

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 5, 2025
Action Required:	Approval of Appropriation for \$150,000 from Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Operation Ceasefire Grant - Local Law Enforcement.
Presenter:	Holly Bittle, Budget and Management Analyst, Michael Kochis, Police Chief
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Title:	Resolution to appropriate \$150,000 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Operation Ceasefire Grant Program (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services' ("DCJS") Virginia Operation Ceasefire Grant Program ("Program") for Forensic and Analytical Technology for Local Law Enforcement initiative is to support the use of technology that will result in reducing violent crime within the Commonwealth, while implementing effective and sustainable solutions to intercept and eliminate local cycles of violence. Projects funded under this Program support local initiatives to fight violent crime by providing resources for law enforcement.

Discussion

The Charlottesville Police Department ("CPD") is committed to improving the quality of life of those who live, work and visit the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City").

If appropriated, CPD proposes using the \$150,000 in Grant funds awarded by DCJS, to procure and deploy Peregrine's Ascent and Legacy Data packages for one (1) year. This will include on-site training, system configuration, ongoing technical support, and a dedicated Deployment Strategist. Once implemented, it will integrate over nine (9) separate systems onto one (1) unified platform to increase operational efficiency; allow CPD to pursue real-time policing and crime data management; allow CPD Staff to develop more in-depth geospatial analytics; and automatically connect relevant case information from several different platforms.

Notification of the Award Approval was received on March 28, 2025, for reimbursement of up to \$150,000.00. The Grant period starts on July 1, 2025, and ends on June 30, 2026.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This Project supports Goal 2 of the City's Strategic Plan, to be a Healthy and Safe City.

Community Engagement

The requested Grant funds will allow CPD Staff to increase operational efficiency to better safeguard the community.

Budgetary Impact

This has no impact on the City's General Fund. No local match is required. The funds will be expensed and reimbursed to a Grants Fund.

Recommendation

CPD Staff recommends approval and appropriation of the Grant funds.

Alternatives

If Grant funds are not appropriated, CPD will be unable to purchase and implement this type of new platform to increase operational efficiency, without funding from the City's General Fund.

Attachments

1. Resolution Virginia DCJS OCGP Grant Appropriation