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## Re: Report on Gun Violence Intervention Programs

Pursuant to the 2023 Appropriations Act as enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 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,

Jackson Miller Director

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# Report on Gun Violence Intervention Programs

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

November 2023

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## **BACKGROUND**

The 2023 Appropriations Act as enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and Governor (Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 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<sup>1</sup>.
  - 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 \$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 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,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Department" references the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

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 \$17,500,000 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, 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, \$10,000,000 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, \$9,500,000 shall be provided to the City of Norfolk, the City of Portsmouth, and the City of Richmond, with a minimum award of \$2,500,000 per locality and the remainder allocated to each of the three 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, \$500,000 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.

Special Session I of the 2023 General Assembly (Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I) modified the budget by increasing funding for FVIP and Operation Ceasefire beginning in the FY2024, and creating an Office of Safer Communities, where the responsibility for reporting now resides. Additionally, the General Assembly added the provisions and funding found in paragraph 4.a., creating the Safer Communities Program to support holistic, community-based strategies that address root causes and conditions of community violence in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Richmond cities.

## PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

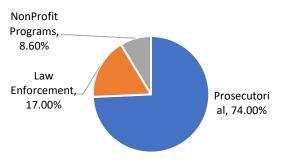
#### **OPERATION CEASEFIRE GRANT PROGRAM**

In October 2022, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) issued guidelines for Operation Ceasefire grants. The purpose of the funding opportunity was to provide support for the implementation of strategies that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth while implementing effective and sustainable solutions to intercept and eliminate local cycles of violence. Eligible applicants for this solicitation included state and local government agencies, local law enforcement, local commonwealth's attorneys' offices, and community- based or nonprofit organizations.

DCJS received 31 applications in response to the grant solicitation totaling \$9,838,566, far above the \$4,850,000 available for award at the time. Out of the 31 applications, 17 were recommended for funding at requested or reduced levels. The Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) denied requests for funding for 14 applications, largely due to applicants' failure to adhere to the solicitation guidelines. Grants funded under this solicitation have a two-year grant period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

The initial round of grant awards under Operation Ceasefire fund seven prosecutorial programs, six law enforcement-based programs, and four non-profit community-based programs. Grants began January 1, 2023 and have all demonstrated progress in accordance with their implementation plans. Although these grants are too new for much outcome data, progress and general metrics are presented in this report.

# Ceasefire Award Distribution



■ Prosecutorial ■ Law Enforcement ■ NonProfit Programs

## **Localities served by Ceasefire Grants**

Charlottesville City
Chesapeake City
Hampton City
Hopewell City
Lancaster County
Lee County
Prince George County
Prince William County
Pulaski County
Richmond City
Scott County
South Boston (Halifax County)
Suffolk City

Prosecutorial Grant Programs – CEASEFIRE	
Number of Programs 7	
Total Awarded	\$3,604,610 (2-year grant period, beginning 1/1/2023)
Number of Prosecutors to be Hired	10.5 FTE
Number of Other Positions to be Hired 5.5 FTE (4 GVIs; 1 investigator; .5 legal assistant)	

Preliminary results from January 1, 2023–June 30, 2023:

- Seven prosecutors have been hired
- 114 active federal cases handled by those prosecutors
- 42 active state cases handled by those prosecutors
- 78 investigations
- Two local violent crime workgroups formed

Law Enforcement Grant Programs – CEASEFIRE	
Number of Programs	6
Total Awarded	\$825,830 (2 year grant period, beginning 1/1/2023)
Number of Staff to be Hired	4 FTE (1 GVI; 1 Director of Community Safety; 1 Virginia
	Fusion Center Analyst; 1 Community Outreach Coordinator)
Other Purposes	Overtime and Training

Preliminary results from January 1, 2023–June 30, 2023:

- One Crime Analyst hired
- One Community Outreach Coordinator hired
- One Director of Community Safety hired
- Six local law enforcement officers participated in violent crime training

Non-Profit Community-Based Organization Grant Programs-CEASEFIRE	
Number of Programs	4
Total Awarded	\$419,000 (2-year grant period, beginning 1/1/2023)

Preliminary results from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023:

- 43 youth and young adults participated in 16-week mentorship STEM program.
- Four Group Violence Intervention (GVI) local training workshops for community partners and law enforcement officials took place in the Central Virginia region.
- 24 Custom Notifications were administered to individuals determined likely to be involved in violent crime

A list of funded projects and summary of those projects is included in APPENDIX A.

#### FIREARM VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

DCJS has issued two solicitations under the Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) grant program to date. The first solicitation targeted the provision of hospital-based intervention programming (HVIP). In December 2022, the CJSB awarded \$5,000,000 under the FVIP across two years for HVIP in six hospitals across the Commonwealth.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (FVIP)	
Number of Hospitals Included 6	
Total Awarded \$5,000,000 (2-year grant period, beginning 7/1/2023)	

## Preliminary results:

As this grant's start date was July 1, 2023, no results have been reported as of the writing of this report.

