

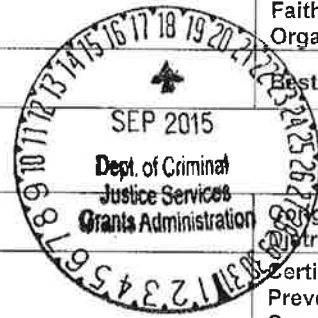


Commonwealth of Virginia
 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Grant Application

18-V9367VA17

Attachment IA

Grant Program & Program Sponsor	V-STOP	Congressional District(s)	3 rd
Applicant:	City of Hampton	Faith Based Organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Applicant Federal ID Number:	54-6001336	Best Practice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Jurisdiction(s) Served and Zip +4 Codes:	City of Hampton 23669		
Program Sponsor	Anton A. Bell, Commonwealth Attorney	Congressional District(s)	3 rd
Program Title:	Community Unified Response Effort	Certified Crime Prevention Community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Grant Period:	January 1, 2018- December 31, 2018	DUNS NUMBER:	066019902
Type of Application:	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation	X Continuation of Grant Number 15-59367VA14	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban



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Brief Project Description:
 Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office will continue to prosecute offenders that perpetrate violent crime against women, through an experienced prosecutor dedicated solely to this task. An anticipated total of 800 female victims will be served in the year 201. The prosecutor serves as an essential component of the Hampton Community Unified Response Effort (CURE), which also includes the Hampton Police Division and Transitions Family Services. It is our goal to prevent all forms of violence against women.

Project Budget	DCJS Funds		Local Match	Total Requested
	Federal	State		
Personnel	\$64,801		\$21,400	\$86,201
Consultants				
Travel				
Equipment				
Supplies/Other			\$200	\$200
Indirect Costs	Not allowed		Not allowed	
Total Requested	\$64,801		\$21,600	\$86,401

ITEMIZED BUDGET

Attachment IIC

1. Personnel/Employees				DCJS FUNDS	APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Name of Employees	Position Titles	Annual Salary	Hours devoted	Federal VSTOP Funds	CASH	IN-KIND	
Shukita Massey	Asst. CA	\$64,801	2080	\$64,801			\$ 64,801.00
Sherri Sivacek	Legal Sec	\$21,400	1040			\$21,400	\$ 21,400.00
							\$ -
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TOTAL:				\$ 64,801.00	\$ -	\$ 21,400.00	\$ 86,201.00
Fringe Benefits		Pro-rated Salary					
FICA %= 7.65	7.65%						\$ -
Retirement							\$ -
Group Life Insurance	0.08%						\$ -
Other (itemize):							\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PERSONNEL (a+b):				\$ 64,801.00	\$ -	\$ 21,400.00	\$ 86,201.00

2. Consultants (including travel and subsistence)							
a. Individual Consultants							
Type:							\$ -
Hours Devoted:							\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,201.00
b. Organizations and Associations							
Type:							\$ -
Fee:							\$ -
Time Devoted:							\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,201.00
c. Consultant's subsistence and travel							
Number of days:							\$ -
Rate/per day:							\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,201.00
TOTAL CONSULTANTS (a+b+c):				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

3. Travel and Subsistence for Project Personnel (Mileage rate cannot exceed the federal rate of \$.575/per mile)							
a. Local Mileage _____ X _____ per mile							\$ -
b. Non-Local Miles _____ X _____ per mile							\$ -
c. Subsistence _____ days X _____ per day							\$ -
d. Air or other fares _____							\$ -
TOTAL TRAVEL:				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ITEMIZED BUDGET (continued) Attachment IIC

4. Equipment				DCJS FUNDS	APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Type	Quantity	Unit Price	Purchase or Rental	Federal VSTOP Funds	CASH	IN-KIND	

Project Budget Narrative 2018

1. Personnel
 - a. Funds are being requested for the continuation of one position that includes one full time prosecutor. This prosecutor works exclusively with VSTOP victims and witnesses.
 - i. Shukita Massey, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, \$64,801 per year (federal funds) for a full time prosecutor.
 - ii. Sherri Sivacek, Legal Secretary, \$21,400, in-kind match.
 - iii. Training funds in-kind match in the amount of \$200.

