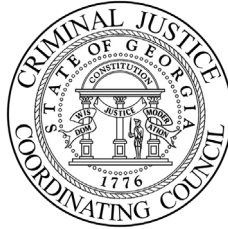


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Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Full Council Meeting
Friday, December 8, 2023 | 2:00 P.M.
The State Bar Office and by Remote Conferencing

Attendees

The following members were present: Chairman Joseph Hood, Vice Chairman Tyrone Oliver, Director Mike Ayers*, Judge Nancy Bills*, Mayor Terry Branch*, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn*, Director Cynthia Clanton*, Mr. Brian DiNapoli*, Chief Denise Downer-McKinney*, Sheriff Ron Freeman*, Commissioner Scotty Hancock*, Judge Warner Kennon*, Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer*, Mr. John Melvin*, Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb*, Director Pete Skandalakis*, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake*, and Mr. Joe Vignati*.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present: Executive Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Kristy Carter, Liz Flowers*, Aisha Ford*, Sam Gonzales*, Ursula Kelley*, Madeline Lara, Kristen Lee*, Dannielle Lewis*, Stephanie Mikkelsen*, Mia Smith*, Laura Thompson*, and Robert Thornton.

The following guests were present: Meghan Davidson (Attorney General's Office)*, Lalaine Briones (PAC)*, Representative Martin Lim*, Representative Karen Lupton, Taylor Jones (CACJ)*, and Jennifer King (CASA)*.

*by remote conferencing

Welcome and Call to Order, *Chairman Joe Hood*

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M. Ms. Madeline Lara called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed.

Before continuing to the items on the agenda, Chairman Hood recognized Executive Director Jay Neal for an announcement. Director Neal informed the Council that Governor Kemp's office has awarded CJCC with \$13.2 million in ARPA funds to continue to backfill the gaps created by the declining VOCA funds for CJCC's victim service providers. CJCC is currently in the process of reviewing the grants applications that were approved at the last Council meeting to come up with recommendations for this additional funding. There are upcoming meetings on December 18th and 19th to review and approve these recommendations. CJCC anticipates being able to fulfill the gaps for our service providers with these additional funds. CJCC continues to work with the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and the

Governor's office to identify ways to fill these gaps moving forward. Director Neal noted that these ARPA funds are only able to be used for non-profit organizations. Therefore, the victim advocates through the Prosecuting Attorneys Council (PAC) are continuing to experience issues with funding.

Continuing, Director Neal informed the Council that CJCC is currently down fourteen positions that have not been able to be filled due to lack of funds. Eight of those positions are in the Victims Assistance Division, causing significant strain on the employees as their workloads are increasing. There are also three positions open in our administration division. Due to these open positions, payments for grants have been slow in being processed and paid out. CJCC is focused on staff retention and ensuring that we are not overworking staff. Our hope is that we will be able to start filling positions in the new year.

Review of Minutes, *Chairman Joe Hood*

At the conclusion of Director Neal's update, Chairman Hood called for a review of the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting. Assistant Commissioner Maurer made a motion to approve the minutes; Sheriff Freeman seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.

Victim Assistance Grants Committee, *Ms. Kristy Carter*

Chairman Hood recognized Ms. Kristy Carter for the purpose of presenting the Victim Assistance Grants committee recommendations of the Victim Assistance Division (VAD) collectively.

Ms. Carter began by thanking the Governor's Office, OPB, and CJCC staff and leadership for supporting victims of crime with the \$13.2 million ARPA award. She also extended thanks to all of the external reviewers who assisted in the SASP review process. Their commitment and insight is highly valued.

FY2023 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant Program (Federal funds) Competitive:

Moving on to her report, Ms. Carter began by reporting that the SASP Formula Grant Program supports organizations that provide crisis intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), counseling, and related assistance to: Adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault; family and household members of such victims; and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization (e.g. friends, coworkers, classmates).

See attached for the competitive request for applications released in September 2023. CJCC met with the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault to discuss and identify grant program priorities that are consistent with OVW priorities and requirements. The priorities for the FY23 SASP grant program are listed below:

1. Direct funding to address one or more of the following service needs: a. Advocacy Services, b. Counseling and Support Group Services, c. Emergency Financial Support Services, d. Medical and Legal Accompaniment, e. System Collaboration and Outreach, and f. Other locally documented services gap.

2. Underserved Populations: communities consisting of “populations who face barriers in accessing and using victims services, and include populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General of the United States or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.

3. Family Justice Centers: multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, co-located centers that provide services to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse victims. For the purposes of SASP, the applicant may only apply for funding to support services for victims of sexual assault regardless of age.

Applications were due October 26, 2023. Initial awards will begin on January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Awarded agencies will be eligible annually for continued funding at the amount awarded through December 31, 2026. There is no match requirement for the SASP grant program.

Methodology

Staff divided the application among a panel made up of three or more staff members and when possible, included an external reviewer. The panel reviewed each application to ensure that applicant justified a need for the program, that the program is eligible to receive SASP funds, the budget was allowable and reasonable, the application met application priorities, current grants administered responsibly, and overall agency health including financially and programmatically. After the three panel members completed their review, each panel met to discuss their assigned applications and develop their recommendation. Budgets were reduced to focus on personnel and printing materials relevant to the project. Travel funds, utilities and other costs were eliminated to focus on the priority areas and spread-out funding to more agencies. The panel then met with leadership to discuss and finalize the recommendations.

Victim Assistance Division leadership met to review panel scoring, priorities, and budgets to make final recommendations to meet grant allocation requirements, as outlined above. Owing to the high volume of applications and the staff's commitment to facilitating support for a broad range of programs, the maximum award amount was capped at \$45,000 with one statewide application that was capped at \$100,000. Additionally, VAD Leadership and staff sought to maintain existing SASP grant recipients in good standing, particularly those with a demonstrated track record of judiciously utilizing funds and submitting comprehensive data reports that align with the services provided to address identified needs.

As you will find on the attached, staff has provided the following information for each application in TAB A:

1. Agency Name
2. Requested Amount
3. Recommended Amount
4. Project Description

Committee Recommendation:

- 1) Award 26 providers as outlined in TAB A for a total of **\$1,165,216** and denying funding for 13 applications. The reasons for the denials included eligibility issues, requests that were outside identified priorities, and a lack of detail in responses for their proposed projects within their applications submissions. **See Tab A.*

FFY23 Byrne Discretionary Grant Program – Congressionally Directed Spend Award Supported by Senator Ossoff for Domestic Violence Victim Service Providers (Non-Competitive One-Time Awards)

Continuing, Ms. Carter reported that the Byrne Discretionary Grants Program is for discretionary grants to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, and to assist victims of crime (other than compensation). The purpose of the Byrne Discretionary Grants Program is to implement strategies to help strengthen the continuum of care and increase service access to victims of domestic violence in the State of Georgia. Project activities to be accomplished are upgrading domestic violence shelter technology, contracting needed services, funding supplies and assistance needs, training direct service staff, and community education and awareness initiatives. Subrecipient activities include immediate shelter and related victim services such as therapy, counseling, and legal advocacy; collaborate with community partners to meet the individualized needs of victims; and promote community awareness and education.

