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Re: Report on Gun Violence Intervention Programs

Pursuant to the 2022 Appropriations Act as enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 2, Acts of Assembly, 2022 Special Session I), the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) produced the attached report on Gun Violence Intervention Programs.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackson H. Miller".

Jackson Miller

Attachment

c: Michael Maul, Director, Department of Planning and Budget

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(2022 Appropriations Act)

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BACKGROUND

The 2022 Appropriations Act as enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 2, Acts of Assembly, 2022 Special Session I) included funding to support firearm violence intervention, prevention, suppression, and prosecution initiatives:

N.1.a. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund (the Fund). The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All moneys accruing to the Fund, including funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf, shall be paid into the state treasury, and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used for the purpose of supporting gun violence intervention and prevention programs. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Department.

b. The Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund shall be administered by the Department, and the Department shall adopt guidelines and make funds available to agencies of local government, community-based organizations, and hospitals for the purpose of supporting implementation of evidence-informed gun violence intervention and prevention efforts, including street outreach, hospital-based violence intervention, and other violence intervention programs. Grant funds shall also support firearm suicide prevention and safe firearm removal practices from persons prohibited from possessing a firearm, including subjects of domestic violence protective orders, persons convicted of prohibitory crimes, and persons subject to substantial risk orders. The Department shall establish a grant procedure to govern funds awarded for this purpose.

c. Out of the amounts appropriated for this item, \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited into the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund. At least \$1,500,000 each year shall be provided to localities with disproportionate firearm-related homicides to support crime intervention and prevention through community engagement, including youth programs, to include at least \$500,000 the first year for the City of Portsmouth and at least \$1,000,000 the first year for the City of Norfolk.

2.a. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund (the Fund) and managed by the Department. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the Fund, and from any other sources, public or private, shall be paid into the state treasury and be credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request of the Director of the Department.

b. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of implementing violent crime reduction strategies, providing training for law-enforcement officers and prosecutors, providing equipment for law-enforcement agencies, and awarding grants to organizations such as state and local law-enforcement agencies, local attorneys for the Commonwealth, localities, social services providers, and nonprofit organizations that are engaged in group violence intervention efforts. For

the purposes of subsection N.2. of this item, "group violence intervention" means comprehensive law enforcement, prosecutorial, and community-based initiatives, substantially similar to Operation Ceasefire as implemented in Boston, Massachusetts and the Gang Reduction Programs implemented in Richmond and Los Angeles, California, which are documented by the Department of Justice and are carried out between members of law enforcement, members of the community, and social services providers. The Department shall establish an application process for awarding grants from the Fund, including criteria and procedures for determining the amount of a grant.

c. Out of the amounts appropriated for this item, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited into the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund.

3. Out of the amounts in section N of this item, the Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services, is authorized to expend no more than three percent per year for state administration of these programs. The Department shall submit an annual report that details the amounts awarded and evaluates the implementation and effectiveness of each grant recipient's program to the Governor, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2022, and November 1, 2023.

The language in the 2022 Appropriations Act replaced and expanded the Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (GVIP) program included in the 2020 Appropriations Act (Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2020 Special Session I).

IMPLEMENTATION

Evidence-based gun violence intervention and prevention initiatives were funded in five localities under the initial GVIP program: City of Hampton; City of Newport News; City of Portsmouth; City of Richmond; and City of Roanoke.

Because each of these localities receives several awards from DCJS to address firearms violence prevention, intervention, and enforcement efforts, the funded project is not the single ongoing effort to reduce violent crime in the locality. The funded projects are intended to complement the other local efforts. DCJS works with each locality to identify realistic measurable goals for their firearms violence initiative so that they can evaluate the effectiveness of the specific projects.

Each of the five localities developed initiatives based on promising or evidence-based practices employed in other states but tailored to their community's needs. Out of the five localities, two localities based their programs on specific effective or promising gun violence models, while three localities developed locally tailored approaches that incorporated components of such models. All five localities completed a Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Community Assessment, so the work should connect to the needs identified through the assessment.

A summary of each project, along with recent status, is included in Appendix A.