The continued funding of these two positions will allow the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office to maintain effective prosecution of violent misdemeanor and felony offenses against women in the City of Hampton through a coordinated effort between prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim advocates. The City of Hampton and the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney have dedicated significant resources and staff to combat violence against women. The full time VSTOP prosecutor is dedicated to prosecute only domestic violence cases, and also oversees the participants in the prosecution of all domestic violence cases, to include support staff, law enforcement and victim advocates. The legal secretary assists the prosecutor with the management of case files, compiling statistics, and works closely with the victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution. We will continue to work to improve our services to ensure that women in the City of Hampton who are victims of domestic violence will receive the best possible support and prosecutorial effort.

- b. Fringe Benefits – all fringe benefits for these positions will be paid by the locality (city of Hampton).

*Our total request for Personnel funding is \$64,801 from Federal/DCJS and \$21,600 from in-kind match for personnel (**\$21,400**) and Training (**\$200**), for a total of \$86,401.

2. Consultants – no funding is requested.
3. Travel and Subsistence for Project Personnel
 - a. Local Mileage – No funding is requested since DCJS training is accomplished by tele-conferences.
 - b. Non-Local Miles – no funding is requested.
 - c. Subsistence – no funding is requested. Any lodging or mileage expenses will be assumed by the Commonwealth's Attorney Office budget.
 - d. Air or other fares – no funding is requested.
4. Equipment – no funding is requested.
5. Supplies
 - a. Office Supplies – no funding is requested.
 - b. Internet/Email Service – no funding is requested.

- c. Training – **\$200** is being requested as an in-kind expense for the attorney to attend domestic violence training sponsored by DCJS or other state agencies or coalitions. In the event of any additional training is determined to be necessary for the attorney, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office budget will provide for the expenses.
- 6. Indirect Cost – no funding is requested.
- 7. Cash Funds – none.

Grand Total:	\$	86,401	
	\$	64,801	DCJS Funds
	\$	21,600	In-kind funds

Goal: In 2016, 2017, and 2018 assist Hampton Police Department annually with at least one new recruit police officer training presentations as that training relates specifically to domestic violence, the dynamics of domestic violence, the laws pertaining to domestic violence and evidence gathering in domestic violence cases.

Objective 2: To train and educate at least 20 new police officer recruits per grant year in the years 2016 through 2018.

Activities:

- ❖ Submit evaluations to participants for critique of training program;
- ❖ Monitor and list the number of participants at each training program;
- ❖ Prepare and present handouts to participants;

Deliverables: Information on the number of officers who attended the training, the training location and the officer's evaluations of the training event.

Goal: Implement more effective investigatory and prosecutorial procedures devoted to locating and educating uncooperative victims and witnesses.

Objective 3: Decrease the overall number of cases nolle prossed due to lack of evidence and/or victim uncooperativeness by at least 5 %.

Activities:

- ❖ Make earlier contact with victims and witnesses to establish trust. In addition to an initial contact letter from the victim witness advocate, an initial telephone call from the DV prosecutor will be made.
- ❖ Utilize the staff investigator and other cooperating agencies (i.e. Transitions) to locate missing victims.
- ❖ At arraignments and bond hearings, the DV prosecutor and victim witness advocate will use that opportunity to discuss the case with those victims that appear, and update contact information for future contact.
- ❖ Train HPD police officers in the proper investigatory procedures for documenting and obtaining victim/witness information during first response and effectively obtaining evidence for prosecution of cases.

Deliverables: Statistics

Goal: In collaboration with the Hampton Police Division, to enhance the response to violence against women by promoting the identification, apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of perpetrators of violence against women.