Fifty-six domestic violence programs were invited to apply, however, one program declined funding due to the inability to manage the fiscal responsibilities.

Committee Recommendation:

- 1) Award 55 domestic violence programs \$49,709 as a one-time award to provide intervention services, awareness, and education to domestic violence victims. Total amount recommended **\$2,733,995**. **See Tab B.*

FY23 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program (Federal funds):

Lastly, Ms. Carter reported that the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) provides the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. Programs will provide immediate crisis intervention and safety planning services to victims of domestic violence and promote resiliency and healing for children exposed to domestic violence. State administrators and Tribes may use this supplemental funding to establish, maintain, and expand programs and projects to: 1) prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and 2) provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

Committee Recommendations:

- 1) Award the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) to assist with the maintenance of the statewide domestic violence hotline. Total amount recommended **\$3,600**.

- 2) Award Project Safe, Inc. for the operations of the statewide teen text line. Funding will be used for the 24-hour operation of the text line, which is staffed by shelter advocates and trained college level interns. The text line offers teens around the state confidential support, advice, referrals, and help—anonynously from “near-peers”. Total amount recommended **\$50,000**.
- 3) Award Colquitt County Serenity House for residential and non-residential support. Serenity House serves one county, Colquitt. Serenity House began receiving state family violence funding in FY20 through state appropriations. They are the only state-certified domestic violence shelter not receiving formula FVPSA funding. Based on the state, certified domestic violence shelters with a one county service area, Serenity House is similar in bed space and county population as that of FAITH, Inc. Staff is recommending an award amount similar to that of FAITH, Inc. Total amount recommended **\$29,002**.
- 4) Award Amani Women’s Center, Inc. funding to provide culturally specific services to immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence in the Atlanta area. Amani is a culturally specific, community-based organization that was funded in FY21 under the FVPSA ARP-COVID funding. In FY22, the FVPSA ARP COVID funding was utilized as supplements to VOCA cuts, in which Amani did not receive. Staff is recommending a one-time award to assist the agency with sustaining services. Total amount recommended **\$20,000**.

**See Tab C.*

At the conclusion of Ms. Carter’s report, Chairman Hood turned to the Council for any questions. Hearing none, Commissioner Hancock was recognized for the purpose of making a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Ms. Bunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Oliver abstained from voting on any award to the Georgia Department of Corrections due to a conflict of interest.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee, *Mr. Robert Thornton*

Chairman Hood recognized Mr. Robert Thornton for the purpose of presenting the Criminal Justice Grants Committee recommendations collectively.

Criminal Justice

Local First Responders State Grant Program

Mr. Thornton began by reporting that during the fiscal year 2024 Legislative session, CJCC was allocated funding for the local First Responders Grant Program. CJCC created a competitive grant application to assist in the purchase of equipment, supplies, technology, and other materials directly related to first responder functions. On October 6, 2023, the competitive request for applications was released with a deadline of November 3, 2023. The request was limited to units of local government within the state to apply on behalf of first responders. The application included language which gave priority consideration to agencies which fully meet the One Georgia Authority equity funding guidelines as well as those that have not received similar state funding in the past year. At the solicitation deadline, CJCC received 49 applications, requesting \$906,350.

Due to the large number of requests received, staff used the following criteria to make final recommendations for funding:

- 1) Only agencies that meet the One Georgia Eligibility criteria are recommended for funding;
- 2) Staff recommends denying applications from local governments that received either a First Responder Grant or a Law Enforcement Training Grant in FY 2023;
- 3) Staff recommends denying applications for jurisdictions that are on the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts' list for non-compliance with auditing requirements; and
- 4) Staff further recommends awarding a maximum amount of \$17,300 to each applicant.
- 5) The above criteria was utilized with the goal of distributing this limited funding to as many areas across the state as possible.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends making 20 awards utilizing the above criteria as reflected on the attached spreadsheet.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG)

Next, Mr. Thornton reported that at the previous Council Meeting, the Council approved continuation allocations and awards for all drug task forces and state agencies that received Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program awards. Allocations were based on recipients' 2023 funding levels, and the Council authorized CJCC staff to make awards to all applicants up to the amounts that were allocated. CJCC issued a call for Byrne JAG continuation applications with a deadline of November 3, 2023.

Local Awards

Several local applicants requested additional funds in order to reflect cost-of-living adjustments made to personnel salaries throughout the state. Haralson County (Northwest Drug Task Force) asked for a significant increase in funding but did not provide justification related to increased coverage areas or other qualifying changes that have been previously used to grant additional funding.

Last year, staff informed the Council that Irwin County (South Central Drug Task Force) had decreased the number of counties participating in the task force. There was just one county and the largest municipality within that county participating. This is fewer than the required two counties set forth by the Council previously. Irwin County has now come into compliance with the Council criteria. In addition to Irwin County, the DTF now has participation from: Atkinson and Coffee Counties, as well as City of Ocilla and the district attorneys for Waycross and Tift.

According to the current criteria approved by the Council, all funded drug task force agencies must fulfill the following requirements:

- *At least 2 counties must participate;*
- *If only 2 counties participate in the task force, the largest municipality within each county must also participate; and*
- *If 3 or more counties participate in the task force, the cities are not required to participate.*

Drug Task Force Agency (by Fiscal Agent)	2023 Funding Level	2024 Requested Amount
Haralson County (Haralson-Paulding Drug Task Force)	\$172,432	\$505,686
Dawson County (North Georgia K-9 Task Force)	\$112,204	\$173,061
Chattooga County (Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force)	\$152,838	\$183,114

Recommendation: The Committee provides the following recommendations related to Byrne JAG:

1. Approve continuation awards at the 2023 funding levels to the applicants that requested additional funds for 2024.
2. Approve award to Irwin County (South Central Drug Task Force) based on 2023 funding levels as the task force now meets the requirements.

Chairman Hood asked Mr. Thornton to clarify that CJCC is denying the additional funds because they failed to demonstrate sufficient need for additional funds. Mr. Thornton confirmed that this is correct.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulus, and Substance Abuse Program

Lastly, Mr. Thornton reported that the purpose of the FY20 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) naloxone initiative is to provide funding to cover the cost of naloxone kits, ongoing law enforcement training in naloxone administration, and Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) implementation standards that commit to reporting, and best practices for engaging with people suffering from opioid addiction.

The Council has previously approved new and continuation awards for naloxone grantees. To fully expend the available funding, the Criminal Justice Unit released a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) on October 16, 2023, and applications were accepted through November 14, 2023. Priority was given to localities that demonstrated their community would benefit from a grant-funded project that covers the cost of naloxone kits.

