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Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee Meeting

November 30, 2021

Members Present

Chief James Williams, Chair
Chief Craig Branch
Mr. Edward Macon
Mr. Dave Johnson
Mr. Scott Miles

Members of the public

I. Call to Order

Chief James Williams called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

II. Roll Call

Chief Williams asked Ms. DeAndrea Williams to conduct the Roll Call. Ms. Williams stated there was a quorum with five members present.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Chief Williams called for a corrections, deletions, and/or additions to the minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting. Chief Branch made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Dave Johnson.

IV. Grant Review

A. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Acting Manager – Law Enforcement Training and Grants Supervisor, Tracy Matthews

In August of this year, the agency released three separate grant solicitations for available funding through the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, commonly referred to as the JAG Program. The funds were made available for: 1) Law Enforcement Training and

Equipment needs; 2) Public Safety Based-Programs; and 3) Training and Equipment needs for Regional Criminal Justice Academies.

Law Enforcement Training and Equipment Grant Program

The proposed budget for the Byrne JAG Law Enforcement Training and Equipment Grant Program for FY2022, totaling \$1,523,795. This includes \$1,115,279 in proposed federal awards and \$368,516 in local cash or in-kind match. This would provide funding for 66 of the 81 applications received, thereby increasing training opportunities and/or providing equipment that improves or enhances the delivery of law enforcement services throughout the Commonwealth. These one-time grants will be awarded for a nine (9) month period, beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Johnson, seconded by Mr. Edward Macon. The motion passed unanimously. Recusals are noted in the attachment to the minutes.

Public Safety Based Grant Program

The proposed budget for the Byrne JAG Public Safety Based Programs Grant for FY2022, totaling \$1,274,574. This includes \$967,525 in proposed federal awards and \$307,049 in local cash or in-kind match. This would provide funding for 27 of the 38 applications received, thereby supporting projects and programs designed to improve the overall criminal justice system throughout the Commonwealth. These one-time grants will be awarded for an eighteen (18) month period, beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Chief Craig Branch, seconded by Mr. Scott Miles. The motion passed unanimously. Recusals are noted in the attachment to the minutes.

Training and Equipment for Regional Criminal Justice Academies Grant Program

The proposed budget for the Byrne JAG Training and Equipment for Regional Criminal Justice Academies Grant Program for FY2022, totaling \$548,749 in federal awards. This would provide funding for all eleven (11) regional criminal justice training academies, allowing them to continue to play a key role in equipping law enforcement officers—new recruits as well as veteran officers—with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the increasingly complex challenges they face as they work to keep our communities safe. These one-time non-competitive grants will be awarded for a nine (9) month period, beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Johnson, seconded by Chief Craig Branch. The motion passed unanimously. Recusals are noted in the attachment to the minutes.

B. Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) – Acting Manager – Law Enforcement Training and Grants Supervisor, Tracy Matthews

In August, the agency made additional funds available through the federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Program, commonly referred to as the CESF Program. The proposed budget for the CESF Grant Program for CY2022, totaling \$4,133,355. There is no match requirement for this program. This would fund 116 of the

150 applications received, and would assist their agencies in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. These one-time grants will be awarded for a twelve (12) month period, beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Chief Craig Branch, seconded by Mr. Dave Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. There were no recusals.

C. Sexual Assault Services Program – Manager – Victims Services, Kristina Vadas

The DCJS staff request approval to fund 24 continuation grantees in calendar year 2022 for a total of \$525,306.00 in federal funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Johnson, seconded by Mr. Edward Macon. The motion passed unanimously. There were no recusals.

D. Victim Witness Grant Program – Manager – Victims Services, Kristina Vadas

It is recommended that the County of Rappahannock be awarded an 18-month grant to fund an application in the amount of \$118,348.00. The award period will be Jan. 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Awarding this grant would establish a new Victim Witness Assistance Program in Rappahannock, which has not previously had a program. Upon successful implementation of the project and completion of federal and state compliance monitoring of activities established with the use of this grant, the project may be considered for continuation funding. If approved, this project will be one of 114 local and state victim assistance agencies that serve victims in Virginia.

A motion was made by Chief Craig Branch, seconded by Mr. Edward Macon. The motion passed unanimously. There were no recusals.

E. Title II Grant Recommendations from the ACJJP – Manager – Juvenile and Child Welfare Section, Laurel Marks

The JJDP Act requires that we have an advisory committee. Through the Act, we are required to give that committee an opportunity to review and comment on JJDP grants. An ad hoc subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention was formed consisting of all members who wanted the opportunity to provide input into the grant recommendations. That committee, consisting of five members of the ACJJP, met November 16 and reviewed the 11 new grants before it, and has made recommendations for funding. These recommendations will be included in the packet that you all consider at next week's Board meeting. No action is required, but DCJS wanted to offer the opportunity for the Grants Committee to ask questions.

No questions.

F. Virginia Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Victim Fund – Manager – Victims Services, Kristina Vadas

In May 2021, the CJSB Grants Committee approved FY 2022 funding for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF), using a combination of VSDVVF state special funds and Federal Byrne/JAG funds. While the Appropriations Act includes \$3 million per year for the VSDVVF, the revenues collected from fees deposited into the special fund for the grant program are significantly less than the appropriated amount. Recent trends indicate an ongoing decline in the fund, which is why the program needed to be supplemented with Byrne/JAG funds.

However, in August 2021, the Budget Bill was signed and included \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the VSDVVF. As a result, we request approval to begin using these ARPA funds for the second half of FY 2022 (January – June 2022). The total FY 2022 award is \$1,862,420; therefore, we anticipate using approximately \$900,000 of ARPA funds for January – June 2022. We plan to use any remaining ARPA funds to support awards in FY 2023.

Background Information:

The purpose of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (DVVF) is to provide funding for services for victims of, and children affected by, sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking. This grant program is supported by a state special fund established for this purpose.

Funding from this grant program supports projects in prosecutors' offices and in other victim-serving organizations.

In May 2021, the CJSB awarded grants to 45 recipients in the amount of \$1,862,420 for FY 2022.

A motion was made by Chief Craig Branch, seconded by Mr. Dave Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. There were no recusals.

V. Other Business

No Other Business was brought forth at this meeting.

VI. New Business

No New Business was brought forth at this meeting.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Announcements

Chief Williams announced that the date for the next meeting was TBD.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Attachment A: Recusals

Chief James Williams

Byrne JAG: 9270

CESF: 9321

SASP: 11801

Chief Craig Branch

Byrne JAG: 10734, 10690, 10154, 10729, 9740

CESF: 10597, 9068, 10739, 9378, 9379, 10628, 9338, 10305, 10668, 9194

SASP: 11807

K. Scott Miles

CESF: 8825

JJDP: 0003