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TO: Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant Program Recipients

FROM: Thomas Okuda Fitzpatrick, Division Director, Division of Programs and Services

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant Awards

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) is a state special fund that was established to provide grants for services to victims of and children affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, and family abuse. Funding from this grant program supports projects in prosecutors' offices and in other victim-serving organizations. Over the course of several years, there has been a significant reduction in the revenues generated for the VSDVVF. Earlier this year, we notified grantees of our decision to restructure the awards to be only for six months in an effort to promote the sustainability of the funding source. We also shared that we would be working diligently to identify additional methods to allow for continuation of the program.

We are pleased to report that we recently received approval to utilize funds from our federal Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awards. As such, when the Criminal Justice Services Board met today, it approved supplementing the VSDVVF grant program. You will soon receive an award package for a one-year award at an amount double the six-month budget you submitted.

During this one-year continuation award period, we still encourage programs to seek other funding options. We will continue to monitor revenue levels as well as assess the projects currently supported by these grant funds. These efforts will allow us to better estimate the expected deposits into the fund and its capacity for supporting future grants.

All grant recipients will receive training and technical assistance related to the conditions and requirements of the supplemental funds. Please ensure that the appropriate program staff are registered within the On-line Grant Management System (OGMS) to ensure receipt of training notices and program announcements.

DCJS is committed to ensuring that all grant recipients are in a position to continue to provide services to the best of their ability. I look forward to working with you during this continuation period. Please contact Tierra Smith at tierra.smith@dcjs.virginia.gov if you have any questions or concerns.