Agency	Number	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Notes
Americus Police Department	75	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Ben Hill County Sheriff's Office*	30	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	200	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	Applicant did not provide justification to support large request, 50% budget reduction
Crisp County Sheriff's Office	100	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Doraville Police Department	96	\$4,000.00	\$3,936.00	Budget reflects \$3,936 for 8 cases of naloxone
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	25	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office*	185	\$15,170.00	\$7,585.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Georgia Department of Corrections	481	\$21,484.00	\$19,251.00	Reduced \$94 for training kits, and large request, 10% budget reduction
Kennesaw Police Department*	72	\$6,258.24	\$3,129.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Long County Fire Department	14	\$1,600.00	\$1,250.00	Applicant included training costs, \$350 reduction
Marietta Police Department	192	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	
Milan Police Department	60	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Newton County Sheriff's Office*	50	\$6,500.00	\$3,250.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Paulding County Sheriff's Office*	50	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Pickens County Sheriff's Office*	50	\$7,238.00	\$3,619.00	Returning applicant, 50% budget reduction
Pine Mountain Police Department	50	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Pineland Community Service Board		\$25,000	\$0	Not eligible
Savannah Police Department*		\$30,000.00	\$0	In 2023 CJCC has reimbursed applicant for \$49,945 in naloxone purchases through FY18 COAP funding
Smyrna Police Department	100	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	
Spalding County Sheriff's Office	408	\$16,728.00	\$16,728.00	
St Mary's Police Department	90	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
Thomasville Police Department	71	\$4,615.00	\$4,615.00	
Treutlen County Sheriff's Office	40	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Valdosta State University Police Department	40	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Walton County Emergency Management Agency	462	\$24,576.00	\$18,966.00	Reduced \$3,502 for PPE and carry pouches, and large request, 10% budget reduction
TOTALS		\$238,944.24	\$137,854.00	
<i>*Denotes entities that have previously been granted COSSAP funding.</i>				

Recommendation: The Committee requests approval to make new awards for the COSSAP grant as listed in the Recommended Amount column in the above chart.

Update - New Federal Competitive Grant Awards

Next, Mr. Thornton shared the following updates with the members of the Council:

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP) FY 2023 Competitive Grant, \$7 million

CJCC received an award under the FY23 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program for the purpose of developing and implementing an effective data-driven response for Georgia's citizens affected by the opioid crisis as well as substance use disorders. This funding, which equates to \$7 million over a 36-month period, will support a comprehensive multi-system collaboration among local entities throughout the state in law enforcement, the courts, community supervision, reentry, emergency and first responding agencies that provide substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services. The statewide project will take a data-driven approach, led by the Statistical Analysis Center, to identify target areas that are in the most critical need for services while also building a framework to enhance public safety beyond the scope of the grant. The funding will focus on four main objectives: criminal justice system response in diversion and intervention, prevention and harm reduction, recovery support, and communication and engagement.

FY 2023 Adult Treatment Court Discretionary Grant, \$2.5 million

In partnership with the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ), CJCC applied for and received the FY23 BJA Adult Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program. The funding, which equates to \$2.5 million over a 48-month period, is to improve, enhance, and expand adult drug courts by:

- 1) developing and deploying a participant screening tool for all arrestees within local jails;
- 2) establishing a statewide language access protocol to ensure equitable access to service and materials for non-English and limited-English speaking participants;
- 3) providing access to emergency and transitional housing for participants in need to address environmental and other risk factors limiting program participation across the state; and
- 4) enhancing data collection efforts statewide and providing racial and ethnic diversity training for participating courts.

The court types eligible for funding will include: Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Adult Felony Drug; Co-Occurring (Mental Health), Family Treatment Dependency, and Veterans courts.

Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP) Project

Next, Mr. Thornton reported that the Georgia Statistical Analysis Center (GASAC) was awarded \$1.3 million from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to implement a 5-year program under the Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP), which is, in part, geared toward helping underserved communities, such as jail inmates with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).

The GASAC researchers along with partners, such as the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and Applied Research Services (ARS) seek to

implement and study a program that connects jail inmates with SPMI to individuals who will help them apply for Social Supplemental Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) in hopes of disrupting their cycling in and out of jail due to their committing crimes related to their mental illness.

In four of the study jails, the individuals who will assist participants apply for SSI/SSDI are known as Benefits Specialists, and this is the primary function of their job. In two study jails, participants will also be assisted by a Forensic Peer Mentor (FPM), a formerly incarcerated individual who is familiar with resources that may help participants increase their quality-of-life post-incarceration and avoid recidivism. The primary function of their job is to maintain contact with their mentees to help them find resources such as physicians they can trust, finance and budget advice, housing options, and social opportunities to keep them engaged and connected in the community.

The GASAC has partnered with DBHDD, who will hire two Benefits Specialists and one Forensic Peer Mentor. Each MES will be assigned to two study jails. During the implementation phase, jail deputies or medical staff, county public defender staff, or CSB staff appointed as referral sources will refer inmates who are identified as having SPMI to the Benefits Specialist or FPM who will meet with them either in the jail if they are still incarcerated or a mutually agreed upon location if they have been released. The Benefits Specialists and FPM will inform the potential participant about the program and offer the opportunity for participation.

To maximize the likelihood of SSI/SSDI application approval, Benefits Specialists will employ the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) method. The SOAR method uses in-depth medical and personal summaries of disability to facilitate the SSI/SSDI application process.

After applying, the participant will be surveyed online or over the phone about their experience, and the responses will be tallied, given to DBHDD and used to help improve the Benefit Specialists' and FPM's performance. Following application approval, participants will be surveyed six months and again one year after receiving benefits to assess how having SSI/SSDI benefits has impacted their lives. During this time, the FPM will maintain contact with their mentees to offer assistance. Researchers hope to use the surveys as well as jail data to study the impact of this intervention.

Juvenile Justice

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) met on December 5, 2023 and reviewed the recommendations from the Criminal Justice Grants Committee.

Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program

The Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant) is a state and federally funded alternatives to detention program. The Incentive Grant provides evidence-based programming in the community for youth who are at a moderate to high risk to recidivate. Funding provides for direct services and related training and technical assistance needs.

As of November 15, 2023, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council staff has received the following request for additional funds:

Grantee	Details	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
Coweta County	Requested an additional \$103,536 to serve 18 additional youth for the remainder of FY24. For FY24, Coweta was awarded a total of \$92,045. As of November 15, 2023, they have \$23,620 (26%) remaining.	\$103,536	\$50,000
Total		\$103,536	\$50,000

Recommendation: The Committee recommends funding Coweta County for a total of \$50,000 at this time. We will monitor the expenditures of Coweta and, if needed, will submit a request to fund the remaining amount at the next Committee meeting.

As mentioned at the May 2023 meeting, staff has been working on coordinating additional trainings as part of our technical assistance to local counties. Staff recommended setting aside \$15,000 in estimated costs. Staff identified the following training to allocate funds to:

Contract	Details	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
Jay Franklin	A county will be selected to receive targeted support for understanding their gang population and their individualized needs. The consultant will train and help develop the key areas of the research-based comprehensive gang model community mobilization, organizational change, social intervention, suppression, and opportunities provision.	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total		\$15,000	\$15,000

Recommendation: The Committee recommends approving the recommendation above for a total of \$15,000.

Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Program

The Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grants Program provides funding for the implementation of programming for prevention from the juvenile justice system and intervention services for youth as alternatives to detention. Funding will support programming related to mental wellness, substance use, and violence reduction. Priority consideration was given to applicants partnering with school systems to prevent and minimize substance use, violence, and support the mental health needs of children at-risk.

