

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

March 11, 2026 Meeting Agenda

10:00 – 11:00 AM

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II. Chairman’s Report <i>Chairman Lt. Governor Austin A. Davis</i> <u>Action Item</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Augmentation for the Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative and Philadelphia Hope and Healing Center Pilot Program	<i>(Separate document at end of materials)</i>
III. Executive Director’s Report <i>Ms. Kirsten Kenyon</i> <u>Action Items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2026-27 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) PlanNonprofit Security Grant Fund Program	<i>(Separate document at end of materials)</i>
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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

All meetings will be held in person with the option to attend virtually.

- March 19, 2026 School Safety & Security Executive Committee Meeting
- April 15, 2026 School Safety & Security Committee Meeting
- May 5, 2026 Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board Meeting
- May 6, 2026 Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 12, 2026 Victims' Services Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 13, 2026 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 14, 2026 Constables' Education and Training Board Meeting
- May 14, 2026 County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2026 Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 20, 2026 Indigent Defense Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 21, 2026 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 21, 2026 School Safety & Security Executive Committee Meeting
- June 3, 2026 School Safety & Security Committee Meeting
- June 10, 2026 Commission Meeting

For more information on any of these upcoming meetings, please email hhewitt@pa.gov or call (717) 265-8730 for assistance.

**Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
All Action Items for Consideration at the March 11, 2026 Meeting**

PCCD - Augmentation for the Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative and Philadelphia Hope and Healing Center Pilot Program

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
41083	-	ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.	Resources Gun Violence Victims Needs Assessment	\$ 500,000	-
				TOTAL:	\$ 500,000

PCCD - 2026-27 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Plan

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
-	-	PCCD	2026-27 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Plan	-	-
				TOTAL:	\$ -

PCCD - Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
-	-	PCCD	Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program	\$ 10,871,285	-
				TOTAL:	\$ 10,871,285

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)

CJAC - State Act 80 Funds

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
48211	Allegheny	Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer	2026 ACJ Vivitrol Program	\$ 250,000	3
48049	Bedford	Bedford County Commissioners	M.A.T. Re-entry and Treatment Expansion Project	\$ 100,957	3
47691	Butler	Butler County Commissioner	2026 Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment	\$ 130,647	3
47781	Cambria	Cambria County Commissioners	2026 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program	\$ 134,118	3
47687	Chester	Chester County Commissioners	Chester County Prison MAT Program 2026	\$ 149,428	4
47894	Columbia	Columbia County Commissioners	2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment	\$ 110,881	4
48087	Lancaster	Lancaster County Commissioners	LCP Medication Assisted Treatment Program	\$ 158,427	4
48269	Lawrence	Lawrence County Commissioners	Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment (MAT)	\$ 132,548	4
47700	Lehigh	Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer	Lehigh County MAT Program	\$ 175,832	4
47977	Mercer	Mercer County Commissioners	2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment	\$ 125,736	4
48074	Northampton	Northampton County Executive	2026 Jail based MAT Program	\$ 143,876	5
48154	Philadelphia	Philadelphia City Treasurer	PDP MOUD Program Expansion 2026 - 2027	\$ 250,000	5
48123	Tioga	Tioga County Commissioners	MAT Program	\$ 89,796	5
48257	Washington	Washington County Commissioners	2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment	\$ 122,544	6
				TOTAL:	\$ 2,074,790

CJAC - Revised Criminal Justice Advisory Boards Minimum Operating Standards

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
-	-	PCCD	Revised CJABs Minimum Operating Standards	-	7
				TOTAL:	\$ -

Indigent Defense Advisory Committee (IDAC)

IDAC - State FY 2025-26 Indigent Defense Grant Program Funds

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
-	-	PCCD	Funding Framework	\$ 6,750,000	13
				TOTAL:	\$ 6,750,000

County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC)

CAPPAC - FY 2025-26 County Adult Probation and Parole Funds

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
-	-	PCCD	Funding Framework and Allocation Amounts	-	18
				TOTAL:	\$ -

Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC)

VSAC - Federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
44812-2	Dauphin	Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA)	PCPA LE Training	\$ 30,000	27
				TOTAL:	\$ 30,000

VSAC - Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
45843	Philadelphia	Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia	Kingsessing Heals Community Resilience Center	\$ 925,470	28
				TOTAL:	\$ 925,470

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDCP)

JJDCP - Federal State Opioid Response Funds

Grant ID	County	Applicant Agency	Title	Amount	Page
47669	Beaver	Commonwealth Prevention Alliance	PA START/STOP Campaign: Empowering Communities	\$ 650,000	30
				TOTAL:	\$ 650,000

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 11, 2026. The CJAC report consists of a brief meeting overview and two action items for consideration.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

During the meeting, staff provided a detailed overview of the Revised Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) Minimum Operating Standards, which were approved by the Committee after discussion. Staff also informed the Committee that feedback was gathered and suggested edits were made to the Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R/ED) Subcommittee report and recommendations to mitigate disparities in the pretrial system.

CJAC member, Katy Hileman, Warden of Adams County Adult Correctional Complex (ACACC), provided a presentation on the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT) at ACACC. Warden Hileman highlighted the participation data and funding streams for the program. Successes highlighted by Warden Hileman since the start of the MAT program in 2019 included:

- Zero overdose deaths for program participants post-release;
- New MAT inductions grew by 93% in 2025;
- Experienced a 29% reduction in new commitments who required opioid detox in 2025;
- Tracked 107 participants post-release in 2025 and only six were reincarcerated, leading to a 5.6% recidivism rate; and
- Reduced stigma surrounding MAT for staff by normalizing it as an essential component of daily operations.

Challenges she noted included staffing; managing expectations for program participants; educating participants on the value of the therapeutic component of the program; difficult conversations with individuals who did not qualify or were not appropriate for the program; and teaching staff to prioritize recovery efforts over punitive response to diversion incidents.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Justice Programs/Criminal Justice Improvements
State Act 80 Funds

Funding Announcement: 2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment Grant Program

Applications: 14 Applications

Project Period: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028

Project Description and Recommendation:

PCCD's Office of Justice Programs announced the availability of state Act 80 funds through the 2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment Grant Program to support the administration of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in county jails throughout the Commonwealth. This was a non-competitive solicitation open to all 61 counties with a county jail. PCCD developed a formula-based allocation for the distribution of funds that included a base \$75,000 award for all counties with a jail and considered average jail population, jail admissions, and overdose death rate per 10,000 population for each county.

The goal of the 2026 Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment Program is to support counties seeking to increase opportunities to provide MAT in combination with comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to eligible offenders who meet the clinical criteria for an opioid use disorder (OUD) or an alcohol use disorder (AUD), as determined by a physician, while incarcerated and upon release from a county jail. The term "Medication-Assisted Treatment" means, in this case, the use of medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone/Vivitrol, together with nonmedication treatment, as clinically indicated, to treat substance use disorders, including opioid use disorders and alcohol use disorders.¹

Applicants are required to contract with an entity, provider(s), or organization(s) that shall:

- Provide an appropriate individual assessment prior to reentry into the community and determine if the individual is an appropriate candidate for participation in this program;
- Create an individualized program for each appropriate candidate;
- Provide access to and administer FDA-approved medications (buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone/Vivitrol);
- Provide clinically appropriate inpatient or outpatient services determined as necessary to support treatment plans;
- Cooperate with the county probation and parole offices as to the use of any drug by eligible participants; and
- Create a discharge plan for everyone.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. The first round of applications were accepted through Tuesday, January 13, 2026, with recommendations considered during the February CJAC meeting and at the March 11th Commission meeting. In response to the first round of this solicitation, 14 applications requesting a total of \$2,074,790 were received and reviewed. The next round of applications will be accepted through Thursday, April 16, 2026, with recommendations being considered at the next quarterly CJAC meeting in May and the June 10, 2026 Commission meeting.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee recommend approval of 14 applications requesting a

¹ See Sections 1712-E(a)(6) and 1912(1)(ix) of the PA Fiscal Code, as amended by [Act 45 of 2025](#).

total not to exceed \$2,074,790 in state Act 80 funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

<p>Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Allegheny County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48211</p> <p>Amount: \$250,000</p>	<p>Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer is requesting \$250,000 for the 2026 Allegheny County Jail Vivitrol program. These funds will be used to purchase Vivitrol injections, an evidence-based form of MAT that treats opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder, that will be administered to eligible individuals incarcerated in the Allegheny County Jail prior to their release to the community.</p> <p>Funds will support medication costs.</p>
<p>Bedford County Commissioners</p> <p>Bedford County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48049</p> <p>Amount: \$100,957</p>	<p>The Bedford County Commissioners are requesting \$100,957 to enhance the MAT Program and reentry and support services provided to MAT reentrants before and after incarceration. The enhancements will allow for individualized case management and planning, as well as comprehensive treatment plans designed for each participant prior to release.</p> <p>Funds will support personnel expenses for the Treatment Supervisor and supplies and operating expenses including clerical supplies and a laptop.</p>
<p>Butler County Commissioners</p> <p>Butler County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47691</p> <p>Amount: \$130,647</p>	<p>The Butler County Commissioners are requesting \$130,647 to ensure access to MAT and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for individuals in Butler County's jail who have an active MAT prescription. The program will also focus on ensuring that participants are connected with ongoing MAT and CBT as they transition back into the community. The grant will provide contracted services with the Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Addiction Center to complete any applicable assessments for individuals prior to transition back into the community. Providers will meet with each individual following assessment to determine individualized needs and develop plans. PrimeCare Medical will administer Suboxone, Sublocade, and Methadone to individuals appropriate for the MAT program.</p> <p>Funds will support consultant costs for the administration and cost of prescribed MAT, CBT, and case management.</p>
<p>Cambria County Commissioners</p> <p>Cambria County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47781</p> <p>Amount: \$134,118</p>	<p>The Cambria County Commissioners are requesting \$134,118 to support the Cambria County Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment Program. The goal is to reduce recidivism, prevent relapse, improve treatment retention, and reduce overdose, death risk, risky behaviors, and other related health issues through a collaboration involving the Cambria County CJAB, Cambria County Prison, Adult Probation, and the Single County Authority along with community drug treatment providers under contract by the county. This program will provide improved assistance to the MAT population and expects to serve a minimum of 50 people over the next two years with the anticipation of reducing overdose deaths within Cambria County.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medications and drug testing.</p>

