

NOTICE

As required by the *Code of Virginia* and Executive Order 58 (2007), the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is conducting an assessment of a mandate the Department administers that may affect local governments. The assessment is to be conducted according to procedures and on a schedule established by the Commission on Local Government.

The mandate is listed in the Commission's "Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments" as mandate number SPSHS.DCJS033, the Sexual Assault Services Program.

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) provides grants that support the provision of direct intervention services and related assistance for victims of sexual assault by nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. Under certain circumstances, local governments that house organizations providing these services may apply for and receive the grants. The Commission on Local Government defines the SASP as a mandate on local governments because it includes a "non-discretionary condition of aid," in other words there are conditions/requirements that must be complied with in order to receive and expend the funds.

The assessment period for this mandate is April 1–June 30, 2017. During that period, local governments, at their option, may submit comments to DCJS about the mandate which we will reference in the assessment we prepare and submit to the Commission. Comments should be e-mailed to Joe Marshall at DCJS, at joe.marshall@dcjs.virginia.gov. Please be sure to identify the local government submitting the comment and the mandate being commented upon.

Local governments may also provide fiscal impact information if they wish, using a form prepared by the Commission. You may request the form by contacting Mr. Marshall at the address noted above, or it can be downloaded via a link on the Commission's website: <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/commission-on-local-government/mandates-on-local-governments/agency-assessment-of-mandates.html>. Fiscal impact forms should be e-mailed to Mr. Marshall.

Submitting comments or fiscal impact information on a mandate is not required and is solely at the option of the locality.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marshall by e-mail at the address noted previously, or at 804-786-1577.