On September 20, 2023, CJCC awarded 12 applicants a total of \$1,036,215. The remaining unallocated funds totaled \$23,457. Staff received two appeals for committee review.

Applicant	Ranking	Score	Amount Requested	Denial Reason	Appeal Justification
Augusta-Richmond County	36/39 all applicants 11/11 government agencies	47	\$100,000	In order to support their request for the project proposal, the applicant did not submit any data or statistics. Furthermore, the project's methodologies, procedures, sustainability plan, and aims and objectives were not well explained by the applicant.	Feedback was provided to the applicant based upon the readers' comments. The justification submitted by the applicant provided new and/or clarifying information, but did not suggest that any errors were made during the review process.
Sherriff Reserve and Auxiliary of DeKalb County, Inc.	30/39 all applicants 19/29 non-profits	60	\$77,500	The applicant's request for the project proposal was not substantiated by any data or statistics. Furthermore, the applicant failed to provide a comprehensive description of the project's procedures and methods. There were several aspects of the budget detail worksheet that were not allowed with grant funds.	Feedback was provided to the applicant based upon the readers' comments. The justification submitted by the applicant provided new and/or clarifying information, but did not suggest that any errors were made during the review process.

Recommendation: The FY24 Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grant Program was extremely competitive and could only be scored based on the responses submitted with the initial application. In the absence of any errors made during the review process, we cannot rescore the applications based on new information submitted by the applicants. As such, Committee recommends denying the appeals listed above.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thornton's report, Chairman Hood turned to the Council for any questions. Hearing none, Director Skandalakis was recognized for the purpose of making a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Mr. John Melvin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Oliver abstained from voting on any award to the Georgia Department of Corrections due to a conflict of interest.

Nominating Committee, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield

Next, Chairman Hood recognized Deputy Director Hatfield to share the recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

As required by O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-4, the Nominating Committee met on November 29th, 2023, to elect a slate of officers to stand for election at the December 8, 2023 Full Council meeting. At that time, the Committee made the following recommendations for the Council's consideration:

2024 Council Chairman – Regarding the position of Chairman of the Council, CJCC staff recommends Commissioner Tyrone Oliver to succeed current Chair, Mr. Joe Hood.

2024 Vice Chairman – Regarding the position of Vice Chairman of the Council, CJCC staff recommends Judge Nancy Bills to succeed current Commissioner Tyrone Oliver.

At the conclusion of his report, Chairman Hood turned to the Council for any questions. Hearing none, Director Skandalakis made a motion to accept the recommendations. Commissioner Reynolds-Cobb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old/New Business

Next, Chairman Hood recognized Mr. Thornton to share new business with the Council.

Administrative Rule Change

Mr. Thornton reported that at the Council Meeting on June 20, 2023, the Council initially adopted the attached amendments to CJCC Rule 144-4-.06. Since the Council's initial adoption, the amendments were reviewed and approved by our Crime Victims Compensation Board. Per the requirements of Georgia's Administrative Procedure Act, these amendments have also been forwarded to the Office of Legislative Council and posted for public comment. A public hearing was scheduled for December 6. No one attended the public hearing and we have received no comments from the public or members of the Georgia Legislature. During the Council meeting on December 8, 2023, the Council will consider this amendment for final adoption.

Synopsis of Rule Change:

The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is tasked with administering the Crime Victims Compensation Program (Program) pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-15-1, et. seq. The Program eases the financial burden faced by eligible victims of violent crimes by providing payment for expenses related to medical bills, funeral expenses, mental health counseling and crime scene sanitization, as well as loss of income or support. Since the Program is the payor of last resort, victims who are covered by insurance are currently required to submit eligible

expenses to their insurance providers before any payments for medical and counseling benefits can be processed.

The proposed amendments to Rule 144-4-.06 provide victims of sexual assault and family violence with the ability to opt out of the Crime Victims Compensation Program (Program) requirement to submit medical and counseling expenses to their insurance providers when the victims are not the primary policyholders. Changes to the rules are highlighted below.

(5) Eligibility and Exhaustion of Resources.

(a) With the exception of those acts enumerated in O.C.G.A. § 17-15-2(3)(A), a crime must have been committed in Georgia to qualify for compensation.

(b) The agency shall review each claim for the required findings, shall render an agency decision as to eligibility, and shall award an amount based on the factors set forth in O.C.G. A. § 17-15-7 and O.C.G.A. § 17-15-8.

(c) Except as provided for in subparagraph (d), ~~N~~no award will be made until the claimant has exhausted all other public and private resources available to him or her (such as health insurance, employee benefits, worker's compensation, other state government assistance, Medicaid/Medicare).

(d) When medical treatment or counseling is provided to a sexual assault or family violence survivor and such survivor, who is not the subscriber or primary policyholder of an insurance policy, opts out of submitting a claim for such services under such policy, the cost of such medical treatment or counseling shall be paid by the fund in an amount as provided in O.C.G.A. § 17-15-8; provided, however, that such award shall not be reduced or set off by the amount of any payment that would have been made under such policy.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Thornton thanked Georgia State Representative Lim for bringing this to CJCC and his work on moving this forward. Chairman Hood asked Mr. Thornton if this change could help young people maintain privacy if they are victimized and on their parent or guardian's insurance. Mr. Thornton confirmed that this is an impact as a result of this change and it also allows people who are victims of family violence to avoid using the offenders insurance. Chairman Hood then recognized Representative Lim for any comments he would like to make. The Representative thanked CJCC and the Council for their work on this change and the work that they do for victims.

With no further comments or questions, Chairman Hood recognized Ms. Bunn who made a motion to adopt the administrative rule change. Assistant Commissioner Maurer seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Grant Program (DP2): Competitive

The purpose of the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Grant (DP2) is to provide funding for the implementation of evidence-based programs and prevention strategies to youth who are first time offenders, diverted from the juvenile justice system, or charged with a status offense and identified as at-risk. Additionally, counties can apply to fund up to 50% of a personnel position for the administration of this grant. Eligible applicants are local government entities.

CJCC initially released the competitive request for proposal on July 3, 2023, in which two applicants applied. CJCC awarded both applicants award funding. However, one applicant refused the award funding. CJCC then released the request for proposal for a second time on October 14, 2023, with applications due December 1, 2023. CJCC received nine applications totaling \$422,274 in funding request, three of which were not eligible to apply due to not being a local government entity or partnering with a local government to be the fiscal agent. Grant funding available to award is \$80,000.

Due to the timing of the release of the RFP, and the time necessary to review the applications, these recommendations were not presented to the Criminal Justice Grants Committee. They were, however, reviewed by the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group on Tuesday, December 5.