<p>Chester County Commissioners</p> <p>Chester County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47687</p> <p>Amount: \$149,428</p>	<p>The Chester County Commissioners are requesting \$149,428 to expand its MAT program and improve access to evidence-based care for justice-involved individuals with OUD. This program will assist in reducing relapse and overdose risk while supporting successful community reintegration.</p> <p>This project will support MAT medications (buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone, Vivitrol), medical staff performing assessments, counseling, medication administration, and aftercare planning, laboratory testing and drug screens, and data collection and tracking.</p>
<p>Columbia County Commissioners</p> <p>Columbia County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47894</p> <p>Amount: \$110,881</p>	<p>The Columbia County Commissioners are requesting \$110,881 to provide MAT to incarcerated individuals that meet the eligibility requirements for OUD or AUD.</p> <p>Funds will support travel expenses for training and supplies and operating expenses including medications, drug tests, and cups.</p>
<p>Lancaster County Commissioners</p> <p>Lancaster County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48087</p> <p>Amount: \$158,427</p>	<p>The Lancaster County Commissioners are requesting \$158,427 to expand the MAT Program for individuals with SUD who are incarcerated in the facility.</p> <p>This grant will be used to purchase injectable buprenorphine, such as Sublocade or Brixadi, and support non-medicated treatment for individuals with SUD through evidence-based drug and alcohol curriculum.</p>
<p>Lawrence County Commissioners</p> <p>Lawrence County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48269</p> <p>Amount: \$132,548</p>	<p>The Lawrence County Commissioners are requesting \$132,548 to expand and sustain a comprehensive jail-based MAT program for individuals incarcerated at the Lawrence County Jail. This project will strengthen access to FDA-approved MAT medications, including buprenorphine (Suboxone), methadone (continuation), and naltrexone (Vivitrol), provide clinical assessment and treatment coordination, support medication administration and diversion-prevention protocols, and ensure continuity of care and reentry planning prior to release.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medications.</p>
<p>Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Lehigh County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47700</p> <p>Amount: \$175,832</p>	<p>The Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer is requesting \$175,832 to increase opportunities to provide comprehensive substance use treatment to eligible individuals in the MAT program. This project will support the administration of Sublocade, to be used as an alternative to Subutex for a select group of inmates with diversionary issues or those who are admitted to jail already prescribed Sublocade.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medications.</p>
<p>Mercer County Commissioners</p> <p>Mercer County</p> <p>Grant ID: 47977</p>	<p>The Mercer County Commissioners are requesting \$125,736 to support its MAT program and transitioning eligible continuation-of-care participants from daily Subutex to long-acting Sublocade injections. This project will support maintenance treatment and will ensure uninterrupted MAT services for individuals who are actively prescribed and receiving treatment at the time of arrest. Methadone will continue to be provided as clinically indicated. Subutex will be offered only when a documented medical</p>

<p>Amount: \$125,736</p>	<p>contraindication prevents the use of Sublocade, and any alternative treatment modalities will be supported through other funding sources. This investment is essential to sustaining effective MAT services that reduce recidivism, prevent overdose fatalities, and promote long-term recovery by ensuring continuity of care during incarceration.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medication.</p>
<p>Northampton County Executive</p> <p>Northampton County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48074</p> <p>Amount: \$143,876</p>	<p>The Northampton County Executive is requesting \$143,876 to support the administration of MAT within the Northampton County Prison and education regarding the benefits of MAT. This will allow individuals access to multiple forms of MAT if they decide that is the best option for their recovery. In addition, MAT program participants will receive case management services to assist them in making a connection to services following incarceration.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medications and drug testing.</p>
<p>Philadelphia City Treasurer</p> <p>Philadelphia County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48154</p> <p>Amount: \$250,000</p>	<p>The Philadelphia City Treasurer is requesting \$250,000 to expand the MAT program and ensure that an additional 350 patients can be seen and engaged in long acting injectable (LAI) suboxone treatment for OUD prior to release.</p> <p>This project will support hiring a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) to evaluate additional patients for LAI suboxone and initiate LAI treatment as medically appropriate.</p>
<p>Tioga County Commissioners</p> <p>Tioga County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48123</p> <p>Amount: \$89,796</p>	<p>The Tioga County Commissioners are requesting \$89,796 to support a MAT program that will facilitate multiple aspects of recovery, including case management, independent and group counseling, and other services rendered. The primary focus would be on transitioning into an injection-based MAT program. Partnering with a local recovery facility will offer a soft hand off once release from incarceration is obtained, in theory reducing recidivism. Establishing a partnership with outpatient MAT and rehabilitation service will ensure knowledgeable solutions with therapy, dosing of medications, case management, and ongoing services. Transitioning to a primarily injection-based MAT program, the prison will be able to essentially eliminate the ability to conceal potential MAT medication and reduce risk of distribution throughout the prison.</p> <p>Funds will support supplies and operating expenses including medication and consultant costs for dosing and case management.</p>

<p>Washington County Commissioners</p> <p>Washington County</p> <p>Grant ID: 48257</p> <p>Amount: \$122,544</p>	<p>The Washington County Commissioners are requesting \$122,544 to support their MAT program. This program will continue to meet the needs of the individuals already enrolled in a community MAT program so that they can continue their road to recovery in a controlled, safe environment. This program will assist with the cost of approved medications for MAT; provide access to and administer approved medications for MAT; assist with the cost of all diagnostic and laboratory testing (on-site and off-site) and urine drug screenings; provide ongoing education regarding approved medications and refer interested individuals to the relevant staff for eligibility determination; and provide clinically inpatient and outpatient services determined as necessary to support individualized treatment plans.</p> <p>Funds will support personnel expenses for a MAT Coordinator and MAT medical staff and supplies and operating expenses including labs and drug testing.</p>
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ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Justice Programs/Criminal Justice Improvements
Revised Criminal Justice Advisory Boards Minimum Operating Standards

In accordance with PCCD's Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) Minimum Operating Standards, CJABs shall establish a comprehensive set of bylaws. While CJABs are encouraged to incorporate the requisite standards in a manner that most effectively addresses their unique local needs and organizational framework, the core elements of PCCD's CJAB Minimum Operating Standards should be addressed within the CJABs' bylaws. These Standards are considered the minimum level of activity required of all CJABs. Key updates include a concise introduction and clearer purpose statements and language, and encouragement of strategies for continuity and sustainability.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee recommend approval of the revised CJAB Minimum Operating Standards.



County Criminal Justice Advisory Boards Minimum Operating Standards

Introduction

For many years, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) has fostered the development and growth of county Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs)¹ by providing grant funding and promoting networking, collaboration, training, and technical assistance. CJABs have been instrumental in building collaborative approaches, developing strategic plans, and introducing innovative solutions. Going forward, PCCD expects CJABs to play an even greater role in local and statewide strategic planning endeavors, regional collaborations, and mentoring.

To support these critical efforts, PCCD is proud to highlight the work of CJABs and is committed to providing funding and training resources for projects and priorities across the Commonwealth. We believe that all CJABs should operate at a basic standard to help them grow and succeed.

Background

A focus group with representatives from several established CJABs across the Commonwealth and other criminal justice practitioners met at PCCD on March 30, 2006, to develop standards. PCCD's Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, and Justice System Advisory Committee (HSLEJSAC) approved the initial standards on August 9, 2006, with further amendments to reentry and strategic planning approved by PCCD's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) on February 13, 2013, and additional minor revisions to required members and activities approved at the November 10, 2015, meeting.

Purpose of the CJAB Minimum Operating Standards²

The standards outlined in this document emphasize essential elements to facilitate the effective implementation and operation of County CJABs. In accordance with PCCD's CJAB Minimum Operating Standards, CJABs shall establish a comprehensive set of bylaws.³ While CJABs are encouraged to incorporate the requisite standards in a manner that most effectively addresses their unique local needs and organizational framework, the core elements of PCCD's CJAB Minimum Operating Standards should be addressed within the CJABs' bylaws. These Standards are considered the minimum level of activity required of all CJABs.

¹ For more information about CJABs and related technical assistance, conferences, and events, please visit PCCD's [website](#) and select 'Criminal Justice System Improvements,' or click [here](#) to be redirected.

² Contact Michael Leister at (717) 265-8528 or mileister@pa.gov if you have questions or would like additional information concerning the CJAB Minimum Operating Standards.

³ PCCD has developed [sample bylaws](#) to assist counties in establishing or amending CJAB bylaws.

CJAB bylaws shall include the following required essential elements:

Name	Meetings and Quorum	Staff Support
Authority	Agenda	Communication
Mission	Voting	Strategic Planning and
Role	Meeting Documentation	Performance
Membership	Committees	Reviews and Amendment of
Chair and Leadership	Grant Management	Bylaws

Name and Authority:

Bylaws shall set forth the name, the date, and the authority by which the CJAB was established. Any reorganizations should be documented for posterity.

Mission:

The CJAB shall create a mission statement that defines its fundamental purpose and serves as a guide for strategic decision-making. A CJAB’s Mission should define the Board's values, principles, objectives, and its approach to achieving them.

Role:

Define the role the CJAB will play within the county’s criminal justice system.

Membership:

CJAB membership comprises a diverse, broad-based representation of stakeholders. Boards should incorporate key stakeholders essential to the implementation and sustainability of CJAB and justice system initiatives. To ensure effective governance, required members, or their chosen designee, must be invited to participate. In counties with consolidated positions (e.g., one Chief or Director of Probation Services), that individual shall serve as the representative for both requirements and be entitled to one vote. Additional members may be added to address specific county programs and initiatives at the CJAB's discretion.

Representatives from the following core group of community justice system stakeholders, or their chosen designee, shall be invited to serve as members of the CJAB and are entitled to a vote. *(CJABs are encouraged to expand beyond the required core members to fulfill the Board's mission).*

Required Members *(If a formal invitation was extended, but the individual or department declined to participate in CJAB meetings, projects, and activities, the CJAB has met the requirement.):*

1. County governing body
2. Judiciary
3. Court Administration
4. District Attorney
5. Public Defender
6. Victims Service Provider(s)
7. Law Enforcement
8. Sheriff
9. Pretrial Services
10. Adult Probation
11. Juvenile Probation
12. Adult Corrections
13. Juvenile Detention
14. Single County Authority
15. County Mental Health and ID Office
16. Reentry Representative(s)

The following individuals are strongly recommended as representatives essential to the operation, planning, and decision-making of the CJAB and the local justice system.

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| 17. Human Services Director | 22. Children and Youth Services |
| 18. Information Technology | 23. Treatment Court Coordinator(s) |
| 19. Clerk of Courts | 24. Other groups impacting the |
| 20. Magisterial District Judge | justice system, as invited by |
| 21. State Probation and Parole | the CJAB Leadership |

CJABs are encouraged to develop a process for including non-voting guests, experts, or presenters to support the Board's work. Establishing a formal process for inviting and transitioning members during agency turnover will support the health and sustainability of the CJAB.

Chair and Leadership:

The CJAB shall determine the chair and leadership structure (please see “[additional resources](#)” for samples of CJAB leadership structures throughout the Commonwealth).

CJABs are encouraged to include succession planning as part of their leadership structure to ensure the long-term sustainability of operations.