DCJS released a competitive solicitation and guidelines for Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) program grants on January 13, 2023. Grants must be received in response to these guidelines by March 6, 2023. DCJS is soliciting applications from nonprofit organizations for the grant period July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024.

In October 2022, DCJS issued guidelines for Operation Ceasefire grants. The proposals received in response to those guidelines went before the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB), the Board with

authority to make grant awards, at its meeting on December 8, 2022. Grants funded under this solicitation have a two-year grant period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. A list of funded projects and brief summary is included in Appendix B. As the project periods for all these grants begins January 1, 2023, or later, there are no expenditures or evaluations to report currently.

In addition to the Operation Ceasefire awards, one grant was awarded funds through the FVIP program by the CJSB at its December meeting. This award will fund the continuation of the hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIP) at six hospitals across Virginia. A summary of the project is included in Appendix B.

In addition to competitive grant awards, earmarks related to the previously noted initiatives have been identified within the Appropriations Act for select localities. These include:

- Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, and Petersburg (2021 Special Session I) “Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for community assessments for youth and gang violence prevention initiatives in Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, and Petersburg.”
- Hampton (2021 Special Session II) “To support an employment program for court-involved youths and adults facing barriers to employment, expand services for those participating in or at risk of participating in gun violence, and provide counseling or mental health services for those exposed to violence.”
- Portsmouth (2022 Special Session I; from FVIP Program funds) “At least \$1,500,000 each year shall be provided to localities with disproportionate firearm-related homicides to support crime intervention and prevention through community engagement, including youth programs, to include at least \$500,000 the first year for the City of Portsmouth.”
- Norfolk (2022 Special Session I; from FVIP Program funds) “At least \$1,500,000 each year shall be provided to localities with disproportionate firearm-related homicides to support crime intervention and prevention through community engagement, including youth programs, to include ... at least \$1,000,000 the first year for the City of Norfolk.”

DCJS continues to provide technical assistance to all funded localities to ensure that data is collected and reported consistently and accurately.

APPENDIX A

The following table provides program descriptions as submitted by the grantees in May 2021, and a status update as of December 2022. The grant period for these projects is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

<p>Locality, Award, & Administering Agency</p>	<p>Hampton, \$500,000 Hampton City Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities</p>
<p>Program Description <i>(as submitted by Grantee at time of application in 2021)</i></p>	<p>Violence interruption: Recruit cadre of credible messengers trained in evidence-based violence interruption processes and compensated for their efforts. Credible messengers will focus on individuals known to be engaged in, or at risk of becoming involved with, gun violence.</p> <p>Intervention – referral to services: Informed by work of credible messengers, identify individuals impacted by gun violence and connect to appropriate, trauma-focused mental health supports.</p> <p>Prevention: Strengthen existing youth-focused prevention program (Youth Connect) to provide structure and support to youth at risk of engaging in negative, high-risk, or violent behaviors. Form Gun Violence Roundtable: Advisory group of members of the community with lived experience with gun violence or gang involvement; victims, survivors, and community champions; and youth and young adults.</p> <p>Model Program: Cure Violence, Ceasefire (Components)</p>
<p>Project Status <i>(December 2022)</i></p>	<p>In December 2021, the City of Hampton hired program staff including a Grants Coordinator and a Family Services Coordinator. In striving to establish trusted relationships within identified communities, Hampton City initiated and completed the Operation Connect Initiative in the summer of 2021, with the goal of creating a safe space for local community pop-up events in targeted neighborhoods. These events were intentionally placed in areas identified to have been impacted by gun violence. The City also hired credible messengers that assisted with the Family Services Team community outreach.</p> <p>Additionally, the City developed a comprehensive reentry program for youth and young adults titled the Hopeful Hampton Ambassador (HHA) program. This program is a multi-agency initiative that provides resource supports which include workforce development and mental health services. HHA will start its first cohort on March 6, 2023. Currently there are 40 participants registered between the ages of 16 and 19. Participants will meet twice a week for 12 weeks.</p> <p>Through these efforts the City of Hampton developed innovative ways to approach and connect with the identified demographic within the most vulnerable communities. Outreach efforts also assisted with initiating strategic interactions with youth and young adults which provided valuable feedback in the City’s efforts to reduce gun violence.</p>