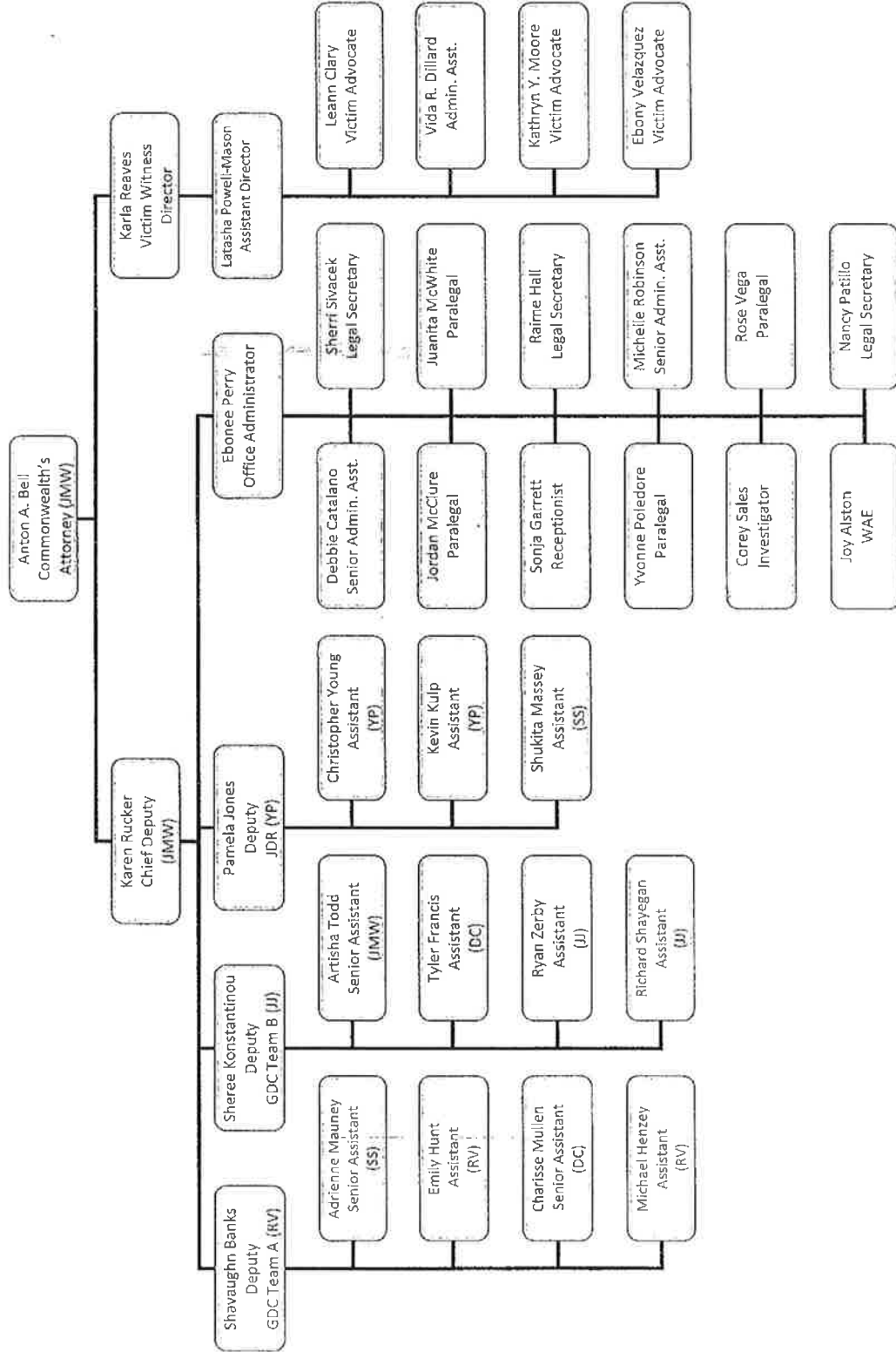
Objective 1: In 2016, 2017, and 2018, to prosecute 1000 domestic violence cases and to provide prosecutorial assistance to 650 new or unduplicated victims of domestic violence and other ancillary charges.