The CJAB shall determine the leadership structure of the Board, including, but not limited to, the election or appointment of a CJAB Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. The CJAB shall determine the term during which leadership will serve in the positions above. See [Sample Bylaws](#) for suggested language.

The CJAB shall determine and document the leadership structure within the Bylaws.

Meetings and Quorum:

Meeting frequency and quorum determination shall be outlined in the CJAB’s Bylaws. CJABs are required to meet at least four (4) times annually. The CJAB’s bylaws will establish the criteria necessary for a quorum to facilitate the conduct of the Board’s business.

CJABs are encouraged to add special meetings or events to meet the Board's needs. Opportunities for virtual attendance have proven beneficial to ongoing membership engagement and attaining quorums.

Agenda:

CJABs shall establish a process for creating and distributing meeting agendas. Agenda topics will address the Board's goals and general business, including, but not limited to, periodic reviews of the CJAB’s strategic planning initiative(s), approval of minutes or meeting summaries, committee reports, review of criminal justice data, and other items deemed appropriate to bring before the CJAB for discussion and consideration.

CJABs are encouraged to develop dynamic and engaging agendas with input from the membership (please see “[additional resources](#)” for sample agendas and additional guidance).

Voting:

CJABs shall determine voting methods while ensuring fair and equitable solutions that facilitate timely decision-making.

To address time-sensitive matters that arise between regular meetings (such as requests for letters of support), CJABs are encouraged to include provisions for methods such as online voting or email polling to supplement and enhance member participation, enabling a more thorough review and response to voting requests. CJABs are also encouraged to develop a process and advise members on the utilization of abstention forms and/or disclosures of a conflict of interest.

Meeting Documentation:

CJABs shall establish a process for documenting and disbursing meeting minutes or summaries.

Committees:

The CJAB shall establish standing and ad hoc committees, as needed, to facilitate its business. The establishment and meeting schedule for Executive, Steering Subcommittees, and Ad hoc committees may be tailored to meet the needs of the CJAB.

Grant Management:

CJABs should include their roles and any requirements related to grants management.

CJABs are encouraged to include any processes for reviewing grant application plans, managing related data, and establishing procedures for accepting and reviewing letters of support.

Staff Support:

CJABs should have dedicated staff support, such as a director, coordinator, facilitator, and/or secretary, to organize meetings, materials, and presenters. CJAB Coordinators are vital for maintaining the Board's health, function, and longevity, ensuring long-term success.

Communication:

The CJAB shall broadly communicate its goals and work to other local stakeholders, non-profits, local officials, and the community-at-large.

Strategic Planning and Performance:

CJABs shall develop and maintain a strategic plan that identifies the Board's goals. Plans should include input from the membership to incorporate strategies across intercept points that impact the justice system (e.g., diversion opportunities, alternatives to incarceration, and behavioral health initiatives). CJABs shall include a reentry component in their strategic plan.

Periodic review and maintenance of planning priorities should be incorporated into the CJABs meeting infrastructure to ensure members and committees have the resources and support necessary to complete assigned goals and objectives.

Review and Amendment of the Bylaws:

The CJAB shall establish a schedule for the periodic review of the Bylaws. This should include providing members with timely, advanced written notice of the intent to amend the Bylaws and proposed amendments. The CJAB bylaws should also specify the votes required for amendments.

Indigent Defense Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Indigent Defense Advisory Committee (IDAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 18, 2026. The IDAC report consists of a brief meeting overview and one action item for consideration.

INDIGENT DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

After providing an update on the Indigent Defense Grant Program, PCCD staff presented IDAC members with a funding framework to disburse \$6,750,000 in FY 2025-26 Indigent Defense Grant Program funds to counties by supplementing their current non-competitive, formula-based awards. The amount represents the \$7,500,000 in state FY 2025-26 funds appropriated to PCCD, minus 10% toward PCCD administrative costs.

Under Section 203-F(k)(6), grants awarded under the Indigent Defense Grant Program “shall be consistent with the standards established by the committee and the standards adopted by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.” In May 2024, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted two preliminary standards “for the purpose of providing guidance to IDAC and PCCD regarding Indigent Defense Grant Program applications submitted in fiscal year 2023-24.” This order was extended for the purpose of disbursing FY 2024-25 funds last year. On February 4, 2026, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued an additional order extending the applicability of the two preliminary standards for FY 2025-26. The funding framework was approved unanimously by the IDAC.

In response to the IDAC’s most recent standards proposal submitted in September 2025, members discussed an additional communication from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court dated February 4, 2026, which informed PCCD that the Court is referring the proposal to their Criminal Procedural Rules Committee and Juvenile Procedural Rules Committee for further review and revision. The IDAC is planning a communication to AOPC and Court staff to better understand their proposed process and any concerns raised in their initial review of the standards proposal.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Indigent Defense Advisory Committee
State FY 2025-26 Indigent Defense Grant Program Funds

Action is requested on a funding framework to disburse \$6,750,000 in FY 2025-26 Indigent Defense Grant Program funds to counties to supplement their FY 2023-24 awards. The goal of the grant program is to improve the capacity and effectiveness of indigent defense services in Pennsylvania through efforts to recruit and retain staff; improve data collection and reporting capacity; obtain necessary training, professional development, and technical assistance; and fill any other gaps identified by the county, in consultation with indigent defense service providers. Each county will be provided with a maximum supplemental allocation developed using a formula approved by IDAC. Program activities and expenditures should be consistent with allowable activities identified within the FY 2023-24 Indigent Defense Grant Program funding announcement. Supplemental funding will be available for counties beginning on July 1, 2026 and extending project budgets through June 30, 2027.

Staff and the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee recommend approval of the funding framework to disburse \$6,750,000 in FY 2025-26 Indigent Defense Grant Program funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Table 1. FY 2025-26 maximum supplemental allocations (7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027) to current Indigent Defense Grant Program awards.

County	Maximum Award	County	Maximum Award
Adams	\$92,449	Fayette	\$100,423
Allegheny	\$125,485	Forest	\$93,377
Armstrong	\$94,168	Franklin	\$95,953
Beaver	\$96,746	Fulton	\$92,938
Bedford	\$103,822	Greene	\$95,494
Berks	\$104,581	Huntingdon	\$95,418
Blair	\$99,933	Indiana	\$97,463
Bradford	\$105,702	Jefferson	\$96,490
Bucks	\$105,892	Juniata	\$93,618
Butler	\$95,804	Lackawanna	\$93,618
Cambria	\$108,391	Lancaster	\$99,931
Cameron	\$96,290	Lawrence	\$114,544
Carbon	\$93,641	Lebanon	\$96,690
Centre	\$101,555	Lehigh	\$105,965
Chester	\$102,564	Luzerne	\$103,018
Clarion	\$104,487	Lycoming	\$104,989
Clearfield	\$105,857	McKean	\$96,341
Clinton	\$98,413	Mercer	\$96,781
Columbia	\$97,280	Mifflin	\$110,471
Crawford	\$97,877	Monroe	\$96,027
Cumberland	\$98,779	Montgomery	\$112,799
Dauphin	\$100,253	Montour	\$92,293
Delaware	\$107,237	Northampton	\$106,808
Elk	\$93,551	Northumberland	\$94,659
Erie	\$103,328	Perry	\$100,731

County	Maximum Award	County	Maximum Award
Philadelphia	\$144,649	Union	\$91,471
Pike	\$100,750	Venango	\$95,540
Potter	\$91,797	Warren	\$96,921
Schuylkill	\$106,884	Washington	\$104,792
Snyder	\$97,729	Wayne	\$95,259
Somerset	\$104,615	Westmoreland	\$108,975
Sullivan	\$91,774	Wyoming	\$93,841
Susquehanna	\$102,127	York	\$101,322
Tioga	\$96,045	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$6,750,000

Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 4, 2026. The MHJAC report consists of a brief meeting overview. There are no action items for consideration.

MENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

During the meeting, MHJAC member Representative Michael Schlossberg provided updates regarding proposed budget allocations from the Governor's address, including \$370 million for rate increases and additional enrollment in both physical and behavioral health services, \$10 million designated to enhance 988 services, and \$1 million for 211 services. Further proposed funding was aimed at diversion and discharge programs, walk-in crisis stabilization centers, transfers from state hospitals into community settings, and expansion of community-based behavioral health services. Representative Schlossberg also noted that progress is being made on drafting a 302-reform package.

Dr. Megan Davidson, Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, provided updates on the Stepping Up Technical Assistance (TA) Center, noting that it continues to engage with current and prospective counties. Recent Stepping Up TA Center efforts include outreach to counties that had reduced engagement. A survey was administered to "Stepping Up" counties to gather feedback. Key areas of interest noted by responding counties included data capacity, funding sustainability, cross-agency collaboration, and law enforcement engagement.

Additionally, Dr. Davidson reported the Pennsylvania Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) TA Center launched in October 2025 and has received over 41 technical assistance requests since inception. Current work includes bridging gaps between form submission and TA meetings. Additional office hours have been added and the first session is scheduled for February 2026. Dr. Davidson shared that a survey will be administered across Pennsylvania to collect information on current data collection practices, data needs, and goals to provide data collection guidance.

Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 17, 2026. The CACAC report consists of a brief meeting overview. There are no action items for consideration.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

During the February CACAC meeting, Ms. Chris Kirchner, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Pennsylvania (PennCAC) and Chairwoman of the CACAC, provided an update on activities that have occurred at PennCAC over the last quarter and summarized the findings of a recent capacity study of Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) within Pennsylvania. The goal of the study, which utilized surveys and focus groups, was to baseline and understand capacity related to key service areas. These service areas include forensic interviews, mental health services, medical evaluations, victim advocacy, and data practices.

Results of the study showed that CACs feel confident in their capacity to facilitate Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs), conduct case tracking and case review, provide victim advocacy services, and perform forensic interviews. However, CACs are most likely to experience capacity challenges related to providing medical evaluations, mental health services, prevention programming, and education and outreach. Focus groups revealed two core causes of limited capacity: 1) lack of funding, and 2) staffing shortage and turnover among MDIT partners. PennCAC will be utilizing the results of this evaluation to determine how best to provide additional supports to CACs.

Ms. Emily Huggins, Forensic Nurse at WellSpan Health, provided an update to the committee on the training and certification programs provided by the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). The IAFN is the recognized authority on forensic nursing and provides training and certification for forensic nurses nationwide. In November 2025, the IAFN abruptly suspended all training and certification programs. Following this announcement, the IAFN informed its members that the organization would undergo restructuring, resulting in the elimination of 19 positions and leaving only six employees remaining. Only federally funded services, such as the online library and select message boards, remain active.

Since these announcements, the IAFN has informed nurses holding certifications that their certifications will remain valid through the end of 2027, however, those nurses who are currently in the middle of training may complete their coursework, but they will not be eligible to obtain certification. While the IAFN is not the sole provider of forensic nursing training, a significant number of nurses have relied on its programs over the years. In the absence of additional information regarding whether services will be reinstated, forensic nurses across the Commonwealth are meeting to explore alternative options for training and certification moving forward.

