Program Specialist with the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), gave a report on the Byrne/JAG grants received by the agency.

Ms. Diana Abato made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of 22 awards in the amount of \$1,012,332 in Edward Byrne Assistant Grant funds. The funding provides funding for equipment and technology, training and other basic law enforcement services and funding to support regional training academies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. *Recusals: Ms. Abato for the Attorney General's Office, Chief Branch for Culpeper Sheriff's Office and Police Department, and Chief Williams for Staunton Police Department.* The motion passed.

#### ***Critical Incident Stress Management Funding***

Mr. Pat Harris, Criminal Justice Grant Program Specialist with DCJS, gave a report on the Critical Incident Stress Management funding grants received by the agency.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of one award in the amount of \$72,207 in Law Enforcement Assistance Program funds. The funding provides a multi-faceted approach to the provisions of stress management support to Virginia law enforcement professionals including police officers, deputies, communications officers and their families. The motion was seconded by Chief Branch. The motion unanimously passed.

### **Juvenile Services Grants**

#### ***Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Child Court Appointed Special Advocates Expansion Funding***

Mr. Ed Holmes, Criminal Justice Program Analyst with DCJS, gave a report on the VOCA grants received by the agency.

Ms. Abato made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of one award in the amount of \$136,661 in VOCA Court Appointed Special Advocate funds. The funding supports child advocacy and provides trained volunteers to speak for abused and neglected children who are the subjects of juvenile court proceedings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon. *Recusals: Chief Branch for Culpeper County.* The motion passed.

### **Adult Services Grants**

#### ***Technology Innovation for Public Safety Funding***

Mr. Andrew Warriner, Adult Services Manager with DCJS, gave a report on the Technology Innovation for Public Safety funding grants received by the agency.

Chief Branch made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of one award in the amount of \$102,240 in Technology Innovation for Public Safety funds. The funding supports the development and implementation of a platform for multi-agency data-sharing and analysis to enable agencies to better understand and respond to the opioid crisis. The motion was seconded by Ms. Abato. *Recusals: Mr. Johnson.* The motion passed.

## **Victim Services Grants**

### ***Violence Against Women (V-STOP) Funding***

Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson, VAWA Administrator with DCJS, gave a report on the V-STOP grants received by the agency.

Chief Branch made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of 88 award in the amount of \$4,059,922 in Violence Against Women Act funding. Funding will support domestic violence services programs and supports state agencies, non-profit agencies and local administrations including law enforcement and prosecutors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. *Recusals: Ms. Abato for the Attorney General's Office, Chief Branch for Caroline County, Culpeper, Empowerhouse, Rappahannock CASA and Services to Abused Families, and Mr. Macon for the Supreme Court.* The motion passed.

### ***Underserved Populations Learning Collaborative - V-STOP Special Program Initiative Funding***

Ms. Kristina Vadas, Victims Services Manager with DCJS gave a report on the Underserved Populations Learning Collaborative grants received by the agency.

Chief Branch made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of one award in the amount of \$335,635 in V-STOP Special Program Initiative Funding. Funding will support the Action Alliance in becoming strong allies to underserved populations and to promote access to culturally-responsive, comprehensive services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Francine Horne.

### ***Sexual Assault Services Program One-Time Grant Funds***

Ms. Vadas gave a report on the Sexual Assault Services Program One-Time Grant Funds grants received by the agency.

Ms. Abato made a motion to recommend approval to the full board a total of one award in the amount of \$63,107 in Sexual Assault Services Program one time grant funding. Funding will support a trauma-informed, supportive, week long Youth Retreat of underserved youth, centering on LGBTQ and youth of color, ages 17-21 who have experienced sexual violence. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon.

Chief Branch asked how the children would be selected to attend this retreat to which Ms. Vadas replied that part of this grant is to hire a part time project coordinator who will develop a process for selecting children for this retreat. It is expected that there will be approximately twenty youth attending.

### ***Sexual Assault Services Program Update***

Ms. Vadas gave a report on the Sexual Assault Services Program One-Time Grant Funds grants received by the agency.

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) is supported by federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds from the Office on Violence Against Women. SASP is the only federal funding stream solely dedicated to supporting services to victims of sexual assault. In calendar year 2019, DCJS is awarding the third and final year of the current cycle for SASP grant recipients. Programs will reapply for the next funding cycle in Fall 2019.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Mr. David Cotter, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, gave a grants update to the committee.

Whenever there is a grant award made to a grant recipient and that recipient, for whatever the reason, does not accept the award, the funds become non-allocated. This means the money will be returned. The Grants Committee was asked to recommend a streamlined process in which it would not be necessary for the full board or the grants committee to be convened in the few instances that there may be a return of funds. Would the grants committee feel comfortable approving DCJS staff with the responsibility to go down the list of those applying for the grant and find another recipient to offer the award without convening a meeting? If so, it will be necessary to go to the full Board and request a bylaws change.

There was some discussion regarding why funds would be returned. In some instances, city council may decide they don't want the locality to get funding, paperwork may have been done incorrectly, there may be a local match required that the locality is unable to pay, and sometimes a company folds before funding can be used.

Chief Branch made a motion that, for those applications the agency approves but does not have funding for, the Grants Committee approve other grant recipients for future funding up to the cap approved for the dollar amount, not to exceed the dollar amount allocated for the grant. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chief Branch to adjourn at 1:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Abato. The motion was unanimously passed.