Applicant	Eligible	Projected Youth Served	Type of Service	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
Always Keep Hope Foundation	No			\$40,000	\$0
Bulloch County Alcohol and Drug	No			\$42,253	\$0
City of Fayetteville	Yes	36	Triple P and Prime for Life	\$39,915	\$39,915
City Tennille	Yes	25	Life Skills Reimagined (Corrections)	\$40,000	\$0
Fulton County	Yes	48	The Family Solution Program and Why Try?	\$40,000	\$0
Polk County	Yes	150	Parents in Need of Skills, T4C, ART, Evaluations, and fees for extracurricular	\$40,000	\$0
Southwestern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office	Yes	180	TF-CBT, Positive Action, Nurturing Parents, and EMDR	\$40,106	\$40,000

Urban League of Greater Atlanta*	Yes	N/A	Job Readiness and Life Skills, Year-Round STEAM Academy, College Tours, College Preparation, Career Exploration, and Mentorship	\$40,000	\$0
YALE Academy	No			\$100,000	\$0
Total				\$422,274	\$79,915

* Denotes a non-profit who applied with the support of a local government entity to serve as their fiscal agent.

Recommendation: The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group and staff recommend funding City of Fayetteville \$39,915 and Southwestern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office \$40,000, totaling \$79,915 in award funding through the Delinquency Prevention Grant Program.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thornton's report, Chairman Hood turned to the Council for any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Melvin made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

At the conclusion of the new and old business, Chairman Hood thanked Ms. Bunn for her service on the Council and as Chair of the Crime Victims Compensation Board. Ms. Bunn's tenure at the State Board of Pardons and Paroles is ending and this meeting is her final one.

Lastly, Director Neal welcomed Mayor Claxton to the Council as this is the first meeting he has been able to attend. Mayor Claxton thanked Director Neal and Chairman Hood for the welcome. The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Approval

Vice Chairman Nancy Bills

Date

TAB A

Agency Name	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Amani Women Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	To support survivors of sexual assault (SA) in the African refugee and immigrant community to be self-sufficient by providing work skills, life skills, public assistance and culturally sensitive healing modalities through group and individual therapy. AWC has a 1-800 helpline - (In 10 languages) manned by community ambassadors and case workers for all support services. This will serve and address emotional support and referrals to African refugee women who are mostly survivors and victims of trauma. The proposed project includes sewing classes, culturally sensitive educational workshops, mental health counseling, interpretation and translation, community outreach, and responding to calls from AWC helpline and provide resources and referrals based on client needs.
Battered Women's Shelter (The Haven)	\$50,000	\$45,000	The Haven proposes to continue to expand our current approach to victim centered services through a Mobile Advocacy program working in our nine-county service area including Atkinson, Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties. The Mobile Advocacy Program will continue to work directly with victims where the sexual assault occurred, allowing the victims to stay local and have more local resources available after the victimization. These services will include access to 24/7 crisis line staffed by The Haven, crisis intervention, direct supportive services to victims including emergency assistance, transportation, medical and criminal justice accompaniment with information and referrals to local programs for follow-up care and advocacy for victims of sexual a
BeLoved Atlanta	\$49,511	\$45,000	BeLoved seeks funding to expand and enhance its support services for sexual assault survivors, leveraging a decade of experience. This grant will further empower survivors through clinical therapy, residential care, workforce development, and financial literacy classes, reinforcing trust and recovery.
Crisis Line & Safe House	\$50,000	\$45,000	The proposed project is for personnel costs required to continue sexual assault advocacy services at our Sexual Assault Centers (SACs) and in the One Safe Place Macon Family Justice Center. SASP-funded services will include 24-hour crisis intervention (in-person and telephonic), bedside advocacy during forensic exams, criminal justice advocacy, court accompaniment, advocacy and accompaniment to medical providers, information and referral, safety planning, assistance securing safe shelter, ongoing advocacy and support, assistance applying for Crime Victim's Compensation, and other advocacy and support services to help victims access safety, support, and resources in the wake of a sexual assault

			victimization. Our Macon SAC will be fully co-locating to One Safe Place Macon when it opens.
FAITH, Inc.	\$50,000	\$45,000	This grant prioritizes funding for counseling and support services for sexual assault victims, aiming to provide the necessary financial resources to help survivors deal with the physical, emotional, and psychological effects of a traumatic event. Central to this mission is ensuring access to trauma-focused therapy (TF-CBT) as part of our core client services. Therapy constitutes a significant portion of our budget, with a substantial portion of our annual fundraising efforts dedicated to ensuring victims receive the required therapy sessions. Last year, FAITH's Power House delivered 4,800 hours of TF-CBT to victims and their families at no cost to them. We seek funding to sustain these vital therapy services and safeguard against potential funding losses.
Gordon Co Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	We are requesting funds for our Bi-lingual Client Advocate and our Client Advocate positions for Gordon County CAC/SAC. GCCAC/SAC employees five staff including these positions. Aside from our SANE Coordinator, all staff are crossed trained to complete many different roles. Both the Bilingual Client Advocate and Client Advocate provide direct services such as on-call for the 24/7 hotline, child advocacy, adult sexual assault advocacy, and forensic interviews. The Bilingual Client Advocate will allocate 51% of her time to direct service through this project. The Client Advocate will allocate 51% of her time to direct service through this project. This request is for the direct service of advocacy and support to victims, including victims with a language barrier.
Grady Memorial Hospital Trauma Recovery Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	The purpose of this project is to support 40% of a dedicated TRC Clinician and extend the availability of emergency financial aid to survivors of sexual assault. The clinician's primary focus is to guide survivors through the complex process of healing from their traumatic experiences while also being able to provide critical emergency financial aid. In 2022, TRC became the exclusive mental health provider for Rape Crisis Center (RCC) patients. We started providing trauma-informed psychotherapy services to all RCC patients regardless of their county of residence, thus filling a crucial gap in patient care. The SASP funds will strengthen and extend our capacity to provide timely comprehensive services, including therapy, case management and vital financial assistance.
Harmony House Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center	\$49,486	\$45,000	The therapist will provide mental health/counseling services to children, adults and affected caregivers/family members who have disclosed sexual abuse. They will provide evidence based, trauma-informed mental health services to both the victims and affected family. The therapist must engage the non-offending caregivers in therapy to promote healing and safety within the entire family. Therapist will perform mental health services for adult survivors of sexual assault during all stages of recovery. The therapist will provide bridge services to the assigned Harmony House case advocates as needed. Work is conducted at Harmony House Child Advocacy Center locations, local schools in the Northern Judicial Circuit, Whitworth Women's Detention Center and in-home and/or care facility.