County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 12, 2026. The CAPPAC report consists of a brief meeting overview and one action item.

COUNTY ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Chairman President Judge Russell D. Shurtleff gave recognition to three CAPPAC members whose terms are expiring: April Billet, Judge John Foradora, and Michael Halkias. Honorable Michael F.J. Piecuch (Court of Common Pleas Judge for Snyder and Union Counties), Nicole Spring (Chief Public Defender for Lycoming County), and Christopher Pawlowski (Chief Probation and Parole Officer for Chester County) will join the CAPPAC beginning February 18, 2026. Additionally, Indiana County Commissioner Sherene Hess served on CAPPAC as the President of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania; with her term as President ending in 2025, she will be replaced by incoming CAPPAC member Snyder County Commissioner Joseph Kantz.

Mr. Doug Wilburne, President of the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of Pennsylvania (CCAPPOAP), provided an update on behalf of the organization. The update consisted of a brief overview of the organization's ongoing Evidence Based Practices (EBP) implementation efforts to include trainings, publications, and resources available on their website.

Mr. Chris Pawlowski, Chair of the Training Subcommittee, provided a brief overview of 2025 activities, noting that four Basic Training Academy (BTA) classes were held, and 103 officers graduated from the Academy. Mr. Pawlowski noted that, so far in 2026, 88 officers are scheduled to participate in the BTA, and that the first defensive tactics course of 2026 will be held in February.

Ms. April Billet, Chair of the Funding Subcommittee, stated that the subcommittee recently met to discuss the funding framework largely centering on the JRI-2 funds. Discussion focused on how these funds would be appropriated to the counties.

Judge Charles Ehrlich, Chair of the Standards Subcommittee, stated that members are actively reviewing the standards to assess the need for any changes or adjustments. Discussion also took place regarding ways to encourage counties to engage in evidence-based practices.

Judge Shurtleff, Chair of the Firearms Education and Training Subcommittee, reported that 1,559 officers are authorized to carry firearms and that officers continue to complete ongoing education requirements. He further noted that 62 of the 67 adult probation and parole departments are authorized to carry firearms while on duty. Basic training dates for 2026 are also now available.

Allegheny County Deputy Directors Ashlee Lynn and Sanjeev Baidaroy provided a presentation on the implementation of Act 44 of 2023 in a large county. They discussed planning efforts related to Act 44, the initial implementation process, the preliminary impact analysis, ongoing management strategies, and procedural refinements.

ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Justice Programs
FY 2025-26 County Adult Probation and Parole Funds

Pennsylvania's FY 2025-26 state budget was signed by Governor Shapiro on November 12, 2025. The final year of Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI-2) yielded savings of over \$22 million, bringing the current balance to \$27,627,552. The proposed Framework includes setting aside \$7 million of this balance to support long-term improvements, emerging priorities and statewide initiatives, training initiatives including the Basic Training Academy (BTA), Firearm Education Training (FET), training, and implementation of EBPs and research. The remaining \$20,627,552 shall be distributed to counties through the established Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grants funding formula.

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee recommend approval of the proposed funding framework and allocation amounts for JRI-2 funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

I. Released FY 2025-2026 Funds

Pennsylvania's FY 2025-2026 state budget was signed by Governor Shapiro on November 12, 2025. On November 13, 2025, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC) agreed by consensus that the county allocation amounts for Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grant (CCAPPG) and County Intermediate Punishment (CIP) funds be presented to the full Commission for approval. On December 10, 2025, the Commission approved the maximum state funds allowable per county for both funding streams.

PCCD has made available **\$33,876,000** in state funding over 12-months (July 2025 – June 2026) to support the following initiatives focused on sustaining and enhancing county adult probation and parole services, operational needs, and the needs of individuals on community-based supervision through both funding streams. Additional details including eligible activities and expenses that are statutorily permissible under each of the funding streams is included below.

1. CCAPPG Funds

On November 13, 2025, PCCD released **\$16,150,000** in CCAPPG funds to facilitate the delivery of county adult probation and parole services and prioritize data-driven approaches to supervision. In addition to the continued support of staffing needs, this initiative will result in the improvement of county adult and probation supervision services through the utilization of evidence-based programming and practices.

In early 2022, the CAPPAC Funding Subcommittee developed and recommended the current funding formula for the distribution of CCAPPG funds. This formula takes into consideration the following individual county data elements: total active caseload, probation sentences, and risk and needs index scores. Full implementation of the funding formula began in FY 2024-2025 and includes a gradual implementation model that spans over a four-year period. This gradual implementation approach is allowing counties to make necessary plans and adjustments to the formula amounts which may have increased or decreased from previous allocations.

Eligible Applicants: All Pennsylvania counties that provide adult probation and parole staff are eligible to apply for funding under this initiative, but only to the extent that the staff and program meet the qualifications and standards established by the Commission.

Eligible Program Activities and Expenses: Funds shall be used to reimburse counties for costs incurred by the county for adult probation and parole services and may be used to support the following:

Eligible Activities:

- Salaries and benefits of county adult probation and parole staff.
- Evidence-based program (EBP) initiatives (i.e., implementation of EBPs in graduated responses, incentives, technical assistance initiatives related to EBPs, evaluation of programs to ensure fidelity to Continuous Quality Improvement).
- Pretrial supervision initiatives conducted by the county adult probation and parole department.

- Adoption and implementation of a Commission approved or a standardized and validated, 3rd generation or newer risk and needs assessment tool.
- Training initiatives that support the professional development of county adult probation and parole staff.
- Conversion and program upgrades to case management systems.
- Other training, services and/or programs that support the improvement of adult probation and parole supervision.

2. CIP Funds

On November 13, 2025, PCCD released **\$17,726,000** in CIP funds to support programs under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 98 (relating to county intermediate punishment). The goal of the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program is to divert individuals from county jail and state prison and provide for the treatment needs of individuals with substance misuse or mental health disorders, thereby reducing recidivism and increasing public safety.

Eligible Applicants: All counties in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply for funds under this initiative. Counties seeking to remain eligible for Intermediate Treatment Program funding shall comply with the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing standards and regulations and participate in evaluations to determine program effectiveness, as required.

Eligible Activities and Expenses: Funds shall be used to support restrictive conditions that are imposed as part of the county probation sentence, needed drug and alcohol-related services, and mental health treatment and supportive services for eligible individuals under Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing guidelines. Requests for funding for services and activities directly supporting or facilitating treatment and behavioral changes are considered under the category of treatment.

Eligible Activities:

- Drug and alcohol assessment and placement services.
- Drug and alcohol treatment services and related activities.
- Drug and alcohol testing services.
- Mental health treatment and supportive services.
- Peer support services.
- Case management.
- Criminal justice supervision and related services.

II. Proposed FY 2025-2026 Funds

Any realized Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI-2) Funds shall be used to support programs and activities to improve the delivery of services. Funds shall be used by counties to ensure alignment with PCCD's Operating Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Departments in Pennsylvania 3rd Edition Revised, including Act 44 of 2024 reforms. JRI-2 initiatives shall focus on the implementation of promising, innovative, and evidence-based practices and programs including training personnel and assessing the unique risks and needs of individuals under supervision.

**FY 2025-2026 COUNTY ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE
FUNDING FRAMEWORK**

In FY 2025-2026, PCCD received more than \$22 million in JRI-2 funds, bringing the current balance to \$27,627,552. PCCD convened the CAPPAC Funding Subcommittee on February 2, 2025, to discuss potential uses of JRI-2 funds.

1. JRI-2 Savings Funds

PCCD staff and the CAPPAC Funding Subcommittee recommend setting aside \$7 million and distributing \$20,627,552 to counties through the established CCAPPG funding formula.

The \$7 million in proposed set-asides shall be used for the following purposes:

- \$5 million shall be used to support long-term improvements for adult probation and parole in Pennsylvania. Funds will support emerging priorities and statewide initiatives such as the development of Case Management System interfaces aimed at reducing the redundancy of data entry across various state systems.
- \$1.5 million shall be used to support training initiatives including the Basic Training Academy (BTA), Firearm Education Training (FET), and EBPs.
- \$500,000 shall be used to support research for county adult probation and parole.

To provide for reasonable opportunity to improve probation and parole services across the Commonwealth, a \$100,000 funding floor shall be established. All counties receiving less than \$100,000 through their combined FY 2025-2026 CCAPPG and JRI-2 formula allocations will be raised to a minimum of \$100,000 in total combined CCAPPG and JRI-2 funding. A total of 12 counties will be increased to the \$100,000 funding floor. The remaining JRI-2 funds shall be allocated to counties based on the currently established CCAPPG funding formula that accounts for total active caseload, probation sentences, and risk and needs index scores.

PCCD and the CAPPAC Funding Subcommittee recommend that JRI-2 funds be allocated to counties as follows:

County	FY 25/26 CCAPPG Award	FY 25/26 JRI-2 Allocation	FY 25/26 Combined CCAPPG and JRI-2
Adams	\$ 147,933	\$ 240,028	\$ 387,961
Allegheny	\$ 1,503,919	\$ 2,152,844	\$ 3,656,763
Armstrong	\$ 66,562	\$ 83,142	\$ 149,704
Beaver	\$ 241,711	\$ 243,962	\$ 485,673
Bedford	\$ 36,875	\$ 82,809	\$ 119,684
Berks	\$ 426,257	\$ 469,159	\$ 895,416
Blair	\$ 190,795	\$ 405,800	\$ 596,595
Bradford	\$ 82,436	\$ 90,340	\$ 172,776
Bucks	\$ 807,812	\$ 864,210	\$ 1,672,022
Butler	\$ 164,555	\$ 274,826	\$ 439,381

