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Re: Report of the Office of Safer Communities: Gun Violence Intervention Programs

As required by the language in the 2024 Appropriation Act and enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 2, Acts of Assembly, 2024 Special Session I), attached please find the Report of the Office of Safer Communities: Gun Violence Intervention Programs. This annual report is due by November 1st of each year. The updates and annual reports summarize the efforts of the Office.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Jackson H. Miller
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Attachment

Report of the Office of Safer Communities: Gun Violence Intervention Programs

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund
Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund
Safer Communities Program

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BACKGROUND

The General Assembly has appropriated funds to address gun violence in Virginia communities since 2020, when the Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention (GVIP) program was created. That program was replaced and expanded in 2022, when the Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund and the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund described below were created. The Safer Communities Program and the Office of Safer Communities were created by the 2023 Appropriation Act. The language in the 2024 Appropriation Act, as enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 2, Acts of Assembly, 2024 Special Session I), included funding to support firearm violence intervention, prevention, suppression, and prosecution initiatives (Item 394) which was identical to language in the 2023 Appropriation Act (Item 408), except for the addition of the italicized language quoted below.

- 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 Department¹.
 - 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, *\$9,000,000* the first year and \$9,000,000 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

¹ In the *Code of Virginia*, the “Department” refers to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

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 *forensic and related analytical* equipment for law-enforcement agencies, and awarding grants to organizations such as local law-enforcement agencies, local attorneys for the Commonwealth, localities, social services providers, and nonprofit organizations that are engaged in group violence intervention efforts. *No grants awarded shall be given to state agencies or offices.* 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 U.S. 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. *Out of the amounts appropriated for this item, \$10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 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, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, is authorized to expend no more than three percent per year for state administration of these programs.
- 4.a. Out of the amounts appropriated for this item, *\$14,000,000 the first year and \$14,000,000 the second year* from the general fund is provided for the Safer Communities Program to support holistic, community-based strategies that address the root causes and conditions of community violence. Such strategies shall be evidence-informed and/or community-driven and shall include: (i) afterschool programs and mentorships; (ii) connections to education and economic opportunities; (iii) trauma-informed mental health care; (iv) credible messengers and violence interrupters; and (v) strategies to build trust between law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Out of this amount, *at least \$13,000,000 the first year and at least \$13,000,000 the second year* shall be provided to the City of Norfolk, the City of Portsmouth, *the City of Roanoke*, and the City of Richmond, with a minimum award of \$2,500,000 per locality and the remainder allocated to each of the *four* localities based on population. Recipient localities shall (i) use grant funds to employ a full-time position dedicated to planning, implementation, and coordination of community violence reduction strategies, including utilizing existing violence reduction grants and pursuing additional grant opportunities, and (ii) provide quarterly reports to the Department detailing expenditures to date to ensure alignment with the requirements established in this paragraph.
 - b. There is hereby established the Office of Safer Communities (“the Office”) in the Department. The Office shall serve as a resource for research, evidence, and best

practices for community-based violence intervention, including: (i) providing consultation to the Board of Criminal Justice Services as it administers the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Fund and the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund; (ii) liaising with Safer Communities Program recipient localities to ensure collection of the expenditure reports required by the preceding paragraph; (iii) conducting outreach to current and potential recipients of violence intervention and prevention grants; and (iv) summarizing violence reduction grantees' use of funds, including any available outcome measures, noting alignment with national promising practices.