<p>Locality, Award, & Administering Agency</p>	<p>Newport News, \$500,000 Newport News Police Department (NNPD)</p>
<p>Program Description <i>(as submitted by Grantee at time of application in 2021)</i></p>	<p>Prevention and intervention: Strategies include increased availability of overtime and hot-spot policing in neighborhoods (one per precinct) experiencing high rates of gun violence; improved technology such as high-definition cameras for enforcement of existing gun laws and investigation of gun crimes; enhanced community relationships through community engagement events and partnerships with non-profits (selected through competitive process); and reduction of neighborhood blight through partnerships with public works and environmental officers. NNPD will work with local non-profit (Transitions) to connect victims of gun violence with supports. Grant funds will also support the provision of basic and advanced training for law enforcement and citizens.</p> <p>Focus on youth: NNPD will target at-risk youth and youth already engaged in gun violence by expanding existing programs and outreach and establishing a youth court for purposes of addressing minor offenses and diverting youths from formal juvenile court proceedings.</p> <p>Model Program: Focused Deterrence, Cognitive Behavior Therapy and Ceasefire (Components)</p>
<p>Project Status <i>(December 2022)</i></p>	<p>In partnership with United Way, the City of Newport News launched a local community mini-grant initiative for non-profits and community-based organizations aimed at reducing gun violence. In August of 2022, the City awarded mini grants to 19 local programs. The focus of this partnership emphasizes investing in strategies and initiatives to create community change.</p> <p>Newport News invested grant funds in developing the Newport News Police Department Real Time Crime Center. Funds were also used to purchase surveillance equipment and software.</p> <p>In addition to ongoing community outreach, Newport News Police Department facilitated monthly community walks (28) and invested grant funds into youth programming, including the creation of the Young Adult Police Commissioners Program.</p>

<p>Locality, Award, & Administering Agency</p>	<p>Portsmouth, \$495,394 Portsmouth Police Department (PPD)</p>
<p>Program Description <i>(as submitted by Grantee at time of application in 2021)</i></p>	<p>Prevention: Efforts designed to prevent gun violence, particularly among youth, will include training and diversion programs in Portsmouth Public Schools; media and outreach campaigns about preventing gun violence; and the hiring of a Gang Liaison position within PPD tasked with community outreach.</p> <p>Intervention: PPD will utilize the Ceasefire/Focused Deterrence model (designated as promising practices by the federal Office of Justice Programs) targeting specific violent behaviors committed by a small number of chronic offenders, such as gang members. Victims of gun violence, including families of victims, will receive supportive services through PPD’s partner organization, Stop the Violence 757.</p> <p>Enforcement: PPD will prioritize the reduction of shots-fired events and violent crimes involving firearms. Enforcement will also emphasize increasing illegal gun seizures. Enforcement efforts will occur alongside outreach and engagement efforts by a team of violence interrupters, community liaisons, and community outreach workers under the direction of the non-profit Friends of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court.</p> <p>Program effectiveness/evaluation: PPD will employ the Old Dominion University Research Foundation and the Social Science Research Center as research partners to collect data and analyze both the outcomes and processes of the GVIP.</p> <p>Model Program: Focused Deterrence/Group Violence Intervention, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy</p>
<p>Project Status <i>(December 2022)</i></p>	<p>PPD launched <i>Portsmouth City Operation Ceasefire</i> in June 2022. A media campaign consisted of three episodes highlighting parents who have lost their children to gun violence in Portsmouth. The goal is to inspire community members and parents to get involved and speak out when they witness a crime.</p> <p>PPD continued to implement the violence reduction strategies in specific targeted neighborhoods, utilizing internal community supports including hiring violence interrupters, and local partnerships with Stop the Violence 757.</p>