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FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Cambria	\$ 163,051	\$ 180,599	\$ 343,650
Cameron	\$ 9,875	\$ 90,125	\$ 100,000
Carbon	\$ 89,624	\$ 138,183	\$ 227,807
Centre	\$ 111,886	\$ 151,640	\$ 263,526
Chester	\$ 590,641	\$ 794,802	\$ 1,385,443
Clarion	\$ 52,109	\$ 69,529	\$ 121,638
Clearfield	\$ 69,545	\$ 130,707	\$ 200,252
Clinton	\$ 55,165	\$ 97,155	\$ 152,320
Columbia	\$ 58,070	\$ 86,227	\$ 144,297
Crawford	\$ 111,158	\$ 155,407	\$ 266,565
Cumberland	\$ 222,592	\$ 264,093	\$ 486,685
Dauphin	\$ 632,939	\$ 808,512	\$ 1,441,451
Delaware	\$ 790,676	\$ 1,153,680	\$ 1,944,356
Elk	\$ 47,489	\$ 68,256	\$ 115,745
Erie	\$ 435,253	\$ 508,941	\$ 944,194
Fayette	\$ 159,295	\$ 340,018	\$ 499,313
Forest	\$ 11,386	\$ 88,614	\$ 100,000
Franklin	\$ 182,007	\$ 246,136	\$ 428,143
Fulton	\$ 28,801	\$ 71,199	\$ 100,000
Greene	\$ 37,716	\$ 62,284	\$ 100,000
Huntingdon	\$ 51,017	\$ 96,507	\$ 147,524
Indiana	\$ 109,882	\$ 131,959	\$ 241,841
Jefferson	\$ 66,099	\$ 117,231	\$ 183,330
Juniata	\$ 29,928	\$ 70,072	\$ 100,000
Lackawanna	\$ 262,591	\$ 419,139	\$ 681,730
Lancaster	\$ 543,901	\$ 936,650	\$ 1,480,551
Lawrence	\$ 63,469	\$ 101,327	\$ 164,796
Lebanon	\$ 111,050	\$ 168,060	\$ 279,110
Lehigh	\$ 467,072	\$ 443,723	\$ 910,795
Luzerne	\$ 324,963	\$ 412,883	\$ 737,846
Lycoming	\$ 168,903	\$ 221,457	\$ 390,360
McKean	\$ 49,530	\$ 70,648	\$ 120,178
Mifflin	\$ 42,931	\$ 77,891	\$ 120,822
Monroe	\$ 157,867	\$ 302,905	\$ 460,772
Montgomery	\$ 847,462	\$ 1,299,034	\$ 2,146,496
Montour	\$ 12,644	\$ 87,356	\$ 100,000
Northampton	\$ 277,946	\$ 514,046	\$ 791,992
Northumberland	\$ 149,078	\$ 189,728	\$ 338,806
Perry	\$ 65,428	\$ 114,988	\$ 180,416
Philadelphia	\$ 2,677,554	\$ 1,524,789	\$ 4,202,343
Pike	\$ 47,104	\$ 52,896	\$ 100,000

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FUNDING FRAMEWORK**

Potter	\$ 30,432	\$ 69,568	\$ 100,000
Schuylkill	\$ 215,721	\$ 159,877	\$ 375,598
Snyder	\$ 52,672	\$ 55,913	\$ 108,585
Somerset	\$ 113,653	\$ 44,673	\$ 158,326
Sullivan	\$ 10,827	\$ 89,173	\$ 100,000
Susquehanna	\$ 48,501	\$ 57,699	\$ 106,200
Tioga	\$ 47,810	\$ 52,190	\$ 100,000
Union	\$ 52,761	\$ 64,375	\$ 117,136
Warren	\$ 42,381	\$ 57,619	\$ 100,000
Washington	\$ 245,725	\$ 431,534	\$ 677,259
Wayne	\$ 47,606	\$ 52,394	\$ 100,000
Westmoreland	\$ 532,257	\$ 682,344	\$ 1,214,601
Wyoming	\$ 49,573	\$ 56,334	\$ 105,907
York	\$ 605,529	\$ 987,349	\$ 1,592,878
TOTAL	\$ 16,150,000	\$ 20,627,552	\$ 36,777,552

*Please note, combined CCAPG and JRI-2 allocations for future years may deviate from FY 2025-2026 amounts once the most recent metrics are input into the funding formula.

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility will be open to all Pennsylvania counties providing adult probation and parole services.

Eligible Program Activities and Expenses: Any available JRI-2 funds shall be used to support the following activities over a 12 to 36-month project period:

Eligible Activities:

- Salaries and benefits of county adult probation and parole staff.
- Data-driven promising and innovative practices and programs.
- EBP initiatives (i.e., implementation of EBPs in graduated responses, incentives, technical assistance initiatives related to EBPs, evaluation of programs to ensure fidelity to Continuous Quality Improvement).
- Pretrial supervision initiatives conducted by the county adult probation and parole department.
- Adoption and implementation of a standardized and validated, 3rd generation or newer risk and needs assessment tool.
- Training initiatives that support the professional development of county adult probation and parole staff.
- Conversion and program upgrades to case management systems.
- Other training, services, equipment, supplies, and/or programs that support compliance with PCCD's Operating Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Departments in Pennsylvania 3rd Edition Revised.
- Other training, services, equipment, supplies, and/or programs that support the improvement of adult probation and parole supervision.

Ineligible Expenses: JRI-2 funds may not be used to supplant federal, state, or local funds.

III. Changes to County Adult Probation and Parole Appropriations

With the substantial addition of JRI-2 funds in FY 2025-2026, PCCD and the CAPPAC Funding Subcommittee will revisit the methodology behind this funding framework and present a revised proposal for FY 2026-2027 to the CAPPAC for consideration and Commission for approval at a future date.

Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 10, 2026. The VSAC report consists of a brief meeting overview, one informational update, and two action items.

VICTIMS' SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Ms. Kathy Buckley, OVS Director, provided updates on two Victim Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) related items. First, the Philadelphia Office of the Victim Advocate secured \$600,000 from the Philadelphia City Council to support homicide survivors with funeral expenses. Working in collaboration with VCAP, these funds will be used to assist families with up to \$2,000 per claim, payable to funeral homes for expenses. The remainder of eligible expenses will be processed through VCAP for up to \$6,500, bringing the total potential for state and city support to \$8,500 total. Second, VCAP is working with the Commonwealth Office of Digital Experience (CODE PA) to develop an interactive online tool to help victims/survivors determine eligibility. The tool is intended to make VCAP eligibility requirements clearer and easier to navigate.

Mr. Josh Kaminski, OVS Manager of Special Projects, shared an overview of FY 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim service data. The analysis revealed a decline in the availability of time-intensive direct services, such as counseling and therapy, while services such as information and referral and the provision of notification services have seen the most notable rise.

Mr. Brian Swoyer, OVS Victims Services Program Manager, presented a report highlighting Local Victim Services Fund (LVS) data from FY 2022-23 to present. The data demonstrates additional counties establishing an LVS fund and the potential for a county's LVS fund to help mitigate the impact of recent funding decreases, and in some cases, generate revenue beyond prior funding allocations. Additionally, the fund does not impose time restrictions on expenditures, allowing counties flexibility in planning. Funds may be used to support victim service providers within the county.

Dr. Jordan Lewis, PCCD Senior Policy Advisor, and Ms. Natalie Novotny-Goles, OVS Victim Services Specialist Supervisor, presented the draft FY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan. Under the federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), states are required to submit an implementation plan to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) as a condition of receiving STOP Formula Grant Funds. These STOP Implementation Plans, submitted every four years, document how states intend to administer their annual STOP Formula Grant awards. The full copy of the draft FY 2026-2029 implementation planning document can be found [here](#).

Ms. Buckley provided an update on federal VOCA funding. VSAC deliberated on the funding level for Year 2 of VOCA grants beginning October 1, 2026. Due to the limited information available at the November 2025 VSAC meeting, this decision was deferred until the February 2026 VSAC meeting. For FY 2025, deposits into the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) totaled \$3.157 billion. However, two Department of Justice settlements totaling \$1.9 billion remain on hold pending litigation. After accounting for those funds and the FY 2025 cap of \$1.9 billion, the remaining available balance is approximately \$1.67 billion. Furthermore, proposed federal legislation to divert additional funds into the CVF passed the U.S. House in January but is still awaiting action in the U.S. Senate. Given these conditions and the current instability of federal funding, VSAC discussed future allocations and made the following difficult decisions:

- **Year 2 of current VOCA projects (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) will receive a 7.5% funding reduction.**
- **Future funding levels for October 2027 – September 30, 2028** will be reviewed at the November 2026 VSAC meeting using the most up-to-date information available about availability of federal funding.
- Because VOCA funds supplement state funding under the Rights and Victim Services Act (RASA) and Victims of Juvenile Offenders Act (VOJO), those programs will also see a **7.5% reduction** beginning **January 1, 2027**.

Ms. Buckley indicated that OVS would issue a notification to the field making them aware of the changes.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

Pennsylvania's Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Initiative (SAKI)

PCCD, in partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), and the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR), applied for and was awarded a \$2.5 million federal grant through the U.S. Department of Justice's FY 2024 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (NSAKI) to design, launch, and implement Pennsylvania's first automated statewide sexual assault kit tracking system. This grant-funded project is helping to implement new requirements of Act 122 of 2024, which tasked PCCD with launching and overseeing this statewide tracking system.

On August 1, 2025, Pennsylvania's Phased Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Inventory commenced. All law enforcement agencies were notified of the start of the inventory via communication through the Municipal Police Officers' Training and Education Commission (MPOTEC). Phases 1-4 are anticipated to be completed under the current FY 2024 NSAKI grant, with Phases 5 and 6 to be conducted under a future NSAKI grant, if awarded. Phase 1 inventory ended on December 31, 2025, and will be submitted for certification to U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance in March.

PCCD applied under the FY 2025 NSAKI solicitation to support the conclusion of the inventory process, continue the testing of unsubmitted and partially tested SAKs, and maintain the statewide tracking system. Future funding will also support the inventory of unsubmitted SAKs at hospitals across the Commonwealth and a new partnership with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to hire consultants to assist law enforcement agencies that are under-resourced or face significant caseload burdens in completing their inventories.

Track-kit has been selected by Pennsylvania as the statewide rape kit tracking system. Configuration of the system is underway to meet requirements detailed in Act 122 of 2024. Implementation of the tracking system is anticipated to begin with pilot testing late summer/early fall. The project is currently on track to complete a phased roll-out of the rape kit tracking system by the end of December 2026.

ACTION ITEM

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

Office of Victims' Services

Federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Funding Announcement: STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance

Augmentation: One Application

Project Period: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Project Description and Recommendation:

OVS staff are partnering with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to coordinate three, day-long regional Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Grantee meetings in 2026. The STOP Formula Grant Program, authorized under the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Each regional meeting will follow the same agenda and topics will be presented from a multi-disciplinary perspective to benefit law enforcement, victim services and prosecution professionals. Planning is in the early stages and an agenda will be developed with the input from state-level partner organizations. The additional funding requested will support speaker fees, facility rental, audio/visual equipment, and administrative costs.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory recommend approval of one augmentation to the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) requesting a total not to exceed \$30,000 in federal STOP Violence Against Women funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Victims' Services
Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds

Project Title: Kingsessing Heals Community Resiliency Center

Application: One Application

Project Period: February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027

Project Description and Recommendation:

Following the July 3, 2023, mass shooting in Philadelphia that resulted in five deaths and others wounded, PCCD requested assistance through the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to support Philadelphia. Through OVC's Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP), which provides technical assistance and supplemental funding to jurisdictions overwhelmed by mass violence incidents, OVC provided expert OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) consultants to assist Pennsylvania with the response to the Kingsessing shooting. As part of this effort, the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia was approved to develop and implement the [Kingsessing Heals Community Resiliency Center](#), a centrally located "one-stop shop" at Salt and Light Church in Southwest Philadelphia that coordinates services, activities, public outreach, and education for victims and those impacted by the shooting.