Karibu Community Legacy	\$50,000	\$27,109	Many survivors of sexual assault face various challenges connecting with services. Typically, the first response to a victim is to ensure their safety, and one of the ways to secure their safety is through safe haven. Many victims have expressed their concerns of not being able to make their next step in safety and progression if they were to lose their jobs with financial security is one of the primary reasons victims tend to remain in abusive relationships. There is also a continued need to increase awareness through educational workshops especially in the African immigrants and refugee communities. Where the blame of sexual assaults would be placed on the survivors. With this project we will be able to have a dedicated sexual assault response coordinator to increase our capacity.
Latin American Association	\$46,675	\$43,300	The proposed project is an expansion of the sexual assault component of our Latina/o Victims of Violence (LVOV) Program, which is housed in our Family Services & Well-Being Department. This proposed grant will allow us to build our capacity to serve sexual assault victims by adding a second LVOV case manager, who will focus only on sexual assault victims. Our LVOV Program, which has operated for over ten years, is designed to support clients who are experiencing violence, including stalking, harassment, dating, domestic and sexual assault. The main objectives of this program are to: (a) assist victims in achieving self-sufficiency and long-term safety, (b) strengthen victim's ability to remain free from violence long-term, and (c) strengthen community resources available to traditional
Lily Pad SANE Center	\$33,334	\$33,334	The SANE Program encompasses the Advocacy Program which offers a 24-hour crisis hotline for victims of sexual assault. When a victim calls our hotline, they are met with a compassionate, well trained advocate that offers crisis intervention. When law enforcement contacts a SANE for a forensic medical exam, the advocate is dispatched as well to comfort the victim and accompany them through the process. The advocate provides support groups, therapy referrals to trauma trained providers, and support and information to survivors of sexual assault during the prosecution of their offenders by court accompaniment and advocating for them through the SART. We do not turn away any requests for services, whether they report to law enforcement or not, or if it is after regular business hours.
Mary's Place	\$50,000	\$45,000	Mary's Place: Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire, Inc. (Mary's Place), formerly the Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire, Inc. acknowledges that the number of underserved Hispanic communities speaking English as a second language is steadily rising within the service areas of our organization. Mary's Place is dedicated to offering comprehensive services to survivors from all backgrounds. Consequently, Mary's Place employs a Bilingual Advocate to raise awareness of the underserved English as a second language Hispanic community throughout the counties we serve through in-person survivor support services, the bilingual advocate offers direct services to survivors of sexual assault as well as to their friends and family.

Mosaic Georgia	\$50,000	\$45,000	Focused outreach, advocacy, and collaborative engagement: Mosaic Georgia aims to enhance support for sexual violence survivors in Gwinnett's marginalized communities. With a \$50,000 SASP award, the project will expand awareness through tailored multimedia outreach and engage around 2,400 individuals, particularly within the LGBTQ and communities of color. Strategies involve hiring a Resilience Specialist to bolster victim support and creating advocacy and outreach content to foster meaningful system collaboration. By facilitating accessible healing and recovery resources, the initiative addresses trauma's deep societal impacts, underscoring Mosaic's commitment to diversity-sensitive advocacy.
Piedmont Rape Crisis Center	\$49,999	\$45,000	Piedmont Rape Crisis Center (PRCC) is a community based non-profit advocacy agency, and the sole provider of adult crisis intervention services for primary and secondary survivors of sexual violence in Banks, Barrow, and Jackson counties, which comprise the Piedmont Judicial Circuit in rural northeast Georgia. PRCC provides confidential services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the crisis hotline, exam accompaniments, information, resources, referrals, counseling assistance, as well as other core services, as needed. Advocacy and crisis intervention services are provided to adult individuals, regardless of gender, race or sexual orientation, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Services (Piedmont Hospital)	\$50,000	\$45,000	The Sexual Assault Therapy Program addresses Counseling and Support Group Services. A sexual assault therapy program offers vital support to survivors, aiming to restore their emotional well-being. This program provides a safe and confidential space for survivors to process their trauma, develop coping mechanisms, and rebuild trust in themselves and others. Through a combination of counseling, group therapy, and holistic healing approaches, survivors are empowered to reclaim their lives and regain a sense of control, healing the scars left by their traumatic experiences.
Rape Response	\$45,601	\$45,000	A dedicated campus advocate to continue working with the underserved population of college victims & secondaries is critical. Within that population there are marginalized individuals that face additional barriers to services. In our 6-county service area there are 6 colleges, with multiple campuses & more than 37,000 students. For 6 years a SASP funded campus advocate has dedicated extended hours/days on campuses, strengthened collaborative partnerships as the primary point of contact & served as a liaison for students & secondaries as they navigated their sexual assault & the complexities of university, law enforcement, medical & judicial processes. The campus advocate's focus has allowed the scope & depth of services among these vulnerable & marginalized individuals to increase.
Rape Response (SAKI)	\$150,000	\$100,000	The SAKI advocate & SAKI therapist are specifically trained on trauma-informed, victim-centered best practices related to cold cases to provide effective direct victim advocacy & therapy services to persons victimized by sexual assault cold cases. The positions are needed specifically due to the volume of contacts & cases handled by the GA SAKI Task Force. These are primary service roles which include the delivery of

			SAKI victim-centered crisis intervention support, victim accompaniment services (medical, legal, & other) & trauma informed counseling. The positions provide direct personal victim &/or family comprehensive advocacy & therapy. Cold case sexual assaults are often complex cases with unique challenges.
Safe Harbor Children's Center	\$50,000	\$44,000	The Safe Harbor Connie Smith Rape Crisis Centers (SHCSRCC) provide intervention, advocacy, victim accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth and child sexual assault victims as well as their non-offending family and household members. With locations in Appling, Glynn, Camden, and Wayne Counties accessible coverage is provided throughout the Brunswick Judicial Circuit and McIntosh County. The proposed project will maintain and expand the reach of current programming with deliberate outreach activities into surrounding rural and underserved communities. In addition, the project will address the SASP funding priorities to provide advocacy services, counseling and support group services, medical and legal accompaniment, and system collaboration and outreach.
Satilla Advocacy Services	\$50,000	\$45,000	SAS provides support, advocacy, and medical/legal accompaniment services to sexual assault victims living in six rural counties in southeast Georgia, a historically underserved area. SAS seeks SASP funding to support travel costs necessary to provide direct services and two full-time staff positions integral to achieving project goals and objectives, Victim Advocate and Victim Service Coordinator (request = 50% FTE each). The Victim Advocate provides support, crisis intervention, advocacy, information, and referral for victims and assists with victim compensation forms. The Victim Service Coordinator assists with client appointments and referrals for mental health, medical, and legal services; manages a 24-hour crisis line; and provides follow-up on victims within 24-48 hours after intake.
Stepping Stone Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	The proposed project focuses on Stepping Stone's ability to provide mental health and advocacy services to the underserved population of Eastman, GA and the Oconee Judicial Circuit. This would be achieved through the hiring of an on-site TF-CBT certified counselor for adult and youth victims. Their role as a mental health clinician would include the facilitation of one-on-one therapy, psychosexual evaluations, peer and support groups, and community education. Along with this, they would also provide victim advocacy services, i.e. intake support, data management and client follow-up services, court and trial preparation and advocacy, individual support, crisis management, and participate in our on-call Crisis Line rotation. This would be a dual role that supports our new Eastman office.
The Children's Center for Hope and Healing	\$50,000	\$45,000	The Children's Center for Hope and Healing seeks funding to sustain its vital mission of delivering comprehensive victim services to individuals affected by child sexual abuse and sexual assault across thirteen counties in northeast Georgia. Our highly skilled clinicians conduct comprehensive assessments, collaborate with clients in developing treatment plans, and provide individual, group, and family therapy utilizing evidence-based techniques. Moreover, victims and