<p>Locality, Award, & Administering Agency</p>	<p>Richmond, \$500,000 Richmond Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services</p>
<p>Program Description <i>(as submitted by Grantee at time of application in 2021)</i></p>	<p>The City of Richmond will focus on gun violence prevention, particularly among at-risk youth, through its Youth Employment Initiative serving a cohort of 8–10 students from two local middle schools. Risk factors making students eligible for participation include age (i.e., being older than their middle-school peers), being the sibling of an individual who has committed a violent act or having directly witnessed violent activity. In addition to completing stipend-supported job rotations in different city government departments, participating students will meet regularly (three times/week, including on Saturday mornings) with cohort supervisors, selected from identified community-based organizations. The program will also be supported by Parks and Recreation supervisors serving as credible messengers in their communities.</p> <p>Model Program: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Cure Violence (Components)</p>
<p>Project Status <i>(December 2022)</i></p>	<p>The City of Richmond initiated the We Matter RVA Initiative in partnership with three community organizations as mentioned in the program application.</p> <p>We Matter RVA Initiative is currently operating in two local middle schools. This program is offered to youth who have witnessed or have had a family member involved in gun violence. Program participants received afterschool programming for 6–8 hours per week. Group counseling is facilitated by mental health professionals for two hours per week. After school programming includes Law Related Education, Conflict Resolution, Personal Voice and Choice and Financial Literacy. Initially this program operated during the normal school calendar year; however, the City added a third component that expanded into the summer months to include an enrichment program for 7th and 8th graders. Participants received a stipend for participation and program completion.</p> <p>Total of 38 participants enrolled in the program.</p> <p>Fall Session 2021 (Sept, Oct, Dec) Spring Session (Jan–Jun) Summer Session (July–Aug)</p>

<p>Locality, Award, & Administering Agency</p>	<p>Roanoke, \$500,000 City of Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission</p>
<p>Program Description <i>(as submitted by Grantee at time of application in 2021)</i></p>	<p>The City of Roanoke will use grant funds to build on the existing work of the Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission through a number of targeted initiatives, such as implementing an evidence-based curriculum focused on social and emotional learning with individuals experiencing adverse childhood experiences or exhibiting high-risk behaviors; providing training in trauma skills to citizens; and working with Community Based Organizations to provide mentoring, pro-social skill supports, and employment opportunities to youth in high-risk, high-poverty areas. Grant funds will support a youth and gang violence program coordinator position as well as two street outreach worker positions.</p> <p>Program effectiveness/evaluation: The City will hire a research consultant who will identify, analyze, and collect appropriate data for the duration of the grant.</p> <p>Model Program: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Cure Violence</p>
<p>Project Status <i>(December 2022)</i></p>	<p>Since the hiring of the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Coordinator, the City of Roanoke brought on two Youth Outreach Workers (Credible Messengers) to build out the Violence Prevention Team. The city has collaborated with local community-based organizations to provide mentoring, employment opportunities and resources to high-risk individuals residing in the targeted neighborhoods. The Violence Prevention Team established an afterschool gang intervention program (The Rights of Passage Program) for youth enrolled at the local alternative education school. The Rights of Passage first cohort started April 2022, with twelve who were uniquely identified by the school administration for program participation.</p> <p>In July 2022, all 12 students successfully completed the first initial cohort of the Rights of Passage Program.</p>

APPENDIX B

The following table provides program descriptions as submitted by the grantees in November 2022.

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program	
Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
Office of the Attorney General \$2,600,000	<i>Virginia Operation Ceasefire Program</i> Project Overview: The Office of the Attorney General plans to hire six Virginia Ceasefire prosecutors and three Virginia Ceasefire Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Coordinators for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia. In cooperation with local, state, and federal law enforcement and the community, these prosecutors will develop and pursue gun- and gang-related prosecutions and convictions for violent offenders. This initiative known as the Virginia Ceasefire Program (VCP) will operate in at least 12 cities. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire and Group Violence Intervention
Virginia State Police \$256,044	<i>Virginia State Police Ceasefire Grant Fund</i> Program Overview: Virginia State Police will hire a lead analyst for the Virginia Fusion Center, that will provide support to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on matters pertaining to investigations of violent crime activity. This position will be responsible for strategic and tactical analysis, that requires collection of local data on trends and patterns of violent crime. This includes assisting with ArcGIS (Geographical Information System) to provide a dashboard of the information for ready access to the decision makers. This position would also work to become a subject matter expert in strategic and tactical analysis in violent crime to address directional need of operations. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Component)
The Buck Squad \$94,000	<i>Charlottesville Community Gun Violence Interruption</i> Project Overview: The BUCK Squad will use funding to support the implementation of a community-led violence intervention program that will provide crisis management assistance through conflict mediation, mentorship, and economic development. New funding will allow The Buck Squad to expand into three additional communities in Charlottesville to provide the community-led violence intervention program. Model Program: Group Violence Intervention (GVI)

