**ATTACHMENT 1**

**VIRGINIA APPLICATION FOR FY 2016 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING—ABSTRACT**

**June 30, 2016**

**Applicant:** Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

**Project:** Criminal Justice System Improvements.

**Goal:** Implementation of projects utilizing evidence-based practices designed to respond to the priority issues identified through a statewide criminal justice planning process and updated by surveys, analyses, consultations with stakeholders, and recommendations of task forces and workgroups convened to address specific emerging issues.

**Strategy:** The results of the planning process and updates will be used to determine the priority areas to be addressed with federal FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) funds. They will include coordination and information sharing, training, drug abuse prevention and response, crime and delinquency prevention, community engagement, anti-gang efforts, offender reentry, diversion of non-violent offenders from secure detention, and improving the criminal justice system’s response to persons with mental illness. Funds will be made available to localities, non-profit organizations and state agencies to implement projects using evidence-based practices in these areas. Potential applicants will first be invited to submit concept papers describing their proposed projects; those whose concept papers are accepted after staff review will then be invited to submit full grant applications. The applications will be reviewed by the staff and a committee of the DCJS supervisory board, the Criminal Justice Services Board. The committee’s recommendations will be presented to the full Board for final action. Successful applicants will receive funding for the July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018 state fiscal year.

**Identifiers:** Reentry, gangs, system improvements, crime prevention, justice information sharing, correctional alternatives, prosecution, indigent defense, delinquency prevention, computer software/hardware, community policing, evidence-based.