



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee Meeting June 5, 2018

Members Present

Ms. Diane Abato
Chief Craig Branch
Ms. Francine Horne
Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Edward Macon
Colonel Bobby Russell

Members Absent

Ms. Angie Carrera
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Ms. Cookie Scott (Chair)
Chief James Williams

DCJS Staff Present

Stephanie Arnold
Bill Dodd
Andrew Kinch
Paula Harpster
Ed Holmes
Laureen Hyman

DCJS Staff Present (cont).

John Mahoney
Laurel Marks
Tracy Matthews
Melissa O'Neill
Glen Peterson
Ken Rose
Lynn Sivels
Albert Stokes
Francesca Vitale

I. Call to Order

Colonel Bobby Russell called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. David Johnson and seconded by Ms. Francine Horne that the Committee vote to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2018, meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

III. Grant Review

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) (FY15, FY16)

Staff from DCJS along with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services reviewed three Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for Prisoners (RSAT) applications from local and regional jails to provide medication assisted treatment. It was recommended that funding in the amount of \$268,304 be provided to the Western Virginia Regional Jail for this program.

A motion was made was made by Mr. Johnson to approve to the full Criminal Justice Services Board funding in the amount of \$268,304 to the Western Virginia Regional Jail. The motion was seconded by Chief Craig Branch. *Recusals: Colonel Russell.* The motion passed.

DCJS staff also reviewed and recommended one RSAT continuation application from the Department of Corrections (DOC) in the amount of \$118,228.

The motion was made was made by Mr. Johnson to approve to the full Criminal Justice Services Board funding in the amount of \$118,228 to DOC. The motion was seconded by Chief Branch. *Recusals: Diane Abato*. The motion passed.

Jail Mental Health Pilot Program (JMHP) (FY19)

Ms. Stephanie Arnold gave an overview of the program and advised the Committee that due to the late state budget exact budgets for the JHMP were not available at this time. However, it is the intention of DCJS to continue to fund the six pilot programs in FY 2019. Final budgets will be presented to the Board at the September meeting.

Addiction Recovery Grant Program (ARGP) (FY19)

Ms. Arnold gave an overview of the program and advised the Committee that due to the late state budget, exact budgets for the ARGP were not available at this time. However, it is the intention of DCJS to continue to fund the six pilot programs in FY 2019. Final budgets will be presented to the Board at the September meeting.

Comprehensive Community Corrections Act (CCCA) and Pretrial Services Act (PSA) (FY19)

Ms. Paula Harpster gave an overview of this program. There are 37 CCCA/PSA continuation grants for FY 2019 to provide funding to local governments for local probation and pretrial services. This is for level funding with the exception of annualizing the salary increase that was awarded in FY 2018 for 11 months.

The motion was made was made by Chief Branch to approve to the full Criminal Justice Services Board CCCA and Pretrial Services Act funding in the amount of \$25,148,359. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Macon. The motion passed unanimously; there were no recusals.

Pre and Post Incarceration Services (PAPIS) (FY19)

Mr. Glen Peterson gave an overview of this program. Staff recommended that the nine continuation grants be approved in the amount of \$2,247,564. The motion was made was made by Mr. Johnson to approve funding to the full Criminal Justice Services Board in the amount of \$2,247,564. The motion was seconded by Chief Craig Branch. *Recusals: Colonel Russell from the Virginia Cares grant*.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) (FY15)

Mr. Ed Holmes gave an overview of this program. This continuation of Grant #18-F2634JJ15 \$79,599 funding will support the salary and related expenses of the staff members responsible for assuring Virginia's compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP. DCJS staff members are responsible for compliance monitoring and continually monitor all jails, lockups, juvenile detention homes and juvenile correctional facilities to ensure the deinstitutionalization of status offenders; sight and sound separation of juveniles from adult inmates; and the removal of juveniles from adult jails. DCJS reports annually to the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on the results of our monitoring efforts.

The compliance monitoring activities and tasks continue to meet all performance requirements of JJDP including the completion of the required Annual Compliance Report. For FY 2017, site visits were made to 22 juvenile detention centers, and scheduled site visits have begun to approximately 83 jails, lockups, and courthouses to monitor for FY 2018 JJDP compliance. No action is required at this time.

Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) (FY19)

Ms. Melissa O'Neill gave an overview of this program. There are 27 CASA programs to be funded under this continuation grant. Funding is based on the number of children served by these programs. Staff recommend funding in the amount of \$3,268,938 be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson that the Committee vote to recommend approval of the 27 applications totaling \$3,268,938 to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon. The motion passed unanimously; there were no recusals.