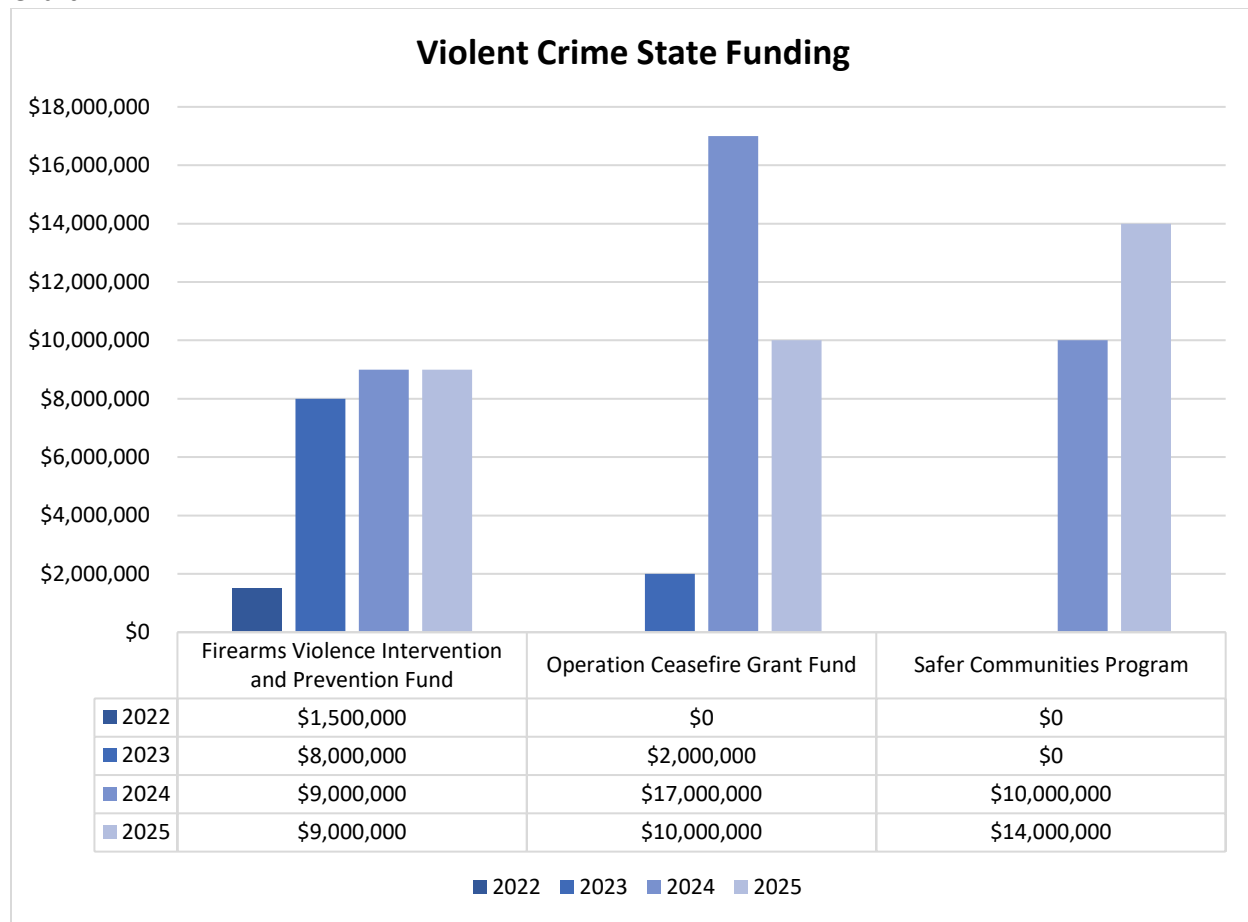
- c. The Office shall provide quarterly updates to the Virginia Crime Commission and submit an annual report by November 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Virginia Crime Commission, House Courts of Justice Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. The updates and annual reports shall summarize the efforts of the Office, to include information collected pursuant to provision (iv) of the preceding paragraph and the findings of the Office's research on best practices.
- d. Out of the amounts in subsection N.4.a of this item, *\$925,000 the first year and \$900,000 the second year* is provided to support the Office, to include positions and support services for research, outreach, and reporting. The Office shall employ at least one position focused on coordination and outreach and at least one position focused on research and evidence. In addition, existing administrative funding and positions authorized under paragraphs M. and N. of this item shall support the Office. *Of these amounts designated to support the Office, at least \$425,000 the first year and at least \$400,000 the second year shall be used for a contract with the Virginia Commonwealth University L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs (the School) for the School to collaborate with local entities who have received grant funding appropriated pursuant to subsection N. of this item, including local law enforcement agencies, to provide strategic planning, program evaluation, and data-driven innovations to improve the public sector's response to community violence. The school may collaborate with faculty and students from Virginia State University and Norfolk State University as needed.*
- e. *Grant funding provided pursuant to this subsection N. of this item that is used for law-enforcement equipment may solely be used for forensic and analytical purposes, in addition to other requirements set forth in this subsection N.*

This annual report summarizes the efforts of the Office of Safer Communities and funded programs for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

OFFICE ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS UPDATE

State funding for local and state violent crime reduction strategies has been a key component for localities and nonprofit organizations since the Virginia General Assembly took notable steps to address violent crime with dedicated grant funding options beginning in 2020. Adequate and sustained state-level investments are essential to enable communities to implement evidence-based interventions that can effectively prevent and respond to violent crime. State funding has supported promising violence reduction initiatives, such as community-based street outreach, hospital-based violence intervention programs, and support services for youth and young adults. The funding allows local organizations and government agencies to enhance their violence prevention and response efforts, providing much-needed resources and services to impacted communities.

Chart 1.



OFFICE OF SAFER COMMUNITIES

Technical Assistance to Existing and Potential Grantees

The Office of Safer Communities (OSC), housed in the Division of Programs and Services at the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), oversees three funding streams: the Safer Communities Program, Firearms Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund, and the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund. The Office has worked with each grantee, and several prospective grantees, throughout this reporting period. In an effort to ensure readiness before an applicant applies for grant funds, grant solicitations will now include contact information for the Office's Capacity Building and Sustainability Coordinator. Agencies interested in but not ready for a grant can work with the Coordinator to prepare for a future solicitation. Similarly, DCJS invited organizations whose applications were not funded to seek technical assistance from DCJS to strengthen their proposals in the future.

DCJS ensures that local governments follow existing financial controls and reporting mechanisms to properly monitor and document how grant funding is being used prior to applying for grant funds. The Office of Safer Communities is working to assist grantees with understanding these requirements and plan accordingly.

Without prior planning for a significant grant award, local governments may struggle to identify and approve eligible projects or initiatives that can be completed within the grant period. Procurement processes, regulatory requirements and other logistical obstacles can further complicate efforts to obligate and spend grant funds in a timely manner. A grant planning phase is typically six to nine months prior to program implementation.

A planning phase should consist of the following:

- Identifying goals and assessing tools,
- Developing collaborative strategies and identifying key stakeholders,
- Identifying the target population or place,
- Identifying tools or evidence-based strategies, and
- Data collection and developing sustainability.

Due to the complexity of crime trends, it is important that local government coordinate through a multidisciplinary approach to thoroughly plan and implement projects based on the need for prevention, intervention and enforcement efforts on the local level.

Safer Communities Program (SCP). The timing of the SCP award and the unexpected nature of the award presented a substantial challenge for all three cities. City councils typically must approve the receipt of grant funds to ensure efficient utilization of funds to address specific areas of need. Since the state budget appropriating these funds was just signed on September 14, 2023, localities did what they could in the time allotted before the end of the fiscal year.