## **Program Key Goals:**

- Equip six hospitals to provide Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention programing
- Serve 1,000 survivors of community violence
- Complete formal intake, safety plan, and initial service plan on 95% survivors
- Successfully refer and connect 75% of enrolled patients to at least once community-based resource

A summary of this project is included in <u>APPENDIX B</u>.

Following this, in January of 2023, DCJS released a second competitive grant opportunity for the FVIP grant program, offering funding to replicate promising practices that have demonstrated effectiveness in other states. The solicitation outlined the availability of \$1,300,000 to fund the implementation of new prevention and intervention projects or enhancement of existing projects. Under this grant opportunity, eligible applicants were community-based and local non-profit agencies only. The maximum grant award was determined by the organization's size and service area, as described below.

**Category 1:** Small-sized local or non-profit organizations with under \$100,000 in annual operating expenditures relying primarily on volunteers to operate and may have no full-time employees. Maximum: \$25,000 for 12-month grant.

**Category 2:** Small- to mid-sized or non-profit organizations with annual operating expenditures of between \$100,001 and \$500,000 serving a limited geographic area or target population. Maximum: \$75,000 for 12-month grant.

**Category 3**: Mid-sized or non-profit organizations with between \$500,001 to \$1 million in annual operating expenditures serving a geographic area or target population and is seeking to expand services to a larger service region. Maximum: \$100,000 for 12-month grant.

DCJS received 21 applications in response to the grant solicitation totaling \$1,460,594. The overall makeup of the application pool consisted of numerous local private non-profit organizations, including several faith-based organizations, and one national non-profit. DCJS received one ineligible application, from a local government agency.

The Criminal Justice Services Board funded five applications for the 12-month period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, for awards totaling \$199,587. Seven of those denied are relatively new grantees with DCJS, with limited performance reported. The review team recommended giving the current grantees time to develop a history of performance by executing the existing program before approving funding for program expansion and providing technical assistance to organizations as needed.

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program	
Number of Organizations	5
Total Awarded	\$199,587 (1 year grant period, beginning 7/1/2023)

## Preliminary results:

As the FVIP awards began July 1, 2023, no results have been reported as of the writing of this
report.

A list of funded projects and summary of those projects is included in APPENDIX C.

In addition to awards noted, two earmarks specified within the FVIP language were distributed to the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program	
2022 Earmark	
Number of Localities	2 (Norfolk and Portsmouth)
Total Awarded \$1,500,000	

## Results:

- The City of Norfolk used funding to purchase equipment for the City's REAL TIME Crime Center.
- The City of Portsmouth used funding to support hiring two Violence Interrupters and one Program Manager.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Since 2020, DCJS made over 200 awards to state and local government and non-profit organizations to address violent crime through numerous funding opportunities. With the past and current investments, DCJS will continue to provide technical assistance to grantees, produce future grant opportunities for local initiatives, and ensure that data is collected and reported consistently and accurately. As previously reported in prior legislative reports, DCJS offered previous opportunities to fund violent crime reduction strategies<sup>2</sup>. Through these opportunities, DCJS identified some common challenges among recipients, most notably, the difficulty in establishing measurable goals and objectives, and a lack of local program coordination.

DCJS recognized that many programs struggled to define the population that should be targeted in order to affect violent crime. This led to the need to determine intentionality: who, what, where, and how should the program be delivered to address violent crime. Further, when localities are infused with local, state, and federal resources/funding without sufficient resources for coordination and planning, the result can be an overlap and duplication of programming effort, which ultimately reduces the chances of achieving any meaningful impact. These challenges have validated the importance of providing technical assistance towards capacity building and program sustainability.

To respond to these observations, DCJS has created or designated three positions to support new and ongoing local efforts to improve outcomes, set measurable performance objectives, and to provide grant monitoring. These positions include a Violent Crime Program Coordinator, a Prevention and Intervention Grant Monitor, and a Capacity Building and Sustainability Coordinator. Furthermore, DCJS intends to engage local Community Criminal Justice Boards to ensure adequate local administrative supports are in place to better position local projects for success. These steps will aid the grant projects currently underway, as well as those which arise from future solicitations under the various firearm violence initiatives, including Operation Ceasefire, FVIP, and the Safer Communities Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2021, Virginia Gun Violence Intervention Program Report 2022, Virginia Gun Violence Intervention Program Report