The overall services being funded include:

- A Resiliency Center located in the Kingsessing neighborhood to coordinate and provide services, activities, and public outreach. The Resiliency Center is an effort to support the healing of emotional wounds inflicted by the attack and to ensure identification of needed financial support for the physical healing of victims with long-term needs.
- Evidence based mental health counseling and intensive case management and navigation services for victims.
- Outreach services to help victims, their family members, and members of the community to be alerted to possible signs of trauma in themselves, family members, friends, and co-workers.

To facilitate the continued support to AVP for the KHCRC, federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are being requested for the second year of operation. The AEAP grant is retroactive and will reimburse PCCD for the VOCA funds utilized for all approved expenses that have been incurred since the mass violence incident. The second year of funding will not exceed \$925,470. Expenses include salaries and benefits for personnel; consultants; supplies and operating expenses; travel; and training.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of one augmentation to the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia for the Kingsessing Heals Community Resiliency Center requesting a total not to exceed \$925,470 in federal VOCA funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) held its quarterly meeting on February 5, 2026. The JJJPC report consists of a brief meeting overview and one action item for consideration.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

During the meeting, the JJJPC approved the FY2025–2027 Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funding Framework utilizing available state VDPP funds. The framework supports the strategies and priorities outlined in the 2025 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Plan to the Governor, which PCCD is tasked with producing every two years. On February 18, 2026, PCCD released a \$5 million competitive funding announcement aligned with the approved framework. Applications are due April 6, 2026, and awarded projects will begin on July 1, 2026, with funds supporting up-to-two-year projects.

In addition, WestEd's Justice & Prevention Research Center provided the Committee with an update on the federal Continuum of Care project. The final deliverable of this project includes a statewide Continuum of Care blueprint including recommendations designed to divert youth from the deep end of the juvenile justice system towards community-based services and programs. Several engagement activities designed to understand how youth-serving systems operate locally in practice were held throughout the Commonwealth with youth, families, and other stakeholders along the prevention through reentry continuum. Sessions included gathering information on top strengths and gaps of local prevention and diversion efforts as well as feedback on how the state can better support local efforts along the continuum. The presentation included an overview of the top emerging themes from the engagement sessions such as a strong interest in early, upstream prevention, the desire for clearer diversion pathways, notable gaps in reentry supports, and challenges with seamless coordination of services across systems. These emerging themes align with strategies identified in the 2025 Plan to the Governor and the blueprint will be a valuable tool utilized to advance the Plan. The final report will be available this summer to all system partners.

Lastly, staff informed the Committee that 38 applications, requesting a total of \$486,700 in PACTT funds, under a non-competitive funding announcement released in September 2025, were approved. The funded projects will operate over a 12-month period beginning April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The PACTT program is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and administered by PCCD.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Justice Programs
Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds

Project Title: PA START/STOP Campaign: Empowering Communities
Applicant: One Application to Serve Multiple Communities Across Pennsylvania
Project Period: March 12, 2026 – September 29, 2026

Project Description and Recommendation:

On November 24, 2025, PCCD released a competitive funding announcement seeking an entity to revise, revamp, and expand the work completed to date on the PA START and PA STOP Campaigns. Created in 2017, PA STOP is a messaging initiative that aims to help reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania. The PA START Campaign was added in 2019 to support, advocate for, and supplement existing programming. The campaign directs messaging to caregivers and influencers of a correspondingly younger demographic before risky behaviors and unhealthy choices have time to develop.

This funding seeks to expand the established infrastructure of the START/STOP initiatives by enhancing messaging distribution channels and broadening campaign reach across Pennsylvania. The objective is to expand on the existing dissemination efforts that support individuals and families affected by opioid addiction, while also advancing prevention strategies to mitigate future harm. The initial phase of the expansion will be for a six-month period, with the possibility of an additional one-year continuation based on performance.

The goals and objectives of the initiative include, but are not limited to:

- Development of new campaign messaging, resource toolkits, social media communications, and other collateral materials for both the PA STOP and PA START campaigns to be disseminated by Single County Authorities (SCAs), prevention provider organizations, coalitions, and other organizations in local communities.
- Promote and support all existing and newly developed campaign messaging, toolkits, and other collateral materials.
- Increase the engagement of youth in promoting prevention and reducing substance use and overdoses.
- Continually update, maintain, and promote the PA STOP and PA START websites and related social media accounts throughout all relevant constituencies in the Commonwealth.

Eligible applicants included private non-profit agencies, private for-profit agencies, public agencies, or units of local government. As a result of the competitive solicitation, four applications were received and scored.

The application from the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance is being recommended to continue the development and expansion of the work completed to date on PA START/STOP. Funds will be used for the following:

- Update and expand the PA START/STOP campaign messaging and toolkits to reflect current prevention priorities, Pennsylvania-specific data, and a health-promoting relationships framework that reinforces protective factors and effective youth engagement.
- Increase statewide awareness and use of PA START/STOP materials among Single County Authorities, prevention/intervention/treatment providers, coalitions, schools, higher education partners, and community organizations through coordinated dissemination and promotion.

- Strengthen the capacity of prevention professionals and partner organizations to apply PA START/STOP messaging and resources in practice through education, training, and guided implementation support.
- Expand dissemination of PA START/STOP materials into additional youth-serving and community systems, including education, behavioral health, treatment, recovery, and campus-based settings, to broaden reach and reinforce both early prevention and preventive interventions to address opioid abuse across sectors.
- Engage youth as active contributors to the prevention messaging and advocacy for PA START, strengthening leadership skills while incorporating youth feedback to inform message refinement and future prevention strategies.
- Promote the DEA National Drug Take Back Day through paid digital media and partner distribution.
- Maintain PAMstart.org and PAMstop.org as centralized, accessible dissemination platforms.

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee recommend approval of one application not to exceed \$650,000 in federal State Opioid Response funds, pending resolution of any programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Constables' Education and Training Board Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Constables' Education and Training Board (Board) held its quarterly meeting on February 12, 2026. The Board's report consists of a brief meeting overview and three informational updates. There are no action items for consideration.

CONSTABLES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

During the meeting, the Board held its election of officers for calendar year 2026 and approved four new instructors to teach in the Constables' Training Program for Temple University. The Board also received updates on training statistics and online payments, and a discussion was held regarding the Law Enforcement Waiver Exam. Additionally, the Board received updates from contractors on training and course delivery.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Basic Training

All newly elected and appointed constables and deputy constables must successfully complete the 80-hour Constable Basic Training Course to perform judicial duties. Two Basic Training courses are scheduled for 2026. The first class is currently in session with 26 constables and deputy constables in attendance.

Continuing Education

The 2026 continuing education training cycle began on January 10, 2026, with 36 in-person classes scheduled. This year's classroom subjects are Emergency Care Strategies for Constables and Judgmental Use of Force. In addition to attending and successfully completing one of the in-person classes, constables and deputy constables are required to successfully complete the following online continuing education subjects in 2026: Professional Conduct and Ethics, Threat Group Awareness, and Title 18 Refresher.

Firearms Training

There are currently 745 active and certified constables and deputy constables in the Commonwealth. Of these, approximately 555 are certified to carry a firearm while performing judicial duties. Two Basic Firearms Training courses are scheduled for 2026, along with 37 Annual Firearms Qualification courses.

Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board Report

PCCD Meeting – March 11, 2026

The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board (Board) held its quarterly meeting on February 9, 2026. The Board report consists of a brief meeting overview and four informational updates. There are no action items for consideration.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFF EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

During the meeting, the Board received a briefing on projected revenue increases stemming from Act 134 of 2020, which gradually increased the training fee from \$10 to \$20 over a three-year period, with the fee stabilizing at \$20 since 2023. Additionally, the Board was updated on reimbursements issued by PCCD, which have totaled \$8.5 million since payments to counties resumed in 2021. As of February 6, 2026, unreimbursed expenses claimed by counties total \$8.1 million.

The Board also reviewed routine requests for training waivers, time extensions, instructor applications, and received training development and delivery reports from its contractors.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Basic Training

The Pennsylvania State University's Justice and Safety Institute continues to deliver both basic and waiver training programs. Since 2000, Penn State has conducted 11 basic training courses (560 hours each) and 59 expanded basic training courses (760 hours each), with a total of 1,807 sheriffs and deputy sheriffs successfully completing basic training requirements. In addition, 103 waiver courses (80 hours each) have been completed by 3,020 sheriffs and deputies.

The 760-hour basic training program includes Motor Vehicle Code and DUI Enforcement, as well as Patrol Operations. The 80-hour waiver program includes 40 hours of online instruction. Since 2010, the Board has also required Basic Training Academy students to complete additional online coursework as part of the overall training curriculum.

Continuing Education

The 2026 training cycle is currently in progress, with 1,925 sheriffs and deputies enrolled. To date, 18% have completed the recertification training required for 2027 compliance. Instructional topics include Legal Updates, Drugs of Abuse, Overcoming Bias, and Effective Written Communication.

Merit Courses

Since 2004, the Board has offered a wide range of optional merit courses in both in-person and online formats. Current online merit offerings include Cultural Diversity, All Hazards, and Comprehensive Legal Updates.

Instructor Training

To support the Board's initiative to help sheriff's offices establish in-house training capabilities, basic train-the-trainer courses are offered for initial certification, followed by specialized courses for Security, Firearms, and Patrol Rifle Instructors. With the recent increase in the training surcharge, the Board has resumed offering limited instructor training opportunities.

ACTION ITEM

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Office of Victims' Services
Federal FY 2022-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Funds

Funding Announcement: Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Needs Assessment & Technical Assistance

Augmentation: One Application

Project Period: April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

Project Description and Recommendation:

In June 2023, PCCD's Chair Lt. Governor Austin Davis directed PCCD's Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) with launching a statewide Resources for Victims of Gun Violence initiative. As part of PCCD's FY 2022-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Funding Plan, approved by the Commission in June 2023, up to \$3 million in SCIP State Share funds was dedicated to developing and piloting a new strategy for coordinated outreach and service delivery in a Philadelphia community experiencing chronic or rising gun violence. This effort was modeled after the federal Office for Victims of Crime's "resiliency center" approach, which provides a range of comprehensive, trauma-informed services addressing both immediate and long-term needs of individuals impacted by mass violence, including crisis intervention, mental health counseling, legal assistance, medical care, and other essential resources.