			families are empowered to create and implement safety plans during the intake phase, which are regularly reviewed alongside the treatment plans to monitor progress. By securing funding, The Children's Center for Hope and Healing will continue to be a beacon of hope and source of healing for child sexual abuse/assault survivors
The Cottage Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	The Cottage is requesting \$50,000 for our Sexual Assault Center to support direct service personnel salary for our Advocate for Adult Services in the amount of \$23,595 and for our Director of the Sexual Assault Center in the amount of \$26,405. These positions are essential for providing comprehensive care to survivors who have experienced sexual assault at any point in their life and to secondary survivors who directly impact the trauma healing process. Through the funding of these positions, we will be able to maintain and increase services for accompaniments to police reports, accompaniments to Forensic Medical Exams, legal and medical advocacy, victim compensation assistance, counseling intakes/referrals, support groups, 24/7 crisis counseling on our hotline, and community referrals.
The Refuge Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$32,307	The Refuge SA Center offers 24-hour care to victims of sexual assault. Support is provided through advocacy services, forensic exams, and therapy services. This is done with the victim's medical and safety needs in mind first. Information collected supports law enforcement through the investigation and prosecution process. Referrals are accepted from law enforcement, the medical community, and from victims directly. The center is located centrally in the community to provide easy access in a calm environment where one-on-one care is provided. Services are offered to males and females ages 12 and up. Funds provided through this grant will supply the salary for sexual assault advocates, rent and utilities for the building, some operational costs, and a portion of the annual audit.
The Sexual Assault Center of NW GA	\$50,000	\$42,737	The SACNWGA requests funding to provide comprehensive and specialized victim advocacy services for survivors in underserved and special populations. The project would fully fund the position of a Victim Advocate for underserved populations (VAUP). The victim advocate, preferably bilingual in English and Spanish, would provide targeted and specialized outreach, advocacy, and intervention services for survivors in special and underserved populations: limited or non-english speaking, impoverished, LGBTQ+, survivors with disabilities, minority populations and people of color/BIPOC, aging and elderly, children and adolescents, veterans, male survivors.
The Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Center	\$50,000	\$45,000	The purpose of this project is to develop a well-rounded response to sexual violence by collaborating with partner agencies to strengthen the criminal justice response to sexual assault and develop a strategy to address the immediate needs due to the adverse effects of trauma. SAVAC is the only agency in Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Counties that provides services to adults and adolescent victims of sexual assault and human trafficking. Without our services, survivors would have to face the impact of this heinous crime alone. SAVAC strives to maintain its current personnel and provide the needed

			sexual violence services for this community. This funding will allow to provide these important services and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.
Tifton Judicial Circuit	\$38,368	\$32,429	The proposed project will address the need for direct service to Spanish speaking sexual assault victims by the hire of a part time bilingual sexual assault advocate. This project will include an assertive outreach plan to this group with emphasis on meeting the needs of these traditionally silent victims. This employee will also be a part of the Latino Outreach Program of RCPCH, which currently has no members who are sexual assault advocates, working with all outreach events to add a sexual assault component.
City of Refuge Dalton	\$50,000	\$0	Tamar's Refuge is a transformative project proposed by City of Refuge Dalton (CORD) to address the critical needs of sexual assault victims in Northwest Georgia. With a comprehensive range of services including therapy, legal assistance, housing, workforce development, childcare, and transportation, Tamar's Refuge aims to empower survivors and break the cycle of violence. By providing a safe haven, support, and resources, CORD strives to create an environment where survivors can heal, rebuild their lives, and thrive. Through collaboration with community partners, trauma-informed care, and a victim-centered approach, Tamar's Refuge seeks to make a lasting impact in the lives of those affected by trauma and ensure a brighter and safer future for the region.
Douglas County Task Force	\$50,000	\$0	In response to the need for greater access to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (tied to Sexual Assaults) advocates 24 hour a day, 365 days a year, we propose to continue paying our on call staff for answering the crisis line after hours. In addition, we proposed using these funds to pay for the therapist who provides sexual assault group therapy on Thursday nights as well as to assist with paying SLH investments to provide grant management for our agency. Lastly, Using SDFI-TeleMedicine Technology could assist with providing a meaningful inclusion of community-based, culturally specific services and support for survivors of sexual assault, offering the equipment to include outreach services for underserved communities, by offering technology and training.
Grady Rape Crisis Center	\$50,000	\$0	The envisioned project has a core objective: to elevate the support provided by the Grady Rape Crisis Center (GRCC) to sexual assault survivors residing in Fulton and DeKalb Counties, while also continuing to extend its reach to cover the entire state of Georgia. GRCC is requesting SASP funds for direct funding to address service needs. The funding will help broaden outreach efforts, guarantee on-call compensation for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and Advocates, facilitate transportation services, provide emergency shelter, and supply essential clothing items to survivors. These enhancements will augment the existing array of services, ensuring comprehensive assistance to individuals affected by sexual assault across the region.
International Women's House	\$50,000	\$0	International Women's House offers a wide range of support services designed to meet the unique needs of survivors. These services include trauma-informed crisis counseling, legal advocacy, medical assistance, and crisis helplines. We understand that healing is a multifaceted journey, and we are

			committed to assisting survivors at every step. Under the direction of the new Executive Director and newly hired Sexual Assault Victims Advocate, both coming with extensive experience to the organization we intend to grow our reach, strengthen our collaborative partnerships, and increase our presence in the community and schools to support sexual assault victims as well as build resources for the victims.
LiveSafe Resources	\$50,000	\$0	LiveSafe Resources requests \$50,000 in order to establish a second SANE examination space ("SANE suite") on-site at our facility. LSR operates one of the state's few dedicated SANE examination spaces outside of a hospital, is one of the few SANE programs that offers strangulation examinations and offers specialized equipment to see bruising through the skin. These features, plus increased awareness and unfortunately incidence of assaults, has greatly increased the number of exams that LSR provides in a year. With SASP funding, LSR would establish a second SANE suite under the direction of Lynn Crosby, RN, LSR's Director of Sexual Assault Services and would be staffed by SANEs recruited in part through a partnership with Kennesaw State University WellStar School of Nursing.
North Georgia Mountain Crisis Center	\$49,800	\$0	Currently our "SAVA" is also serving as our Outreach and Prevention Education staff member as well, and our Executive Director is providing on-call Sexual Assault services as well. With SASP funding, we would be able to hire a dedicated Sexual Assault Advocate to more effectively serve our Sexual Assault Clients. This would allow our Sexual Assault clients to have a dedicated Case Manager, and allow for an additional person to serve on our "on-call" rotation for late night Sexual Assault calls. This project would also assist with covering a portion of the Security Costs for our Outreach office which will be "home-base" for our SAVA.
Oak House Child Advocacy & SANE Center	\$46,132	\$0	Oak House's purpose is to serve all survivors and those supportive of them at any time regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, ability, religion, or geography. Oak House provides timely access to services and programs at no charge to the victim or victim's family. Our program will educate the community about the realities of sexual violence and its impact on the entire community. Oak House will offer 24/7 Forensic Medical Exams and victim advocates to refer victims to additional resources in the community. Advocate will act as the liaison between law enforcement and victims. Oak House will provide 24-7 crisis line. Oak House has MOU with eight counties within the South GA and Pataula Judicial Circuit.
Serenity Hill	\$49,740	\$0	Serenity Hill, Inc. seeks to expand organizational capacity to provide services to sexual assault victims in its 8-county service region. After exclusively utilizing an all-volunteer staff to provide services to an overwhelming and growing number of sexual assault/abuse victims 24/7/365 for more than 5 years, our organization seeks funding to hire a full-time Sexual Assault Program Specialist to improve response times, ensure timely access to advocacy and coordination of comprehensive services, ensure accessibility to services, and increase support to victims of sexual assault within the expansive service region. Innovative, evidence-based strategies will also be