# **APPENDIX A**

2023 Operation Cease	2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program	
Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024		
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description, from original grant application	
Office of the Attorney General \$2,600,000	Virginia Operation Ceasefire Program  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 gangrelated 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	Virginia State Police Ceasefire Grant Fund	
\$256,044	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 for decision makers. This position will 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	Charlottesville Community Gun Violence Interruption	
\$94,000	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 and Program Description, from original grant application
Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney's Office \$52,377	<ul> <li>2023 Chesapeake Investigator Grant</li> <li>Project Overview: The Chesapeake Commonwealth's 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.</li> <li>Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)</li> </ul>
Hampton Commonwealth Attorney Office \$230,460	Hampton City Commonwealth Attorney Office Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund  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's Attorneys Summer Program (JCAP) and Educating Kids about Gun Violence (EKG), Intervention: Youth Violence Support Group, and Enforcement: Group Violence Intervention-Call-In(s).  Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)
Help You Help Me Foundation \$150,000	Changing the Narrative  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.  Model Program: Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD)
Lancaster County Commonwealth Attorney's Office \$62,510	<ul> <li>Lancaster Operation Ceasefire</li> <li>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; and to screen concealed weapon applications and petitions to restore firearm rights.</li> <li>Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components)</li> </ul>

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program  Grant period: January 1, 2023–December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description, from original grant application
Lee County Commonwealth Attorney's Office \$81,766	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	Passport to the Future Youth Prevention Program  Project Overview: New Life Community Development Center will use grant
\$30,000	funds to provide access to education, training and life skills to at-risk youth and young adults 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	Prince George Operation Ceasefire Regional Prosecutor
Attorney's Office \$249,996	Project Overview: The Prince George and Hopewell Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices will collaborate in administering 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)
Prince William	Prince William Gun Violence Intervention Program
\$353,974	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)

•	2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program  Grant period: January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description, from original grant application	
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office \$57,200	Operation Ceasefire Grant  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	REAL LIFE Violence Prevention Initiative  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	Operation Ceasefire Richmond City  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)	
Scott County Sheriff Office \$74,095	Project Overview: Scott County 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 County Sheriff's Office will also hold weekly community relations meetings.  Model Program: Operation Ceasefire (Components) Group Violence Intervention (Components)	

2023 Operation Ceasefire Grant Program  Grant period: January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024	
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description, from original grant application
South Boston Police Department \$34,517	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	Suffolk City Operation Ceasefire  Project Overview: Suffolk Commonwealth's 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's 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

# **APPENDIX B**

2023 Hospital Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program		
Grant period: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025		
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description	
Virginia Hospital Research & Education Foundation \$5,000,000	2023 Hospital-Based Violence Intervention (HVIP) Collaborative 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.	
	<ul> <li>Performance Sites:</li> <li>Roanoke: Carilion Roanoke</li> <li>Richmond: VCU/MCV Health</li> <li>Norfolk (2): Sentara Norfolk General, Children's Hospital of Kings Daughters</li> <li>Newport News: Riverside Regional Hospital</li> <li>Petersburg: Bon Secours Southside</li> <li>Model Program: Hospital Violence Intervention Program</li> </ul>	

# **APPENDIX C**

2023 Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program		
Grant period: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024		
Grantee and Award	Project Title and Program Description	
Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck \$99,587.00	Boys and Girls Club the Northern Neck (BGCNN)	
	<b>Project Overview:</b> BGCNN will implement a prevention violence reduction after-school and summer program in partnership with Lancaster and Northumberland Counties' Sheriff Offices and the Haven Shelter and Domestic Violence Services. BGCNN's intended target audience is students grades one through nine residing in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. The project intends to serve 150 youth.	
	Model Program: Los Angeles, California Gang Reduction Program	
Rings vs. Rent Scholarship Foundation \$25,000	Life Coach Academy	
	<b>Project Overview:</b> Middle School Success Program, Richmond-Projected to provide a year-round intervention-based support program including life skills coaching curricula to serve at-risk youth; decrease negative behaviors; implement proactive leadership CARE program.	
	Model Program: Los Angeles, California Gang Reduction Program	
Violence Interrupter Program \$25,000	League of Advocates	
	<b>Project Overview:</b> Chesapeake-Project will utilize trained volunteers (Violence Interrupters) to go into neighborhoods and work with individuals that are most at-risk of being victimized or perpetrating; gun-related violence. The program works in partnership with law enforcement with a focus on reducing homicides and shooting by establishing trusted relationships.	
	Model Program: CURE Violence	
Girls Circles and You GLOW Girl Network \$25,000	Pretty Purposed	
	<b>Project Overview:</b> Petersburg-Girls Circles and You GLOW Girl Network. The project is set to expand Girl Circles in school and communities providing trauma informed and healing practices and initiate the You GLOW Girl Network to build relationships and leadership among girl-centered organizations.	
	Model Program: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)	
Leading Youth of Tomorrow \$25,000	Quality of Life Counseling Center	
	<b>Project Overview:</b> Hampton-Projected to provided mental health, anger management, mentoring, workforce development, life-skills and truancy prevention programs for youth and young adults.	
	Model Program: Los Angeles, California Gang Reduction Program, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)	