The DCJS Office of Safer Communities (OSC) staff met with representatives from each of the three original pilot cities in the Safer Communities Program: Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Richmond. These meetings were conducted on multiple dates with the aim of facilitating program planning, ensuring financial compliance, fostering community partnership, and establishing a clear timeline for execution. The following is a brief overview of the outcomes and progress during the meetings.

1. **Financial Compliance:** OSC staff collaborated closely with local officials to ensure that the program planning aligns with their respective local finance policies and regulations. OSC staff

reviewed grant guidelines with each city and made modifications to each program's proposal as necessary.

2. **Partner Engagement:** OSC emphasized to each locality the importance and significance of partnerships in successfully executing programs and discussed how to actively engage key stakeholders' participation.
3. **Setting a Clear Timeline:** To ensure efficient and timely execution of each program, OSC staff worked with the three localities on establishing a comprehensive timeline. These meetings helped with the development of various milestones, deliverables, and anticipated timelines for implementation.

These meetings have helped to refine program strategies and build substantial partnerships within the cities.

Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund. DCJS released its third Operation Ceasefire Grant Program (OCGP) solicitation on March 15, 2024 with the intent of awarding approximately \$3,700,000. The goal of this solicitation was to enhance local efforts to address violent crime by supporting nonprofit organizations, local law enforcement agencies, and local units of government. DCJS received 41 applications, totaling \$6,501,958.

The Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) approved 33 grants totaling \$3,971,438.³⁴ These 33 projects will be funded for a 24-month period, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026 using state funds allocated for this purpose. For this solicitation, because the requests far exceeded the available funding, DCJS recommended to the CJSB that funding for drone technology and staff overtime be removed from each grant that had such requests.

Eight applications were not recommended for funding. Of these, six submitted insufficient information to justify their requests, one exceeded the solicitation's equipment funding limit, and one applied only for drones and related equipment.

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Fund. Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) grant funding has been instrumental in supporting nonprofit organizations, local hospital programs, and coordination and assessment planning. Since the last report DCJS has released two FVIP grant opportunities.

In the fall of 2023, DCJS issued grant guidelines inviting applications to support evidence-informed strategic planning and assessment. Localities were invited to apply under two categories: Category I supported local efforts to develop, implement, expand and/or enhance violent crime funding and strategic planning coordination. Under this category, funding will support hiring a local coordinator, criminal justice planner or create a new local position dedicated to local violent crime funding and coordination. Category II supported local assessment. Applicants were encouraged to partner with local institutions of higher learning or an established organization to conduct local violent crime assessments. DCJS received nine applications totaling \$1,970,233. Six grants totaling \$1,025,594 were recommended and approved for funding by the CJSB. These grants have a performance period of 24-months, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

DCJS released its third FVIP solicitation on March 15, 2024, with the intent of awarding approximately \$2,500,000 for this specific solicitation. The goal of the solicitation was to support local community-based organizations' efforts to address violent crime through the implementation of effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming to interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence. Because other funding sources were specifically available for law enforcement agencies and

prosecutors' offices, these potential applicants were excluded from this funding solicitation. DCJS received 31 applications totaling \$5,778,351.

The CJSB approved 20 grants totaling \$2,447,724 for a two-year project period, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026. Eleven applications were not recommended for funding. Out of the 11 applications, nine had insufficient information for approval and two applications were deemed ineligible. DCJS OSC staff have offered technical assistance, focused on grant writing and grants administration, to all FVIP Grant Program applicants, particularly those denied during the most recent solicitation process.

Community of Practice Convening

During this reporting period, the Office of Safer Communities held its first grantee Community of Practice Convening, on May 14, 2024, in Charlottesville Virginia. In attendance were grantees from multiple disciplines showcasing evidence-based prevention, intervention, and enforcement programs. Each of the original three Safer Communities Program sites provided an overview of their current and proposed local violence reduction strategies. The Convening also highlighted programs funded out of Operation Ceasefire and Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention grant programs, including local prosecutorial resources, hospital-based violence intervention and prevention programs, and community-based projects implemented by nonprofit organizations.

DCJS intends to bring this Community of Practice together approximately four times each year, twice virtually and twice in person, to develop ongoing peer network learning opportunities. These opportunities will permit information sharing to better create movement towards targeted interventions addressing the root causes of violence.

Program Evaluation: Implementation and Effectiveness

Grant funding has supported programs ranging from four specific disciplines, prevention, intervention, enforcement and prosecution. Since June of 2022, these programs have been funded through a variety of grant awards.

Evaluating multiple violence reduction programs containing diverse components such as enforcement strategies, prosecutorial resources, prevention and intervention programs operated by local nonprofits and hospital-based violence intervention programs present challenges in measuring true outcomes. The complexities lie in quantifying individual program effectiveness, assessing collaborations or conflicts between competing approaches, navigating data collection and determining long-term impact on communities. Balancing these considerations demands a comprehensive evaluation framework that accounts for the multidimensional nature of violence prevention efforts while addressing the complexities of program integration and coordination.

Plans and efforts are underway for contracting with the Virginia Commonwealth University L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs for evaluation, developing uniform performance metrics, working with localities to identify and build local data collection and analysis capacity, and developing training modules for local and community based nonprofit agencies to ensure capacity to carry out and sustain a grant program.

GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATES

SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP). Because of the difficulties described, the Safer Communities Program pilot sites were unable to spend much of the funds first allocated to them. However, the work accomplished over the last several months has positioned them to be suited for the next round of funds, which began July 1, 2024. All three sites have hired the local violence reduction coordinator that is required by the budget language. Each of the three initial SCP localities has developed local initiatives that are based on current evidence-based models. Additionally, the following activities have been accomplished during this reporting period:

Norfolk City: The City of Norfolk initiated their crime prevention community relations campaign by canvassing impacted areas within the community and distributing crime prevention resources including door hangers, magnets, and yard signs. Additionally, Norfolk Police Department conducted three Youth Leadership Academies as a part of their positive youth development initiative.

Portsmouth City: Portsmouth City initiated the Portsmouth United Micro-Grant Opportunity for local nonprofit organizations on June 17, 2024. Twenty-one organizations were selected to present their program to a panel on July 15 for final determination for funding.

Richmond City: Richmond initiated the initial phase of establishing the Family Justice Center (FJC) focusing on Domestic Violence in partnership with the YWCA. Richmond City has developed a timeline for the FJC team to establish training facilitated by the Community Based Public Safety Collective (CBPS) for its staff and credible messengers. Richmond City is planning to initiate staff recruitment for the family justice center within the next quarter.

OPERATION CEASEFIRE GRANT PROGRAM (OCGP). The charts that follow show the distribution of Operation Ceasefire grant awards during the 2024 fiscal year, by type of grant recipient and by geographic region. As shown in Chart 2, these grants were distributed rather evenly between law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices. They were distributed to all areas of the Commonwealth, as shown in Chart 3.

Chart 2.

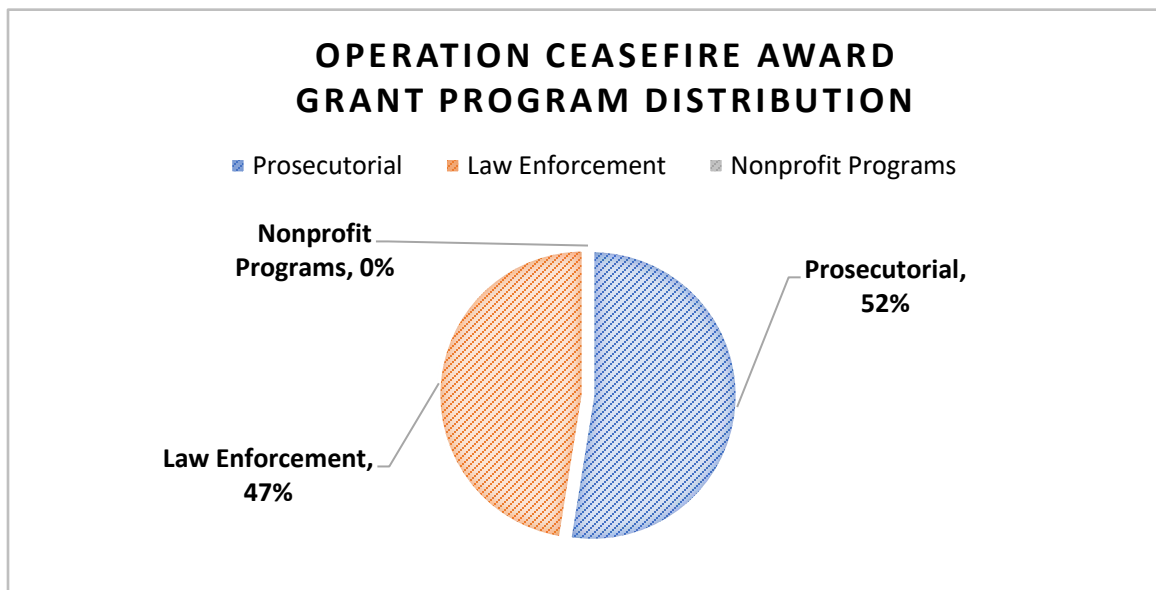
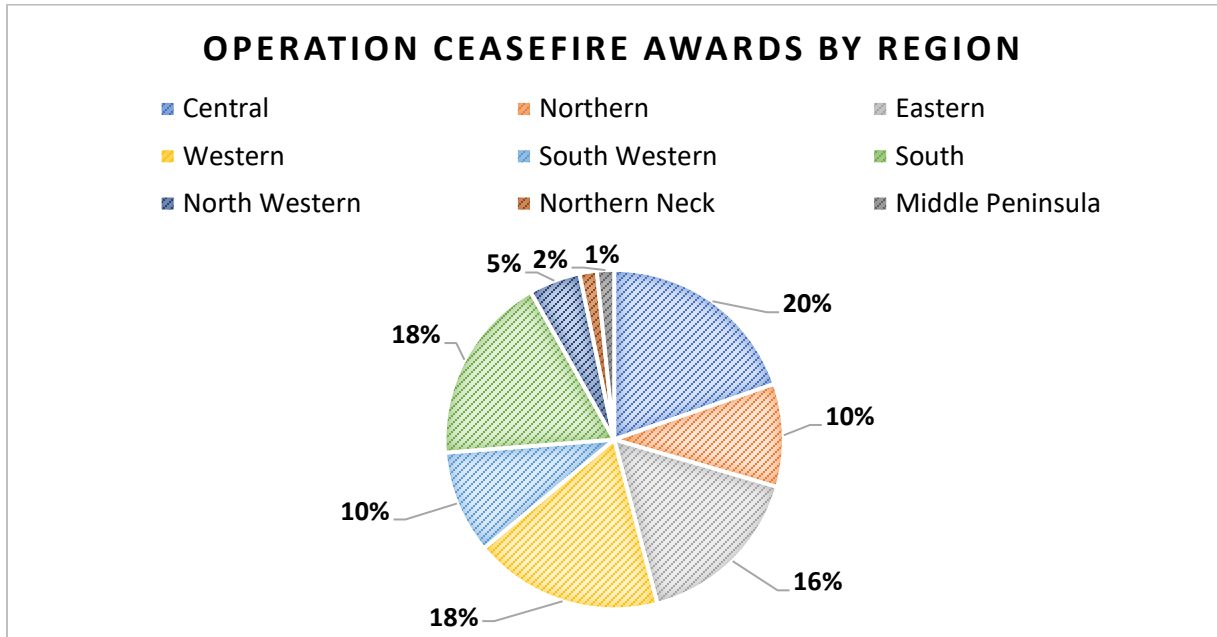