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program	
Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
<p>Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney’s Office</p> <p>\$52,377</p>	<p><i>2023 Chesapeake Investigator Grant</i></p> <p>Project Overview: The Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will hire an investigator to be a liaison with community groups and leaders, service providers, and civic activists. The investigator will be responsible for witness outreach and serve as a bridge between victims and witnesses in need and available but often inaccessible services.</p> <p>Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)</p>
<p>Hampton Commonwealth Attorney Office</p> <p>\$230,460</p>	<p><i>Hampton City Commonwealth Attorney Office Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund</i></p> <p>Project Overview: The Hampton Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office will utilize funding to support the three major components, prevention, intervention, and enforcement, of Operation Ceasefire. Each component will have a specific program(s) to meet the necessary requirements of the grants: Prevention: Junior Commonwealth Attorneys Summer Program (JCAP) and Educating Kids about Gun Violence (EKG), Intervention: Youth Violence Support Group, and Enforcement: Coordination of community Call-Ins.</p> <p>Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)</p>
<p>Help You Help Me Foundation</p> <p>\$150,000</p>	<p><i>Changing the Narrative</i></p> <p>Project Overview: Help Me Help You Foundation (HMHY) in partnership with the Broken Men Foundation will use grant funds to enhance the existing gun violence intervention and prevention program servicing the central Virginia area. Funding will support hiring youth mentors, a community navigator case-manager, and a local peer support specialist. HMHY will target youth and families exposed to violent crime within selected communities to address gaps in service and supports. HMHY intends to implement Reentry Navigation, Parental Responsibility Workshops and provide additional resources to the existing youth mentor program, which operates from February to June annually.</p> <p>Model Program: Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD)</p>
<p>Lancaster County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office</p> <p>\$62,510</p>	<p><i>Lancaster Operation Ceasefire</i></p> <p>Project Overview: Lancaster County Commonwealth’s Attorney will hire a new prosecutor to expand the prosecutorial resources to reduce felony violence and firearm offenses; to investigate and prosecute gang activity, violent crime, and gun offenses; to screen concealed weapon applications and petitions to restore firearm rights.</p> <p>Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)</p>