			utilized to reach victims in the most rural parts of the service area with the fewest resources available to them.
Sexual Assault Support Center	\$49,905	\$0	The SASP proposed project ensures continuity in therapeutic services to 56% of our 642 clients who currently utilize individual, family, or support group services in Columbus and the 6 counties of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. Serving the 2nd congressional district, Columbus and surrounding communities, including Ft. Moore, are comprised of 300,000+ people per 2022 Census. The Center at 909 requests funding to provide for 19.5% of the office lease, where support group takes place, 50% of utilities, transportation costs, 50% of financial audit, and funding for 300 therapeutic sessions for those impacted by sexual violence. The Center has provided therapy services for a total of 502 sessions in the previous grant year, which led to the addition of 3 providers to our current base.
Southern Crescent Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$0	Southern Crescent Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center (SCSAC-CAC) provides critical support programs and services to survivors of sexual assault. SCSAC-CAC addresses the immediate and long-term needs of survivor and promotes awareness and outreach in the communities we serve. SCSAC-CAC offers a range of specialized services tailored to the needs of survivors. Our services include a 24/7 crisis line, 24/7 crisis response, forensic medical examinations and accompaniment, victim and family advocacy, assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, mental health services, and a vast resource referral network. Funding provided through this SASP grant will assist in funding required costs associated with operating our 24/7 sexual assault program.
Southwest GA Children's Alliance	\$50,000	\$0	The Victims Alliance seeks SASP funds to provide mental health services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault seeking assistance. Outcomes will support these victims through the healing process while working with their victim's advocates as they navigate medical, justice, and other social support systems. This service will be provided to the 6-county Southwestern Judicial Circuit (Macon, Lee, Schley, Stewart, Sumter and Webster), which is part of the 2nd Congressional District. This project is greatly needed because of the dearth of available and affordable mental health services with trauma expertise. This roll will be filled by qualified professional(s) with master's degrees in Mental Health Counseling and trained in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.
Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center	\$50,000	\$0	FVPSA allows us to pay for counseling for our victims. I have had many victims come and visit us after receiving counseling to discuss how much it has changed their lives. They have come to a point where they are comfortable and confident enough to press charges against the person who assaulted them and they are able to begin to take back their power! As stated above, this grant allows us to provide free counseling to victims in need who may not be able to get it otherwise because of monetary and geographical hardships. We do still have challenges in regards to transportation issues, but our counselors provide telehealth and work with the victims to get them what they may need. We are able to

			provide outreach, such as booths at the farmers market, speak to churches, schools, and events.
The Gateway Center	\$50,000	\$0	<p>The Gateway Center proposes using SASP funding to support services for sexual assault victims in the Cordele Judicial Circuit. Funding will cover direct outreach and advocacy for victims, and a prorated amount of the lease at TGC's facility. This will allow the center to continue providing essential services including trauma-focused therapy, outreach to victims of sex crimes through development and distribution of materials, and legal and victims' advocacy. SASP funding will also be used on a proportionate number of necessary utilities such as power, water, internet, phone, and garbage services which are mandatory for the organization to operate safely and efficiently. Lastly, supervision for Therapists to ensure staff are aware of emerging best practices and maintain or achieve licensure.</p>

TAB B

FY23 Byrne Discretionary Grants Program		
#	Agency Name	Award
1.	Alma Domestic Violence Foundation	\$49,709
2.	Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc.	\$49,709
3.	Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
4.	Camden Community Crisis Center, Inc.	\$49,709
5.	Carroll County Emergency Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
6.	Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc.	\$49,709
7.	Christian League for Battered Women	\$49,709
8.	Circle of Love Center, Inc.	\$49,709
9.	Citizens Against Violence, Inc. (Safe Haven)	\$49,709
10.	Clayton County Assoc Against FV, Inc.	\$49,709
11.	Colquitt Co. Serenity House Project, Inc.	\$49,709
12.	Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, Inc.	\$49,709
13.	Crisis Line & Safe House of Central GA, Inc.	\$49,709
14.	F.A.I.T.H. in Rabun County, Inc.	\$49,709
15.	Family Crisis Ctr of (WDCC)Counties, Inc	\$49,709
16.	Fayette County Council On DV, Inc.	\$49,709
17.	Flint Circuit Council on FV, Inc.	\$49,709
18.	Forsyth County Family Haven, Inc.	\$49,709
19.	Gateway House, Inc.	\$49,709
20.	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	\$49,709
21.	Glynn Community Crisis Center, Inc.	\$49,709
22.	Halcyon Home for Battered Women, Inc.	\$49,709
23.	Harmony House DV Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
24.	Hospitality House for Women, Inc.	\$49,709

25.	House of Globalization, Inc	\$49,709
26.	International Women's House, Inc.	\$49,709
27.	Jewish Family & Career Services	\$49,709
28.	Liberty House of Albany, Inc.	\$49,709
29.	LiveSafe Resources	\$49,709
30.	NE GA Council on DV, Inc.	\$49,709
31.	NOA's Ark, Inc.	\$49,709
32.	Noor Family Services Corporation	\$49,709
33.	North GA Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.	\$49,709
34.	NW GA Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$49,709
35.	Partnership Against DV, Inc. (Fulton)	\$49,709
36.	Partnership Against DV, Inc. (Gwinnett)	\$49,709
37.	Peace Place, Inc.	\$49,709
38.	Polk County Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
39.	Project ReNeWal, Inc.	\$49,709
40.	Project Safe, Inc.	\$49,709
41.	Raksha, Inc	\$49,709
42.	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	\$49,709
43.	Safe Haven Transitional	\$49,709
44.	SAFE Homes of Augusta, Inc.	\$49,709
45.	Safe Shelter Ctr for DV Services, Inc.	\$49,709
46.	Ser Familia, Inc	\$49,709
47.	SOWEGA Victims Alliance	\$49,709
48.	The Refuge DV Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
49.	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corp.	\$49,709
50.	Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
51.	Tri-County Protective Agency, Inc.	\$49,709
52.	Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc.	\$49,709
53.	Wayne County Protective Agency, Inc.	\$49,709

54.	Women In Need of God's Shelter, Inc.	\$49,709
55.	Women Moving On, Inc.	\$49,709
TOTAL		\$2,733,995

TAB C

FY23 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program		
#	Agency	Award Amount
1.	Amani Women's Center	\$20,000
2.	Colquitt County Serenity House	\$29,002
3.	Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$3,600
4.	Project Safe, Inc.	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$102,602