Victim/Witness Grant Program (VOCA) (FY16, FY17)

Mr. John Mahoney gave an overview of this grant which provides financial support to local victim/witness programs and statewide victim assistance programs designed to provide direct services information and assistance required by Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act.

DCJS received 112 continuation applications and one new application for a program serving Giles County. A total of \$19,097,635 was requested for FY 2019. **A total of \$18.7 million** is recommended to fund 113 victim/witness programs supported by 307 full time employees. Increases were limited to 2% for most projects. However, a small number of projects, which did not request significant increases in the FY2017-2018 award cycle, were allowed to seek those substantial increases this year. We are requesting that the Board approve victim/witness program funding for the three year period – FY 2019-2021 in accordance with amounts detailed in each grantee's statement of grant award.

A motion was made by Chief Branch that the Committee vote to recommend approval of the applications totaling \$18.7 million to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horne. *Recusals: Chief Branch for the grants to the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford and the City of Fredericksburg.* The motion passed.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Grant Program (SADVGP) (FY19)

Mr. Mahoney explained that DCJS has awarded grants to support local and statewide sexual assault programs since October 1999. In 2016, the SADVGP was formed to streamline two previously separate grant programs: the DCJS Sexual Assault Grant Program and the Victims of Crime Act Grant Program previously funded through VOCA funds awarded to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

At the beginning of FY 2018, the Laurel Shelter (Gloucester) closed. Through mutual agreement, Avalon (Williamsburg) assumed the Laurel Shelter's service area. As a result, DCJS awarded the Laurel Shelter's grant funds to Avalon through a supplemental grant award.

For FY 2019, DCJS is combining Avalon's supplemental award with their primary SADVGP grant so they only have one grant on which they must report.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson that the Committee vote to recommend approval of these applications totaling \$21,570,423 to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon. *Recusals: Ms. Abato for the AG grant, the DOC grant and the parole board grant.* The motion passed.

Victim of Crime Act New Initiative Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA) (FY17)

Mr. Mahoney explained that New Initiative projects are intended to enable communities to define service needs and increase access to direct victim services for unserved/underserved victims of crime. This is accomplished by creating new programs or enhancing existing programs to commit staff time to specifically address the needs of unserved/underserved victim populations.

This item will be brought to the full Board to approve these projects for the two year period of October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2018. We plan to extend current grants through June 30, 2019.

Virginia's FY 2018 VOCA allocation is expected to increase approximately 80% compared to FY 2017. Delaying renewal of New Initiative projects until July will allow expansion of high performing programs and initiation of new programs on a scale that is not currently possible.

School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Program (FY19)

Mr. Pat Harris gave an overview of this program which is meant to establish new and continue existing school resource officer positions in local law enforcement agencies, and school security officer positions in local school divisions for FY 2018-2019. A primary goal of this grant program is to establish, enhance, and continue the partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school divisions. Not all who asked for new grants received funding. There is a stronger focus on middle and high school needs.

A motion was made by Chief Branch that the Committee vote to recommend approval of these applications totaling \$1,867,853 to the full Criminal Justice Services Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. *Recusals: Chief Branch for the counties of Caroline and Spotsylvania.* The motion passed.

IV. Other Business

Director Dion and Chief Deputy Director Peterson were not able to attend the meeting but had asked that Mr. Albert Stokes, Acting Grants Administrator, present a Department of Forensic Science (DFS) funding possibility.

Since Director Dion's appointment in January 2018, she has focused her attention primarily in the areas of finance, budget, and grants administration. As members of the board, members are well-aware of the responsibilities DCJS has to ensure that these areas and the agency are operating in a manner in accordance with all state required procedures and using professionally recognized budget, grants, and financial standards. Furthermore, Director Dion has instructed staff to review all finance, budget, and grants records. Mr. Stokes noted that over the past 10 months the agency has seen a complete turnover in management staff in finance, budget, and grants. The departures allowed the director to hire talented, knowledgeable professionals who share the Director's vision. Additionally, Director Dion takes her fiduciary responsibilities seriously and stated that the agency will provide the Board with regular updates.

Mr. Stokes requested, on the Director's behalf, consideration that the Committee fund a grant for DFS in the amount of \$220,000. The funds will allow DFS to purchase two Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer instruments that will assist six newly hired forensic

scientists to more quickly receive test results from submissions. The current backlog of cases is over 13,000. The equipment purchases, along with the additional staff, should result in a significant decrease in the turnaround of results (the current turnaround is 131 days).

It should be noted that, if approved, the recommended funding of \$220,000 will be allocated from Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding that will expire September 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to recommend to the full Criminal Justice Services Board that funding in the amount of \$220,000 be used for DFS equipment and staff . The motion was seconded by Mr. Macon and unanimously approved.

V. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held September 4, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Macon that the Committee adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.