

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 2011 Minutes

The Law Enforcement Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Services Board met on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Subcommittee members present included: Mr. Alan Katz, Mr. Sherman Vaughn, and Sheriff Charles Phelps, Chairperson. Chief Rick Clark participated via teleconference. Pastor Aaron Wheeler was absent. Several DCJS staff members were present.\*

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Sheriff Phelps called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m., welcomed members and staff, and called the roll.

- **School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Review**

- ***Status of School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund***

Janice Waddy, DCJS Grants Administrator, briefed the Subcommittee on the status of the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund. An amendment to the budget passed at the recently concluded Virginia General Assembly session eliminated the general funds used to make SRO grants. Because this occurred so late in the fiscal year, the decision was made to fund eligible, existing SRO grants for FY2012 using federal funds to allow these grantees to identify other sources of funding for the future.

- ***School Resource Officer Grant Review***

The Subcommittee considered twenty-three (23) applications for continuation SRO funding for salary and benefits. Staff recommended that:

- twenty (20) applicants receive funding at the requested level;
- and that three (3) applicants be reduced to level funding
  - Buchanan County: #12-C5991FR12
  - Rocky Mount: #12-D5911FR12
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- **Recommendation**

The Law Enforcement Subcommittee voted to recommend that the Criminal Justice Services Board approve the following:

- \$408,670 in federal JAG funds
- \$189,920 in local matching cash funds for SRO continuation grants
- for a total of \$598,590 in funding for twenty-three (23) School Resource Officer grants.

- **Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program**

Teresa Gooch, Law Enforcement Division Director, presented information to the Subcommittee on DCJS' proposed use of 2011-2012 JAG funding.

- ***Pursuit Driving***

DCJS was directed by the General Assembly to utilize up to \$75,000 in federal grant funds to develop and implement a pursuit driving model policy and training

curriculum for Virginia law enforcement officers, consistent with the recommendations of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This training curriculum and model policy will be created to enhance current law enforcement pursuit driving skills. DCJS will make every effort to provide this training at no additional cost to participating Virginia agencies and/or law enforcement officers. DCJS will provide a 25% cash match for this 12-month project. DCJS asked the LE Subcommittee to grant it the authority to apply for JAG funds to address this mandate.

- ***Line Ups***

DCJS was directed by the General Assembly to use up to \$100,000 in Federal funds to develop, implement, and deliver a training program for Virginia law enforcement officers on in-person and photo lineups, consistent with the recommendations of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This training will address legal and policy issues surrounding the use and conduct of police lineups, procedural issues, ethical and diversity considerations, and other related issues as appropriate. This training will be conducted to reach the maximum number of law enforcement officers, and will be provided at no additional cost to participating agencies or law enforcement officers. DCJS will provide a 25% cash match for this 12-month project. DCJS asked the LE Subcommittee to grant it the authority to apply for JAG funds to address this mandate.

- ***Drive-to-Work Grant***

DCJS was directed by the General Assembly to use up to \$75,000 in federal funds to make a grant to Drive-to-Work, a Virginia non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. Drive-to-Work assists qualifying low-income and previously incarcerated persons to regain their driving privileges so they can drive to work and hold a job. DCJS will require Drive-to-Work to provide a completed DCJS grant application. They will submit required financial, programmatic, and performance measure reports and meet applicable Byrne/JAG program requirements. DCJS asked the LE Subcommittee to grant it the authority to make a grant from JAG funds to address this mandate.

- **Recommendations**

The Law Enforcement Subcommittee voted to recommend that CJSB approve DCJS' proposed use of 2011-2012 JAG funding to address the following General Assembly mandates:

- up to \$75,000 for the Pursuit Driving project;
- up to \$100,00 for the In-Person and Photo Line-ups project;
- \$75,000 to make a grant to Drive-to-Work.
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- **Community Policing Fund Grant Program**

Ms. Gooch stated that DCJS proposed to make \$100,000 of Community Policing Fund Grant monies available in competitive grants to Virginia's ten Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies. Funds must be used by the Regional Academies to initiate or expand community policing training courses for member law enforcement agencies. The maximum Community Policing Fund grant award will be \$10,000 and will require a 5% cash match. Awards will be limited to a 12-month period. This grant opportunity would be announced this summer. DCJS asked the LE Subcommittee to approve the use of Community Policing Fund Grant for this purpose.

The Law Enforcement Subcommittee voted to recommend that the CJSB approve DCJS to make \$100,000 of Community Policing Fund Grant monies available in competitive grants to Virginia's ten Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies.

- **Upcoming DCJS Grant Announcements**

Ms. Gooch also presented information to the Subcommittee on the following upcoming DCJS grant announcements:

- **Anti-Gang and Re-entry Initiative Grants**

DCJS, in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety (SPS), will use \$1,000,000 in federal JAG funds to support comprehensive anti-gang projects that address: law enforcement/suppression; offender reentry supervision and services; and prevention/intervention for adults and youth. The initiative is designed to be a coordinated and collaborative effort between state and local criminal justice agencies; public/private treatment and service agencies; and faith and community-based organizations. A total of four grants, each for up to a maximum of \$250,000, will be awarded on a competitive basis for two-year projects. This grant opportunity will be announced this summer.

- **One-Time Equipment Grants**

DCJS will use \$500,000 in federal JAG funds available to local law enforcement and state agencies to purchase equipment to expand or enhance law enforcement/crime prevention services and/or improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. Awards of up to \$35,000 will be made on a competitive basis and will require a 10% cash match. Awards will be limited to a 12-month period; no continuation funding will be available. This grant opportunity will be announced this summer.

- **Competitive Justice Assistance Grants**

DCJS will announce the availability of Justice Assistance Grant program funds for new projects in Fall 2011. This will be a competitive grant process. Award limits and match requirement have not been set.

- **Hopewell Grant #12-B2123AD09**

At its May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Criminal Justice Services Board postponed its decision to fund a continuation grant to Hopewell Sheriff's Office pending further discussion. A report on that discussion will be presented at the June 9, 2011 CJSB meeting.

\* DCJS staff present included: Rick Arrington, Heather Black, Teresa Gooch, Sam Hoffman, Kathi Lee, Janice Waddy.

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