



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee Meeting May 1, 2018

Members Present

Chief Craig Branch
Ms. Angie Carrera
Ms. Francine Horne
Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Edward Macon
Colonel Bobby Russell
Chief James Williams

Members Absent

Ms. Diane Abato
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Ms. Cookie Scott (Chair)

DCJS Staff Present

Kassandra Bullock
David Cotter
Shannon Dion
Bill Dodd
Tricia Everetts

DCJS Staff Present (cont).

Tom Fitzpatrick
Julia Fuller-Wilson
Ed Holmes
Laurel Marks
Tracy Matthews
Donna Michaelis
Megan Peterson
Albert Stokes
Karen Sullivan
Kristina Vadas

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Colonel Bobby Russell called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

DCJS Director Shannon Dion welcomed Committee members and introduced Chief Deputy Director Megan Peterson and Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs David Cotter.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Colonel Russell asked if there were any requested changes to the minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting. Mr. Johnson requested that the following wording be changed:

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Chief Williams that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 40 applications totaling \$1,321,320.

CHANGE TO:

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Chief Williams that the Committee vote to recommend approval of the 40 applications totaling \$1,321,320 to the Criminal Justice Services Board.

A motion was then made by Chief Williams and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the DCJS internal grant award totaling \$233,900 for the purpose of public safety training by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety.

CHANGE TO:

A motion was then made by Chief Williams and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Committee vote to recommend approval of the DCJS internal grant award totaling \$233,900 for the purpose of public safety training by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety to the Criminal Justice Services Board.

A motion was then made by Chief Williams and seconded by Mr. Russell that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept DCJS' recommendation to amend the award to the Hampton Roads Regional Criminal Justice Academy.

CHANGE TO:

A motion was then made by Chief Williams and seconded by Mr. Russell that the Committee vote to recommend approval to amend the award to the Hampton Roads Regional Criminal Justice Academy to the Criminal Justice Services Board.

Colonel Russell then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2018 meeting with these changes. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims Fund – FY19 Grants Program Overview

Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson, DCJS Violence Against Women Program Administrator, explained that DCJS administers these state special funds to assist in protecting and providing necessary services to victims of and/or children affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, and family abuse.

All continuation grantees (28 prosecution and 36 discretionary) are eligible for level funding, and the grant will begin the second year of a three-year grant cycle. For FY19, \$2,577,578 is recommended to fund all 64 programs.

No Committee vote was necessary. The information will be provided to the full Criminal Justice Services Board on May 10, 2018.

IV. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA-Child Abuse and Neglect Program) – FY17 Grants

Overview

Mr. Ed Holmes, DCJS Juvenile Justice Program Analyst, explained that, through a special initiative continuation grant, DCJS recommends an award of \$3,300,000 in federal funds to the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS). With a local match of \$796,085, the total award would be \$4,096,085. DSS will administer these funds to support 15 Child Advocacy Centers and other specialized treatment and services for victims of child abuse.

A motion was made by Chief Williams and seconded by Chief Branch that the Committee vote to recommended approval of \$4,096,085 in federal VOCA funds to DSS to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion passed unanimously; there were no recusals.

V. Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) – FY15 Grants Overview

Mr. Holmes explained that funding is provided directly or through sub-grants and contracts with public and private agencies for the purpose areas identified in Virginia's Three-Year Plan: (i) maintaining compliance with core requirements, (ii) servicing at-risk and system-involved youth in their home communities, (iii) increasing and strengthening family engagement and community involvement for youth, (iv) state advisory group support, and (v) administration.

DCJS received nine applications totaling \$260,541 in requested third-year continuation funding. Third year continuation grant applicants are eligible to apply for 50% of the original (first-year) award. All applications were recommended for the full amount of funding requested.

No Committee vote was necessary. The information will be provided to the full Criminal Justice Services Board for vote on May 10, 2018.

VI. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Continuation Applications (FY14, 15 and 16)

Mr. Holmes and Mr. Tracey Matthews explained that DCJS received nine applications, totaling \$999,778, in requested continuation funding (\$590,179 from DCJS/\$409,599 from local match). All of the applications were recommended for the full amount of funding requested.

As the funding formula used by the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board on their application was incorrect, the DCJS funding was reduced from the requested \$37,057 to \$27,793, and the local match was increased from \$74,114 to \$83,378.

The \$150,000 recommended for the Drive-to-Work program is contingent upon State budget appropriation, so this number could change.

The City of Buena Vista requested \$57,329 in funding to continue their Safer City of Buena Vista initiative, which aims to reduce crime and the fear of crime while creating safer environments for economic and community life. The funding was recommended with special conditions, as Buena Vista indicated they were requesting funds to purchase a variety of items to outfit their community engagement trailer. A part of the special condition will be to

provide more specific data to DCJS on what will be purchased. This will help DCJS to ensure there are no unallowable items being purchased with grant funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Carrera that the Committee vote to recommended approval of the nine applications totaling \$999,778 to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion passed unanimously; there were no recusals.

VII. Other Business

Director Dion announced to the Committee that she welcomes any feedback from them on the grants process and any ways that DCJS can make the process smoother or make information more accessible.

Director Dion then explained that, approximately two years ago, DCJS returned \$2 million in unspent Byrne JAG federal funds. Of that amount, \$700,000 has been returned DCJS to spend. The funding is due to expire September 30, 2018. Although an extension is possible, Director Dion would like to move forward with dispersing the funds. Due to the volume of Byrne JAG grant applications received in February, they were evaluated on a tiered point scale. The 40 applications in the first tier (those applications that received 40-60 points), totaling \$1,321,320, were approved at the March meeting. DCJS now recommends awarding a total of \$575,667 to the 18 programs in the second tier. The funding would support local law enforcement training, equipment purchases, and technology upgrades. The remaining \$125,000 would be kept in-house at DCJS and used for training.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Chief Branch that the Committee vote to recommended approval of the \$575,667 in funding to the second-tier programs to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion passed unanimously; recusals included Chief Branch – Spotsylvania County and Caroline County, and Chief Williams – City of Staunton.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held June 5, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 11:35AM.