In September 2023, PCCD released an initial \$1 million in Byrne SCIP State Share funds to support Phase 1 of this initiative. Through a competitive process, ICF was awarded a \$993,337 grant to conduct a statewide needs assessment, develop recommendations, and support early planning for a pilot resiliency center in Philadelphia.

Since the award's inception, ICF has achieved the following deliverables:

- Conducted a comprehensive needs assessment, including surveys, focus groups, and interviews with individuals who have experienced gun violence, data analysis, and services/resources inventories.
- Evaluated current and past programs and processes to identify gaps and opportunities to improve supports for gun violence victims in Pennsylvania.
- Produced interim and final reports with findings, gap analysis, and recommendations for a resiliency center pilot.
- Worked with PCCD staff to analyze relevant data to identify high-need areas of Philadelphia disproportionately impacted by gun violence victimization, with a focus on the 24th and 25th Police Districts.
- Supported initial stakeholder engagement and planning activities for the Philadelphia Healing & Hope Center pilot, including community listening sessions, identifying an appropriate holding agency, and ongoing technical assistance.

Additional Byrne SCIP funds are necessary to continue ICF's support of the Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative and to advance administrative and planning activities for the Philadelphia Healing & Hope Center pilot as the project enters its second phase. Requested funds will support project personnel, consultants, operating expenses, supplies, travel, and training.

PCCD staff recommend approval of one augmentation to ICF for the Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative and Philadelphia Hope and Healing Center pilot program requesting a total not to exceed \$500,000 in federal FY 2022-23 Byrne SCIP funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding Plan 2026-2027

Background

PCCD's mission is to advance justice system collaboration, support victims, and promote safer schools and communities through planning, training, and financial assistance.

For nearly 50 years, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) has supported programs and practices that promote justice for all citizens and communities in Pennsylvania. As the Commonwealth's justice planning and policymaking agency, PCCD brings together a wide range of people and perspectives necessary to understand issues facing communities, identify potential solutions, and invest in effective strategies that can make a real difference.

One of PCCD's central responsibilities is the administration of federal and state funding streams designed to advance these principles and the agency's [strategic priorities](#). During FY 2024-25, PCCD administered 41 state and federal grant programs and awarded approximately \$352 million to support over 2,100 grant projects across the state. Among these various programs, PCCD provides grant funding to support a wide range of initiatives and activities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Supporting comprehensive gun violence intervention and prevention strategies that bring together community-based and law enforcement-led strategies, improve clearance rates, and promote healing and recovery.
- Ensuring victims of crime have access to financial help and trauma-informed services through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) and supporting high-quality victim service programs, children's advocacy centers, and agencies serving victims of juvenile offenders.
- Advancing the effectiveness of key justice system services, including county adult probation and parole and indigent defense.
- Improving the safety and well-being of youth through upstream, evidence-based prevention programs and helping schools meet basic safety standards and student mental health needs.
- Preventing and treating substance misuse, substance use disorders, and other co-occurring mental and behavioral health concerns.
- Implementing initiatives to bolster public safety and prevent targeted violence, such as the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which supports security enhancements for churches, synagogues, mosques, and other organizations representing populations at greater risk of experiencing hate crimes.

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Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

The federal JAG program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice and provides seed money to assist non-profit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of criminal justice-related projects. JAG awards made to states are based on a formula that includes the following:

- Violent crime and population (equally weighted);
- Dividing the state's final award between the state and local government at a rate of 60 and 40 percent, respectively;
- Determining the total amount of funds remaining following the distribution of awards over \$10,000 to local jurisdictions; and
- Reallocation of various penalties, such as Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Compliance.

In general, JAG funds awarded to a state may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
- Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans' courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

PCCD utilizes an advisory committee structure to identify issues and needs and develop corresponding solutions. PCCD's Commission and advisory committees are comprised of state and local experts across criminal and juvenile justice systems, victim services, public safety, violence prevention, education, behavioral health, and related fields. PCCD engages in a comprehensive and deliberate cross-agency strategic planning process every five years, which includes the incorporation of advisory committee input through surveys and other mechanisms. The agency's Strategic Framework helps to guide discussions regarding how to best utilize JAG funds and, to the extent practicable, build upon the successes of previously supported projects and initiatives.

The total amount of JAG funds that are awarded to Pennsylvania (PCCD) are broken into four separate areas with distinct federal requirements as to how each can be used. Pennsylvania's 2024 JAG award was **\$6,235,447**, and **PCCD anticipates the 2025 and 2026 JAG awards will be similar to the 2024 amount. The four funding area totals identified below encompass the remaining portion of our 2022, 2023, 2024 awards, and our anticipated 2025 and 2026 awards.**

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- Administration – 10% of the total award may be used for PCCD costs associated with administering JAG funds.
- Variable Pass-Through (*Local Share*) – Approximately 58.9% of the total award must be passed through to units of local government, such as a city, county, township, or town. There is a waiver process that allows other entities to be funded from this category. This two-year and previous balance amount totals **\$9,621,880**.
- Under \$10K – The funds awarded to PCCD from the “less than \$10,000” jurisdictions must be sub-awarded to state police departments that provide criminal justice services to units of local government and/or units of local government whose federal allocation is less than \$10,000. PCCD has received approval from the federal government to utilize these funds for select projects that benefit those identified above and other law enforcement entities. This two-year and previous balance amount totals **\$3,539,031**.
- State Share – The amount remaining after the above totals have been set-aside may be used by the state in support of projects that are deemed to be priorities including statewide projects. This two-year and previous balance amount totals **\$5,360,397**.

In recent years, PCCD has developed and implemented JAG plans encompassing two years of funding and made available the equivalent of two federal awards. When finalized and adopted, this plan will be considered the 2026/27 JAG plan. Listed on the next page are the recommendations of PCCD staff for how this funding should be allocated and/or distributed.

The tables in the next section provide a summary listing of the recommended initiatives to be funded through the 2026/27 JAG funding plan. Projects for the Variable Pass-Through (VPT) Local Share are to be determined through a competitive solicitation based on the Goals/Objectives/Activities in the VPT section. Details of each of these initiatives is provided on subsequent pages.

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Variable Pass-Through (Local Share)

Project	CY 24/25 Amount	CY 26/27 Request
Competitive Funding Announcement ¹	\$7,003,768	\$8,221,880
Mental Health Initiatives ²	\$750,000	\$750,000
Regional Policing Efforts	\$500,000	\$500,000
County Reentry Planning Efforts	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Total	\$9,621,880

State Share

Project	Type	CY 24/25 Award	CY 26/27 Request
Criminal Justice Advisory Board Specialists ³	Annual	\$575,000	\$591,100
Justice Practitioner Training & Capacity Building	Annual	\$1,645,000	\$1,691,060
Research and Evaluation Support - IUP	Annual	\$752,177	\$773,238
County Adult Probation EBP Implementation and Probation Services Improvements-CCAP ⁴	1-Time	\$460,000	\$0
Law Enforcement Recruitment and Messaging Campaign ⁵	1-Time	\$100,000	\$0
Strategic Plan/Emerging Priorities ⁶	1-Time	\$668,116	\$2,304,999
		Total	\$5,360,397

Under \$10K

Project	Type	CY 24/25 Award	CY 26/27 Request
PA Law Enforcement Accreditation ⁷	Annual	\$625,000	\$642,500
PA Offender Identification	Annual	\$475,000	\$488,300
PA Virtual Training Network (PAVTN)	Annual	\$775,000	\$796,700
Other Under \$10K Supported Initiatives ⁸	1-Time	\$670,939	\$1,111,531
Regional Policing Efforts	Annual	\$500,000	\$500,000
Forensic Genealogy Initiative ⁹	1-Time	\$100,000	\$0
		Total	\$3,539,031

1 \$1,463,263 in accrued interest from previous JAG awards will supplement the \$6,758,617 available for the local projects, bringing the total local competitive solicitation to \$8,221,880.

2 This funding supports the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee's (MHJAC) Stepping Up initiative and implementing MHJAC's strategic plan.

3 All of the annual allocations under State Share are recommended for a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment.

4 This was a one-time allocation that is not recommended for future funding under JAG; however, the project will continue utilizing JRI2 funding.

5 This was a one-time allocation for a project that was completed.

6 Funding in this allocation will be used to support state agency projects aligned with PCCD's 2026-2030 Strategic Framework, the local competitive solicitation under the Variable Pass-Through (Local Share) section, supplement regional policing efforts (if needed), and human trafficking efforts (see more detailed description on page 9).

7 All of the annual allocations in the Under \$10K section, with the exception of Regional Policing Efforts, are recommended for a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment.

8 Funding in this allocation will be used to supplement the local competitive solicitation under the Variable Pass-Through (Local Share) section and Regional Policing Efforts (if needed).

9 This was a one-time allocation for a project that was completed.

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Variable Pass-Through (Local Share) – (\$9,621,880 available)

JAG Local Share funds provide seed money to assist non-profit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of public safety initiatives aligned with the Commission's strategic plan. In December 2025, the Commission adopted a new [2026-2030 Strategic Framework](#) focused on PCCD's evolving responsibilities and duties. This 2026/2027 JAG funding plan includes goals, objectives, and activities aligned with the Strategic Framework that have been prioritized for JAG funding as no equivalent state or federal funding is available to support those initiatives.

The plan will release a competitive JAG Local Share funding announcement for local initiatives (\$8,221,880). In addition, a set-aside of \$750,000 for Mental Health Initiatives will continue to provide support for the Mental Health and Justice Committee (MHJAC)'s Stepping Up Initiative and implementing portions of their strategic plan that lack dedicated funding. Additionally, the plan continues a set-aside of \$500,000 to support police regionalization efforts (see also Under \$10K police regionalization efforts on page 11) and \$150,000 for county reentry planning to support ten \$15,000 mini-grants to counties to coordinate reentry services.

The competitive JAG Local Share funding announcement criteria would consist of the following:

- A minimum of \$8,221,880 (i.e., \$6,758,617 in Local Share funding and \$1,463,263 in interest) will be made available to support projects aligned with the Commission's Strategic Framework and specific goals, objectives, and activities identified as JAG priorities by the Commission, in consultation with advisory committees.
- Funding will support projects over a two-year period and will use the FY 2025 and FY 2026 local JAG allocations and uncommitted balances from prior years.
- Applicants must demonstrate how their project will address issues identified through local collaborative and/or strategic planning efforts.
- Applicants may only submit one application for funding under the JAG solicitation.
- Funding will be prioritized for new projects, and funds can also be the expansion of current projects into new regions.
- The funding announcement will open after the adoption of the 2026-2027 JAG Plan and the release of the FY 2025 JAG solicitation. Individual applications will be presented to the Commission for consideration following review and consideration by each respective advisory committee. Subject to release of the FY 2025 JAG solicitation by DOJ, applications recommended for funding will be presented to the Commission at its September 2026 meeting; projects will start on October 1, 2026, unless the FY 2025 solicitation is delayed.