Activities:

- ❖ Monitor the number of prosecutions and dispositions of cases involving domestic violence, violations of protective orders, stalking and other ancillary charges; include information regarding same in the quarterly progress report.
- ❖ Monitor the number of prosecutions and dispositions of any appeals involving the above cases, and include in the quarterly progress report.
- ❖ Conduct the bond motions and revocation hearings for all domestic violence cases;
- ❖ Coordinate with victim-witness personnel and Transitions personnel to schedule victim and witness interviews prior to trial;
- ❖ Prosecute the cases at trial; speak with victims at least 2 weeks prior to court, when possible, and meet with victims directly before and after trial with victim/witness personnel and Transitions personnel ;
- ❖ Prosecute any appeals;
- ❖ Maintain a disposition sheet for all cases prosecuted;
- ❖ Seek and attend at least two training opportunities through various institutions, including but not limited to NDAA and DCJS

Deliverables: Statistics (document and maintain log of successful prosecution of these cases and the investigatory methods that worked favorably).

HAMPTON COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



3. Evaluation Plan

- a) The Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Community Unified Response Effort grant (CURE) is a continuation project and has received VSTOP funding since 1996.
- b) As an established program in the community, victims of domestic violence are aware that they can call the police, make a complaint and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office will take their case to court and prosecute the offender. Although we often encounter victims who want to drop the charges, we explain to the victim our strong stance against domestic violence and the reasons why we have a no drop policy. This policy accounts for a large part of our successful prosecution. It has proven to be an essential part of this program's success and to offender accountability.
- c) The cooperation between the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, Police, and Transitions contributes greatly to the success of this program. There is constant communication concerning needs of victims, prosecutors, and police investigators. We recognize the fight against domestic violence is a team effort which leads to improved victim services and better ways to investigate and prosecute criminals who commit violent acts against women.
- d) Program services have increased since VSTOP funds have been available to the CURE program. We have learned the types of services needed by domestic violence victims. An attempt is made to contact 100% of victims prior to court. Support services are discussed with all victims who are open to services. Prior to dismissal of any case where a victim cannot be located, we task our investigator to ascertain contact information. Prior to receiving VSTOP funding, as many as 70% of cases were dismissed. With VSTOP funding, it is estimated that the number of cases prosecuted has increased by over 100% since 1996. In 2013 we prosecuted 663 cases which included domestic violence and/or ancillary charges. That number increased to 810 in 2008. It is estimated that at the end of 2015, we would have prosecuted nearly 800 cases. V-STOP funding allowed those victims who sought help to have a voice and representation in court

e) The major barrier encountered is uncooperativeness and/or recanting by victims. Recanting has decreased due to required written statements from victims by law enforcement. We also have a reinforced resolve to contact victims before trial; however, victims often minimize facts and deny their initial allegations. In response to being subpoenaed, there are victims who fail to appear or who attempt to convince the prosecutor that they cannot recall an incident. And, there are victims who will lie and risk being prosecuted to protect the offender. We are trying to combat this by contacting victims as early in the prosecution process as possible, to let them know we have resources to help them, as well as to show them that we care

f) A second barrier is the attitudes of some patrol officers who may feel that since the victim probably won't cooperate, the whole case is a lost cause. We are trying to change that attitude by positive reinforcement when officers do a good job, and having the domestic violence detective talk to officers who the prosecutor identifies as not doing an adequate job. We are also training new police officers in the dynamics of domestic violence and investigation techniques.

Survey

A copy of our survey used to obtain feedback from domestic violence victims who receive services is attached.