Chart 3.



Operation Ceasefire 2024 Grant Programs Summary

Prosecutorial Grant Programs	
Number of Programs	14
Total Awarded	\$5,417,317 (3-year grant period, 1/1/2024 – 12/31/26)
Number of Positions	10 full time employees: 3 victim specialists; 3 investigators; 1 legal assistant, 1 forensic examiner, 2 full-time attorneys 1 part-time employee: 1 attorney

Law Enforcement Resources	
Number of Programs	34
Total Awarded	\$4,904,801 (2-year grant period, 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026)
Number of Staff to be Hired	9 full-time employees: 4 crime analysts, 4 violent crime detectives, 1 public safety officer
Other Purposes	Equipment: Cellbrite Analyzer, Axon body worn cameras, automated license plate readers (ALPR), gunshot detection, mobile data terminals, Flock cameras, mobile crime scene trailer, tactical equipment, thermal hand held scanners

Operation Ceasefire 2023 Grant Programs Summary²

Prosecutorial Grant Programs	
Number of Programs	7
Total Awarded	\$3,604,610 (2-year grant period, 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024)
Number of Prosecutors to be Hired	10 full-time employees: 10 attorneys 1 part-time employee: 1 attorney
Number of Other Positions to be Hired	5 full-time employees: 4 Ceasefire coordinators, 1 investigator 1 part-time employee: 1 legal assistant

Law Enforcement Grant Programs	
Number of Programs	6
Total Awarded	\$825,830 (2-year grant period, 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024)
Number of Staff to be Hired	4 full-time employees: 1 group violence intervention specialist, 1 director of community safety, 1 Virginia Fusion Center analyst, 1 community outreach coordinator
Other Purposes	Overtime and training

NonProfit Community-Based Organization Grant Programs	
Number of Programs	4
Total Awarded	\$419,000 (2-year grant period, 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024)
Number of Positions funded	2 full-time employees: 1 navigation case manager, 1 full-time peer support specialist 3 part-time employees: youth mentors
Other Purposes	Life coach training, train the trainer cognitive behavioral therapy curriculum

² Since these grants were not awarded during this reporting period, they are not included in the distribution charts above. Their performance during the reporting period is included.

Nonprofits

During this reporting period one community program visited over 1,300 homes during peace walks and conducted 38 custom notifications of individuals determined likely to be involved in gun violence. Nonprofits operating positive youth development programs reported over 100 youth served in central Virginia, including 75 parents participating in gun violence prevention and awareness activities. Additionally, four youth participated in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certification classes, with one youth receiving certification and full-time employment.

Prosecutorial Resources

Grant-funded local prosecutors worked more than 700 active felony cases involving weapons and narcotics offenses, homicides, gang recruitment, and other violent crimes. These local prosecutors also reviewed over 275 concealed weapon permit requests, and grant-funded investigators served more than 120 subpoenas and assisted with active investigations across the Commonwealth. One prosecutor's office implemented the Educating Kids about Guns (EKG) program in its local school system. During the initial screening phase for 9th graders and upperclassmen, of the 95% of the students screened, 10% identified themselves as being group/gang related, and 78% of all students screened stated that some of their friends carry firearms regularly. During this reporting period grant funded cross-designated prosecutors operating out of the Attorney General's Office reported a total of 141 active federal cases, 205 indictments and 51 ongoing investigations.

Law Enforcement

The Virginia State Police (VSP) has extended its outreach into 12 cities offering analytical case support. Five local Commonwealth Attorneys' Offices requested analytical resource support with current investigations from the VSP. One local Sheriff's office conducted weekly prevention awareness workshops for local elementary and middle school students exploring topics on conflict resolution, anti-bullying and drug awareness. Additionally, one local police department provided training support for two crime analysts and two detectives on Criminal Investigations using Cellular Technology.

A list of grants funded through this funding stream is included in APPENDIX A.

FIREARM VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION (FVIP) FUND. The charts that follow show the distribution of FVIP grant awards by type of grant recipient for fiscal year 2024, and by geographic region. It is important to note that in addition to the competitive solicitations issued by DCJS, \$1,500,000 was earmarked by the General Assembly for the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. Since the earmarks are both administered by the local law enforcement agencies, they are included in the category for Local Law Enforcement. As shown in the geographic distribution chart (Chart 5), these funds are distributed across the Commonwealth. The two earmarks are included in the Tidewater area. Please see APPENDIX B for a breakdown of programs.

Chart 4.