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
Lee County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office \$81,766	<i>Lee County Operation Ceasefire</i> Project Overview: The Lee County Commonwealth’s Attorney will hire an additional prosecutor to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth in weapons related cases, such as violent crimes and methamphetamine trafficking. This initiative includes prosecutions in Lee County and surrounding counties. The prosecutor will also review petitions for concealed carry and restoration of firearm rights and note objections in appropriate circumstances to prevent future violence. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire
New Life Community Development Center \$30,000	<i>Passport to the Future Youth Prevention Program</i> Project Overview: New Life Community Development Center will use grant funds to provide access to education, training and life skills to at-risk youth and young adult’s ages 16 to 30 years of age in the Richmond region. New Life Community Center will provide a six- stage 16-week program. The program will integrate academic, career development, pro-social skills, leadership skills, Mental Health support, workplace experiential learning and Career exploration. Model Program: Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD)
Prince George Commonwealth Attorney’s Office \$249,996	<i>Prince George Operation Ceasefire Regional Prosecutor</i> Project Overview: The Prince George and Hopewell Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Offices will collaborate in the administer the Operation Ceasefire Regional Prosecutor Initiative, to utilize grant funds to hire a regional Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney. The prosecutor will be housed in the Prince George office and Prince George County will act as the fiscal agent for the grant. This prosecutor will utilize an approach similar to prosecutors assigned to multi-jurisdictional grand juries throughout the Commonwealth. They will appear in both Prince George and Hopewell courts to prosecute offenders involved in firearms offenses and gun violence. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
Prince William County \$353,974	<i>Prince William Gun Violence Intervention Program</i> Project Overview: Prince William County will use grant funds to develop a strategic and effective continuum of community-based intervention and prevention initiatives. The purpose of the initiative is to target specific areas of violent crime throughout the county. The County will hire one full-time Gun Violence Interventionist who will be solely responsible for coordinating the implementation of the violent crime reduction strategies and the coordination of county-wide collaborations, multi-agency partnerships with the goal of implementing violence intervention efforts. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office \$57,200	<i>Operation Ceasefire Grant</i> Project Overview: Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will use grant funds to support personnel hours for law enforcement to address violent crime Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)
REAL LIFE \$145,600	<i>REAL LIFE Violence Prevention Initiative</i> Project Overview: This project intends to implement new group violence intervention programming, combined with new community trauma approaches in central Virginia. Funding will support the enhancement of the current Group Violence Intervention Initiative. REAL LIFE will use funding towards personnel expenses for Violence Prevention, Senior Pathway and Re-Entry Coordinators. Model Program: Group Violence Intervention (GVI)
Richmond Police Department \$50,000	<i>Operation Ceasefire Richmond City</i> Project Overview: The Richmond Police Department will use grant funds to support the REAL TIME Crime Center infrastructure and on-going law enforcement training to reduce violent crime. Proposed training includes Hot Spot Policing (The Koper Curve), Disrupting Patterns, Focused Deterrence, Crime Analysis and Technology and Investigations. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
Scott County Sheriff Office \$74,095	<i>Scott County Operation Ceasefire</i> Project Overview: Scott Sheriff’s Office will hire a Community Outreach Coordinator to support the implementation of the Community Outreach Program. The Community Outreach Program will focus on disrupting the cycle of violence by targeting youth and young adults with violence prevention resources. Scott Sheriff Office will also hold weekly community relations meetings. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components) Group Violence Intervention (Components)
South Boston Police Department \$34,517	<i>South Boston Operation Ceasefire Grant</i> Project Overview: South Boston Police Department (PD) will implement a local crime reduction strategy to address gun violence, gang activity and surrounding Halifax County. South Boston PD will use grant funds to acquire a consultant to develop a community compact to build trust and sustain stakeholder-community relationships. The consultant will also serve as a third-party facilitator balancing the needs of the public within the interest of law enforcement and prosecutors. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)
Suffolk Commonwealth Attorney’s Office \$326,500	<i>Suffolk City Operation Ceasefire</i> Project Overview: Suffolk Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will hire an experienced prosecutor to collaborate with law enforcement and community-based organizations to build a sustainable partnership addressing violent crime. The Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will also identify high risk individuals to participate in Call-Ins, which will provide directed cease and desist messaging. Additionally, these individuals will be provided with healthy alternatives to remove themselves from criminal behavior. Model Program: Operation Ceasefire

2023 Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program	
Grant period: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title Program Description
<p>Virginia Hospital Research & Education Foundation \$5,000,000</p>	<p><i>2023 Hospital-Based Violence Intervention (HVIP) Collaborative</i></p> <p>Project Overview: Project funding will support the delivery of public safety and health outcomes for victims of violence in Virginia's high crime areas by implementing Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) in six Virginia hospitals. The HVIP Collaborative aims to enroll victims in a local HVIP program to serve patients with injuries from firearms, stabbing and assault, reduce incidents of re-injury, retaliation, recidivism, and victim mortality by augmenting services and resources available to victims during and after their hospital stay.</p> <p>Performance Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roanoke: Carilion Roanoke • Richmond: VCU/MCV Health • Norfolk (2): Sentara Norfolk General, Children’s Hospital of Kings Daughters • Newport News: Riverside Regional Hospital • Petersburg: Bon Secours Southside <p>Model Program: Hospital Violence Intervention Program</p>