

DCJS Grants Committee Meeting

September 5, 2017

Richmond, VA

The meeting was called to order at 10:57 AM by Ms. Cookie Scott. Members in attendance were:

Mr. David Johnson, Executive Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission
Mr. Edward Macon, Assistant Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
Ms. N.H. 'Cookie' Scott, Deputy Director of Administration, Virginia Department of Corrections
Chief James Williams, Chief of Police, City of Staunton
Ms. Diane Abato, Senior Assistant Attorney General/Chief, Office of the Attorney General

The Committee was meeting to review and recommend grants to the full Criminal Justice Services Board from the following DCJS grant programs:

Byrne JAG

Ms. Janice Waddy, Manager of DCJS Grants Administration, explained there were a combination of new and continuation applications to be reviewed. The new applications were all under Law Enforcement. The continuation Grants were a variety of program areas.

Albert Stokes outlined the four categories of new applications: Naloxone for Law Enforcement programs, Smart Policing Program Development, Homicide Review Teams, and Technology Improvements for Criminal Justice Training Academies. For the new applications Mr. Stokes explained that there were 23 Naloxone applications received. 3 were not recommended for funding due to incomplete applications submitted. There was 1 new application received for a Homicide review team, which was not recommended for funding. There were 9 Smart Policing applications received, with 2 recommended for funding – the cities of Richmond and Galax. 11 Technology applications were received and all were recommended for funding.

The continuation grants were reviewed with no additional discussion.

Ms. Waddy explained that there will be a new Byrne JAG solicitation issued later this month. In addition to receiving new applicants, DCJS staff will reach out to those who submitted incomplete applications or applications that didn't follow guidelines providing additional technical assistance for the next round. The new applications will be presented at the December 2017 CJSB meeting.

Based on discussion and the information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by James Williams that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the staff recommendations for the 66 new and continuations applications totaling \$1,376,425. There were no oppositions. Recusals were from James Williams, Diane Abato, and Cookie Scott.

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Title II

Mr. Ed Holmes explained that there was 1 application for a DCJS grant. This application is to support the staff members responsible for assuring Virginia's compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP act.

Based on the discussion and information provided, a motion was made by James Williams and seconded by Edward Macon that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the application totaling \$77,051. There was no opposition. There was one recusal from Dave Johnson.

Addiction Recovery

Ms. Stephanie Arnold explained that the Addiction Recovery Grant program is a new state funded initiative to support addiction recovery in local and regional jails. Five applications were received. Four of the applications will be funded. One application was not recommended for funding due to insufficient funds.

Based on discussion and information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Edward Macon that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the applications totaling \$192,000. There was no opposition or recusals.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Ms. Melissa O'Neill explained that \$175,000 in Victims of Crime Act funds was made available for the solicitation for an expansion of the CASA programs. Five applications were received. Three applications were recommended for funding.

Based on discussion and information provided, a motion was made by James Williams and seconded by Diane Abato that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the applications totaling \$171,267 plus match. There was no opposition or recusals.

Violence Against Women (VAWA)

Ms. Julia Fuller-Wilson explained that the funds made available from the Violence Against Women Act funding were for one-time projects. Thirteen applications were received. Ten applications are recommended for funding. Three applications are not recommended for funding.

Based on discussion and information provided, a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by James Williams that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the applications totaling \$702,237. There was no opposition. There was one recusal from James Williams.

Victims of Crime Act - VOCA

Mr. John Mahoney explained that the grants presented were the second year of a two year grant process for new initiative Victim Witness Programs. Mr. Mahoney reminded the committee that, Virginia was able to fund programs that normally would not have been funded without the increase in federal VOCA funds. The programs will be level funded in this second year.

Based on discussion and information provided, a motion was made by James Williams and seconded by Edward Macon that the full Criminal Justice Services Board accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the funding for the second year of award totaling \$12,476,364. There was no opposition. Recusals were from Diane Abato and Cookie Scott.

Comprehensive Community Corrections (CCCA)

Ms. Paula Harpster explained that in preparing for the June Criminal Justice Services Board meeting, an addition error was made in a couple of the CCCA programs awards recommended and approved. The amounts approved for Prince Edward and Hanover County were presented at a total of \$10,778 short. The correct amounts were awarded.

Based on discussion and information provided a motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by James Williams to adopt and approve the error corrections in the awards. There was no opposition or recusals.