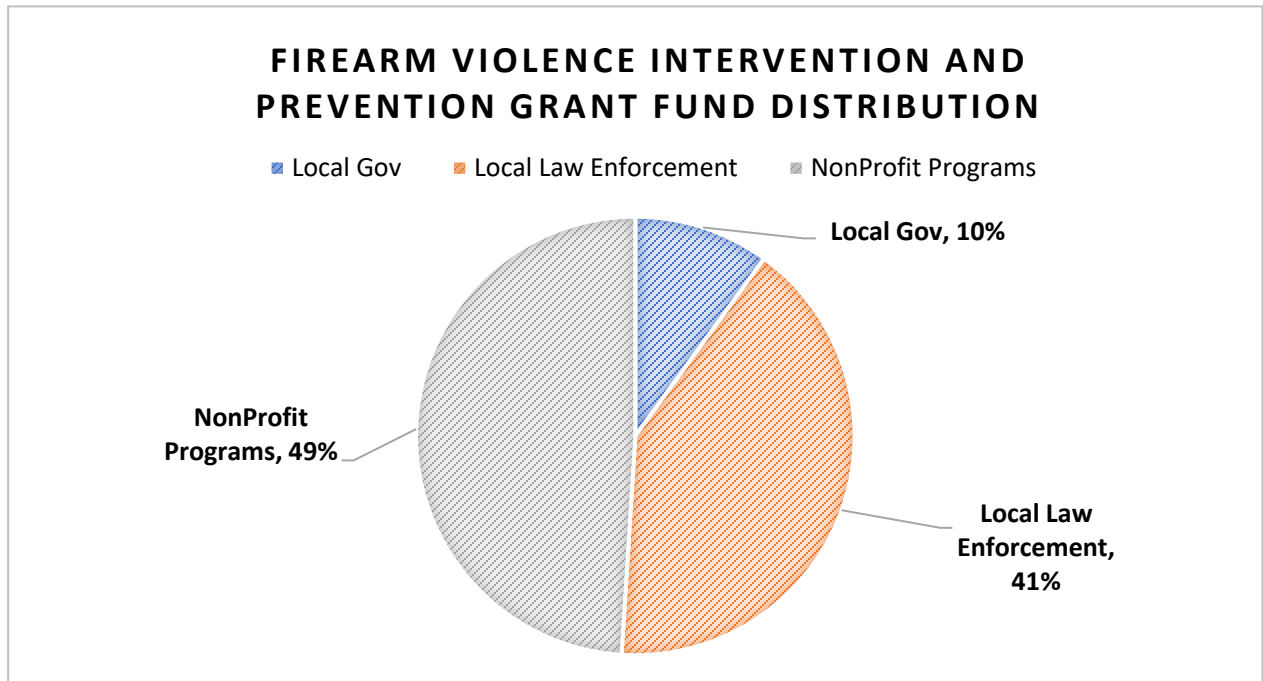
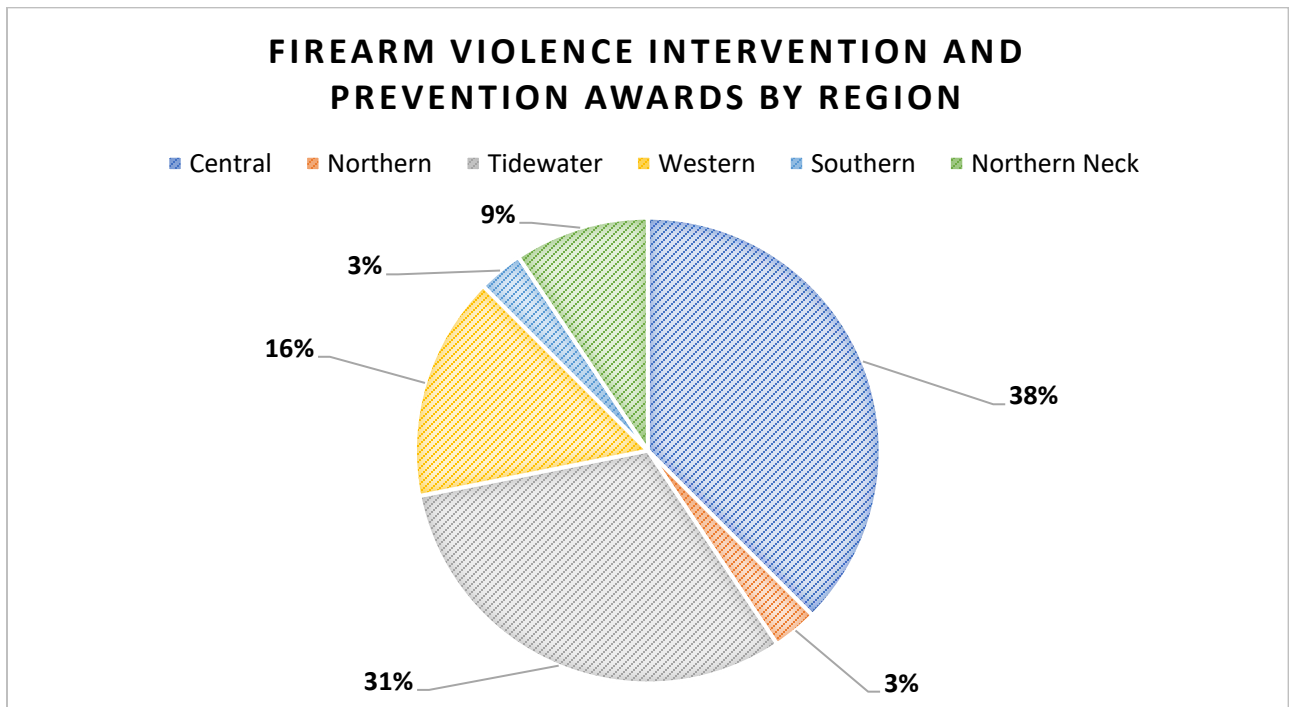


Chart 5.



Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention 2024 Grants Programs Summary

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Earmarks	
Number of Localities	2 (Norfolk and Portsmouth)
Total Awarded	\$1,500,000 (2-year grant period, 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026)
Number of Positions Funded	2 full-time employees: 2 violence interrupters
Other Purposes	Equipment: surveillance technology, community awareness events, victim services

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Local Coordination and Planning Grant Program 2024	
Number of Organizations	6
Total Awarded	\$1,025,594 (2-year grant period, 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025)
Number of Positions Funded	2 full-time employees: 2 local coordinators 2 part-time employees: 2 violence prevention specialists
Other Purposes	Contract for local coordination, and 1 community assessment

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program 2024	
Number of Organizations	20
Total Awarded	\$2,447,724 (2-year grant period, 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026)
Number of Positions Funded	13 full-time employees: program coordinators, case-managers 27 part-time employees: mentors, summer camp staff, program assistants
Other Purposes	Evidence based curricula, travel, pro-social skill activities, office supplies, assessment planning, mentor leadership and emotional intelligence training

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program ³	
Number of Hospitals Included	6
Total Awarded	\$5,000,000 (2-year grant period, 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025)
Number of Positions Funded	21 full-time employees: 16 Intervention Specialists, 5 program managers 1 part-time employee: partnership liaison
Other Purposes	Violence Intervention Training

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention 2023 Grants Programs⁴

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program	
Number of Organizations	5
Total Awarded	\$199,587 (1-year grant period, 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024)
Number of Positions Funded	1 full-time employee: 1 engagement director 2 part-time employees: 2 violence interrupters
Other Purposes	Pro-social skill activities, victim services, office supplies and program material

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The following summarizes activities of all FVIP grants open during this reporting period, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

FVIP 2023 and 2024 Grants (Local Programs and Services)

Earmarks to Norfolk and Portsmouth

The City of Norfolk Police Department purchased equipment for the REAL TIME Crime Center. Eight sworn officers, two of whom were supervisors, completed software training for the RTCC. Portsmouth City Police Department provided two community activities in partnership with local nonprofits: “Go Orange” Stop Gun Violence Summit, and the “Day of Peace Community Day.”

Portsmouth Police Department supported the HOPE training program, and the monthly Girl Power Initiative focusing on young girls ages 5–18. Portsmouth Police Department reported that the violence interrupters employed through this grant were dispatched to area hotspots focusing on one targeted neighborhood. Additionally, the violence interrupters responded to several shootings and provided on-site crime scene supports for victims and family members.

2024 Grant Program – Grant Period (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025)

During this reporting period three localities, Petersburg, Colonial Heights and Roanoke, each hired a full-time local program coordinator. One locality, Emporia, is still in the recruitment phase for a local FVIP Coordinator. The City of Alexandria has begun recruitment for a local Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Coordinator. The contracted coordinator will serve as the local point of contact for their formal projects to reduce violent crime. Finally, during this reporting period, the City of Richmond developed data sets and community surveys for local assessment and planning.

2023 Grant Program – Grant Period (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

The five grantees funded under this category offered programming that supported positive youth development and family engagement. Over 400 youth and families were served in sessions which included life skills, anger management, conflict resolution and young women and girl’s empowerment. These programs served the following localities: Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, City of Chesapeake, City of Richmond, and Northumberland County.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (HVIPP)

Six Operating Hospitals:

Sentara General: Norfolk	Medical College of Virginia: Richmond	Bon Secours Southside: Petersburg	Carilion: Roanoke	Riverside Hospital: Newport News	Children’s Hospital of Kings Daughters: Norfolk
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- All six sites meet regularly with local gun violence prevention task forces.
- Virginia Commonwealth University provided an in-depth needs assessment for each HVIPP site. The needs assessment will review patient census, program outputs, internal and external relationships and program progress.

A list of grants funded through this funding stream is included in APPENDIX B.

APPENDIX A

Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Awarded on June 13, 2024 Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026 (24 months)

Grantee	Total Award
Chesterfield County Administering Agency: Chesterfield County Police Department	\$154,190
Colonial Heights Administering Agency: Colonial Heights Police Department	\$49,500
Dinwiddie County Administering Agency: Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	\$206,274
Emporia City Administering Agency: Emporia Police Department	\$120,000
Fairfax County Administering Agency: Fairfax County Police Department	\$80,000
Franklin County Administering Agency: Franklin County Sheriff's Office	\$65,900
Fredericksburg City Administering Agency: Fredericksburg Police Department	\$200,000
Greene County Administering Agency: Green Sheriff's Office	\$62,693
Greenville County Administering Agency: Greenville Sheriff's Office	\$107,960
Haysi Town Administering Agency: Haysi Police Department	\$16,407
Henrico County Administering Agency: Henrico Police Department	\$200,000
Lexington City Administering Agency: Lexington Police Department	\$200,000
Lunenburg County Administering Agency: Lunenburg Sheriff's Office	\$130,035
Martinsville City Administering Agency: Martinsville Police Department	\$80,000
Mathews County Administering Agency: Mathews Sheriff's Office	\$167,667
Newport News City Administering Agency: Newport News Police Department	\$180,000
Norfolk City Administering Agency: Norfolk City Police Department (NPD)	\$113,753