Our office keeps and maintains statistics on all domestic violence cases. We keep information on gender of victims, race and age of victims, relationships of victims to the defendants, dispositions of cases, as well as others. A part-time VSTOP funded legal secretary assists with file preparation and contacting victims. In looking at this information we can see what does and does not work, and how victims benefit. This information will be reported semi-annually to DCJS.

The number of cases prosecuted, along with the decreased number of nolle prossed cases will reflect the overall effectiveness of our program. Plus, the effectiveness of the training sessions with the Hampton Police Division officers will be shown through the improved investigations and collection of evidence.

SURVEY FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Please complete and return the following survey to the
Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office, Victim Witness Department, 236 N. King Street,
Hampton, VA 23669 OR fax to (757) 727-6802.

****Please provide your feedback regarding services provided by the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office and the prosecutor assigned to your case.****

1. Which prosecutor was assigned to your case?

Shukita Massey

Other, please write name if known _____

2. Were you satisfied with the way the prosecutor responded to your case?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

3. Do you feel that the prosecutor answered any and all questions you had regarding your case?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

4. Were you satisfied with the result of your court case?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

5. Rate the overall helpfulness of the prosecutor.

Poor Good

Fair Excellent

6. Rate the overall helpfulness of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

Poor Good

Fair Excellent

****Please respond to any involvement from the Hampton Police Department about this matter.****

7. Did the officer explain your rights and options in a helpful manner?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

8. Did the officer handle the case at the scene in a way that made you feel safe?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

9. Would you call the police again under similar circumstances?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

****Please respond to any involvement from the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office's Victim/Witness Program.****

10. Did the victim/witness advocate answer any and all questions you had either prior to or in court?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

11. Rate the overall helpfulness of the victim/witness advocate.

Poor Good
 Fair Excellent

12. If yes, were you satisfied with the services provided by the victim/witness advocate?

Yes If not, explain why at the end of the survey.

If there are other comments you wish to share, please feel free to do so here: _____

**Thank you for your valuable input.
Your response will help us better serve future victims.**

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Ques #4 If there are other comments you wish to share, please feel free to do so here:

I believe that the Judge ruled given the limited information she was given. Had she been privy to all the information, over the past 18 (or more) months, her judgement would have been different. As it is, the harassment, computer hacking, phone tampering, continues unchecked. Because the case was on only one incident, I believe, had more information been given to the judge the verdict would have been different. He continues to "work" the system, continually putting me, my safety, and ultimately my life in jeopardy.

Ms Massey was wonderful, honest, and extremely knowledgeable, and for all that she did, I am truly thankful.

It was very unfortunate that the policeman was not available to testify, I believe that might also have helped my case. My ex husband considers himself above the law. He knows how to manipulate and buy his way out - unfortunately,

Your response will help us better serve future victims. WE ARE ALL VICTIMS !!

EDWARD L. FLEBAN JR

4. Evidence of Community Collaboration

a) The Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office is a founding member of the Hampton Family Violence Prevention Council along with Transitions Family Violence Services, Hampton Police Division, Hampton Court Services, Hampton Magistrate's office and Hampton Social Services. The CA's office has two active members: the VSTOP Prosecutor, Shukita Massey; and Director of Victim-Witness Services, Karla Reaves.

b) The VSTOP Prosecutor serves on the Victim Services Subcommittee of the Hampton Family Violence Prevention Council as an agency representative providing guidance from the prosecutorial perspective.

c) HFVPC meets bi-monthly, however, the three standing committees: Victim Services, Community Resources, and Public Awareness, meet during the alternate months. This allows subcommittees to work on their tasks and report out at the full Council meetings.

d) HFVPC provides consistent leadership in victim case management and safety planning, review and revision of law enforcement and prosecution protocols, and availability of resources. This year the Council's primary focus has been putting together a resource guide for Hampton residents and community members. The resource guide will serve as an invaluable tool in educating victims of domestic violence about the services and program available to them in the community and beyond.