Grantee	Total Award
Patrick County Administering Agency: Patrick Commonwealth's Attorney	\$9,000
Patrick County Administering Agency: Patrick Sheriff's Office	\$65,000
Petersburg City Administering Agency: Petersburg Police Department	\$158,595
Prince George County Administering Agency: Prince George Police Department	\$186,380
Prince George County Administering Agency: Prince George Commonwealth's Attorney	\$163,547
Pulaski County Administering Agency: Pulaski Sheriff's Office	\$10,732
Pulaski County Administering Agency: Pulaski Commonwealth's Attorney	\$130,000
Richmond City Administering Agency: Richmond Police Department	\$100,000
Local Authority Administering Agency: Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$184,279
Roanoke City Administering Agency: Roanoke Police Department	\$200,000
Stratsburg Town Administering Agency: Stratsburg Police Department	\$40,626
Sussex County Administering Agency: Sussex Commonwealth's Attorney	\$200,000
Tazewell County Administering Agency: Tazewell Sheriff's Office	\$57,359
Virginia Beach City Administering Agency: Virginia Beach Police Department	\$80,000
Warren County Administering Agency: Warren Sheriff's Office	\$94,827
Wise County Administering Agency: Wise Sheriff's Office	\$48,586
Wythe County Administering Agency: Wythe Sheriff's Office	\$179,634

Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Awarded December 7, 2023
Grant Period: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026 (36 months)

Grantee	Total Award
Alexandria City Administering Agency: Alexandria Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$497,282
Chesterfield County Administering Agency: Chesterfield Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$496,986
Emporia/ Greenville City Administering Agency: Greenville Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$277,580
Hampton City Administering Agency: Hampton Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$487,870
Newport News City Administering Agency: Newport News Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$429,999
Nottoway County Administering Agency: Nottoway Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$369,452
Patrick County Administering Agency: Patrick Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$258,686
Petersburg City Administering Agency: Petersburg Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$301,749
Portsmouth City Administering Agency: Portsmouth Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$467,257
Prince George County Administering Agency: Prince George Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$125,808
Prince William County Administering Agency: Prince William Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$250,000
Richmond City Administering Agency: Richmond Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$489,395
Spotsylvania City Administering Agency: Spotsylvania Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$465,500
Virginia Beach City Administering Agency: Virginia Beach Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$499,753

Operation Ceasefire Grant Program Awarded December 20, 2022
Grant Period: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 (24 months)

Grantee	Total Award
Office of the Attorney General	\$2,600,000
Virginia State Police	\$256,044
The Buck Squad	\$94,000
Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$100,905 ⁵
Hampton City Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$230,460
Help Me Help You Foundation	\$150,000
Lancaster County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$125,020
Lee County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$156,646
New Life Community Development Center	\$30,000
Prince George Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$249,996
Prince William County	\$353,974
Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office	\$57,200
REAL LIFE Program	\$145,600
Richmond Police Department	\$50,000
Scott County Sheriff Office	\$74,095
South Boston Police Department	\$34,517
Suffolk Commonwealth Attorney’s Office	\$326,500

⁵ Three Operation Ceasefire grantees, Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Lancaster Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, and Lee Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, originally applied for one year of funding instead of the two that was offered. These three were funded for an additional year, which extended the awards through December 31, 2024. The total award listed in the chart reflects two years of funding.

APPENDIX B

**Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Grant Program
 Awarded on June 13, 2024
 Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026 (24 months)**

Grantee	Total Award
Center for Youth and Family Advocacy	\$128,548
Danville City Administering Agency: Office of Violence Prevention	\$142,000
Hopegiver USA	\$75,000
Ketchmore Kids	\$200,000
King William County Administering Agency: Juvenile Services	\$226,390
M.A.Y.A. Foundation	\$50,000
New Life Community Center	\$59,381
Pretty Purposed	\$49,885
Reck League	\$100,000
Rings vs. Rent Scholarship Program	\$154,000
Roanoke City Administering Agency: City Manager’s Office	\$250,000
St. Luke Legacy Center Foundation	\$107,990
Stop the Violence 757	\$176,000
Sustain Equity Group	\$80,000
Boys and Girls Club–Northern Neck	\$49,000
Boy and Girls Club–Northumberland	\$49,530
The Broken Men Foundation	\$250,000
The Buck Squad	\$50,000
The University of Lynchburg	\$200,000
Today’s Jesus	\$50,000

**Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Grant Program
 Awarded on December 7, 2023
 Grant Period: January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026 (24 months)**

Grantee	Total Award
Alexandria City Administering Agency: City Manager	\$250,000
Colonial Heights Administering Agency: Colonial Heights Police Department	\$155,906
Emporia Administering Agency: Emporia Police Department	\$200,000
Petersburg City Administering Agency: Petersburg Police Department	\$172,344
Roanoke City Administering Agency: City Manager’s Office	\$223,083
Richmond City Administering Agency: Richmond Department of Justice Services	\$12,075

**Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants Awarded June 11, 2023
 Grant Period: January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 (12 months)**

Grantee	Total Award
Boys and Girls Club of Northern Neck	\$99,587
League of Advocates	\$25,000
Life Coach Academy	\$25,000
Quality of Life Counseling Center	\$25,000
Pretty Purposed	\$25,000

**Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Grant Program
 Awarded on December 20, 2022
 Grant Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025 (24 months)**

Grantee	Total Award
Hospital Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Virginia Hospital Research & Education Foundation	\$5,000,000