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The following goals, objectives, and corresponding activity examples are recommended for inclusion in the 2026-2027 JAG Local Share funding announcement:

Goal 2: Where available, use flexible funding to support innovative, promising approaches to address persistent and emerging public safety needs.

Objective 2.1. Advance strategies that are likely to reduce violent crime and overall crime rates.

➤ *Activity Examples:*

- *Developing multidisciplinary teams to target areas and/or populations experiencing high and/or increasing levels of crime and violence.*
- *Expanding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating and intimate partner violence, and stalking prevention programming and related services.*
- *Promoting innovative strategies that reduce conditions contributing to violence and connect individuals impacted by trauma to coordinated, supportive services.*
- *Strengthening pre-release interventions, services, and supports as well as provide comprehensive reentry programs for individuals convicted of violent offenses.*
- *Implementing pre-arrest diversionary models for adults or youth.*
- *Implementing or enhancing co-responder models that embed key wraparound supports (e.g., behavioral health, substance use disorder or recovery specialists, victim/family advocates, etc.) within law enforcement agencies, county probation, or indigent defense services.*
- *Supporting other innovative, collaborative models that improve coordination and efficiencies between systems.*

Objective 2.3. Enhance PCCD's ability to anticipate and respond effectively to emerging public safety issues - such as artificial intelligence (AI) and other advances in public safety technology, crisis response, and new justice system reforms - through proactive planning and flexible resource deployment.

➤ *Activity Examples:*

- *Piloting use of AI, predictive analytics, or similar technology to facilitate local crime trend forecasting and inform strategic planning and resource allocation.*
- *Supporting local, cross-systems collaboration to improve anti-human trafficking efforts, including awareness and prevention, investigation, prosecution, victim services, etc.*
- *Piloting collaborative justice system reforms, including research partnerships to evaluate the impact of these efforts on public safety.*
- *Supporting the creation of a county or regional threat assessment team or multidisciplinary teams partnering with local stakeholders (e.g., schools, local law enforcement, behavioral health specialists, etc.) to mitigate and prevent emerging threats.*
- *Supporting CJAB enhancements, such as training and technical assistance, to improve local coordination, planning, and implementation.*

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- *Designing and/or delivering scenario-based training (including virtual reality and simulation-based) for emerging issues like crisis response, cybercrime, etc.*

Objective 2.4. Support gun violence intervention and prevention strategies that combine community-based and law enforcement-led approaches, improve clearance rates, and promote healing and recovery for individuals and communities.

➤ *Activity Examples:*

- *Supporting strategies to reduce the number of unsolved homicides or assaults with firearms in the Commonwealth (e.g., technology, firearms/ballistic evidence, DNA evidence, special investigations, personnel).*
- *Creating multidisciplinary gun violence task forces, Violence Reduction Councils, or similar collaborative efforts targeting areas of high crime/need.*
- *Providing trauma-informed training to support appropriate responses to gun violence victims and their families.*
- *Advancing coordinated strategies to address drivers of youth gun possession, involvement, and/or violence, including identifying trends in the supply of firearms to youth (e.g., gun trafficking).*

Objective 2.6. Promote innovation in law enforcement recruitment, retention, and accreditation by investing in training, technology, equipment, regionalization, and other strategies to strengthen public safety.

➤ *Activity Examples:*

- *Implementing recruitment and retention strategies to promote law enforcement as a profession, including messaging to promote law enforcement careers and efforts to offset training and education costs (e.g., scholarship and tuition assistance).*
- *Facilitating efforts focused on officer wellness and resilience (e.g., peer support, mental health supports).*
- *Promoting law enforcement agency accreditation efforts.*
- *Supporting the merger of two or more law enforcement agencies into a single regional law enforcement agency.*
- *Enabling the appropriate use of technology (e.g., cameras, license plate readers, gunshot detection technology, NIBIN technology, software, etc.) by law enforcement agencies that improves crime-scene investigations, clearance rates, and/or transparency.*

Goal 3: Strengthen Pennsylvania’s public safety data infrastructure and expand PCCD’s research and analytic capacity to improve decision-making, transparency, and accountability.

Objective 3.2. Help improve the quality, completeness, and timeliness of Pennsylvania’s crime data through continued investments and policy reforms to increase NIBRS compliance among law enforcement agencies, in collaboration with key partners.

➤ *Activity Examples:*

- *Purchasing NIBRS-compliant software and related training.*

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State Share – (\$5,360,397 available)

The amount remaining after the above totals have been set-aside to be used by the state in support of projects that are deemed to be priorities which may include statewide initiatives. The below stated projects total \$5,360,397 leaving a remaining balance of \$0.

- *Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) (\$591,100)*
County Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) are local planning and problem-solving groups. Funds support PCCD regional CJAB Specialists to provide training, technical assistance, and strategic planning services to county CJABs. CJAB Specialists are responsible for assisting counties with the implementation of PCCD funded Intermediate Punishment projects within defined region; monitoring compliance of CJAB Minimum Operating Standards; and providing technical assistance to counties in strategic planning efforts and to ensure successful implementation of funded projects.

Accomplishments

CJAB Specialists play a vital role in identifying emerging trends and needs at the local level. Over the past year, CJAB Specialists attended a total of 146 CJAB meetings and facilitated and/or helped 42 counties in the development or revision of CJAB strategic plans.

- *Justice Practitioner Training & Capacity Building (\$1,691,060)*
PCCD supports justice practitioner training, technical assistance, and capacity building initiatives including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Prosecutor training and capacity building (juvenile and adult);
 - Indigent defense training and capacity building (juvenile and adult);
 - Training for law enforcement responses to domestic violence and intimate partner violence (i.e., Lethality Assessment Program, local Act 79 of 2018 implementation); and
 - Other training initiatives to address any emerging trends or issues in the justice system.

PCCD intends to release competitive funding announcements, as needed, to support training, technical assistance, and capacity building efforts. The funding of new initiatives is contingent upon the availability of state funding for training purposes.

Accomplishments

Since 2024, funds have supported the training of 138 juvenile prosecutors and training for 3,244 criminal justice professionals that include prosecutors, public defenders, paralegals, and probation officers and 179 law enforcement personnel. Recent training topics included Caselaw Updates, Family Violence and Animal Cruelty, The Professional Perils of Prosecution, Cross Examination, Asset Forfeiture, NDAA Prosecutor Wellness series, and 8th Edition Sentencing Guidelines.

- *Research and Evaluation Support - Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) (\$773,238)*
The Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) assists PCCD with data analysis, project management, grant application development, and policy support for the Commission and all its committees, boards, and offices. IUP researchers offer extensive support for field

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research, including surveys/focus groups; recidivism calculation; forecast modelling; review of program outcomes; authoring projections documents; drafting RFPs; and other various duties/responsibilities.

Due to the great partnership PCCD has built in collaboration with IUP over the past several years and the enhanced ability to perform more analysis in-house at PCCD through this model, the State Share JAG continues to set aside for funding research-related projects. This funding supports the development of new digital dashboards and reports for PCCD's website, recidivism research, and other data analytics.

Accomplishments

The IUP research team has assisted PCCD in several projects, including conducting a statewide needs assessment for victims' services, assessing constables' collection of surcharges necessary to sustain the Constables' Education and Training Board Fund, review of the comprehensive School Safety and Security Survey issued to all school entities in Pennsylvania, review of the data variables related to county adult probation and parole and assisting in the development of a related funding formula, recidivism research, analysis of Uniform Crime Report data as it relates to violent crime, analysis of Philadelphia fatal and non-fatal shooting data, and preliminary analysis of Protection From Abuse data from the PA State Police.

- *Strategic Plan/Emerging Priorities (\$2,304,999)*

As in 2023/2024, funds will be set aside to support additional projects that are in alignment with PCCD's 2026-2030 Strategic Framework and to address emerging priorities that have an impact on community safety and the prevention of victimization.

Funding may be used to supplement the local competitive solicitation or regional policing efforts under this plan or other state agency projects that are in alignment with PCCD's Strategic Plan.

In addition, subject to availability of funds, for 2026/2027, PCCD intends to utilize a portion of this funding to support targeted anti-human trafficking projects, including the development and dissemination of informational materials related to human trafficking awareness and prevention, as well as making grants available to support human trafficking efforts, including, but not limited to, temporary and permanent housing placement, employment placement, education and training, and health services, among others (see Pennsylvania's anti-human trafficking statute - Title 18, Chapter 30).

Accomplishments

PCCD has historically used this funding carve-out to support innovative projects that address a unique cross-cutting need. One recent example was a qualitative study examining trends in adult pre-trial practices across the Commonwealth, including demographic trends. Funds have also supported an advanced law enforcement training initiative on use of force and an advanced body-worn camera training providing a detailed understanding of the advantages, disadvantages, and limitations of digital video and the human factor present in public and law enforcement interactions.

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Under \$10K – (\$3,539,031 available)

The funds that have been awarded to PCCD from the “less than \$10,000” jurisdictions must be awarded to state police departments that provide criminal justice services to units of local government and/or units of local government whose federal allocation is less than \$10,000.

PCCD has previously received approval from the federal government to utilize these funds for select projects that benefit those identified above and other law enforcement entities. The stated projects below total **\$3,539,031** leaving a remaining balance of \$0.

- *PA Law Enforcement Accreditation (\$642,500)*

This funding supports improvements and ongoing operations of Pennsylvania’s Law Enforcement Accreditation Program by updating existing standards. The program ensures that the standards contain clear statements of professional objectives and assist enrolled departments in the review and updating of their policies and procedures to ensure that they meet the accreditation and/or reaccreditation standards as approved by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC).

Accomplishments

Over 2023/2024, the PLEAC re-accredited 60 law enforcement agencies. Accreditation is a proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. There are currently 195 law enforcement agencies accredited in Pennsylvania; 51 additional agencies enrolled in the program over the two-year project period.

- *Offender Identification (\$488,300)*

This funding supports Pennsylvania’s offender identification efforts by increasing the number of LiveScan/CPIN machines in areas of the Commonwealth where they are needed, providing operator training, and evaluating new technologies (e.g., Rapid DNA). Additionally, this project oversees the Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network (CPIN) and assists PCCD in increasing statewide fingerprint and offender identification compliance levels.

Accomplishments

Offender identification improves the quality and overall numbers of arrest photographs and fingerprints submitted electronically to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). This initiative also supports the evaluation of new offender identification technologies to both increase the Commonwealth’s overall fingerprint compliance rate and increase officer and community safety. Over the two-year project period, this program supported and maintained 217 booking locations, trained 23 new users, and established two new central booking locations.

- *Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (\$796,700)*

This funding supports Pennsylvania’s Virtual Training Network (PAVTN) by increasing the number of web-based training courses offered, while continuing to support existing

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course offerings as part of the online training system. Web-based training enables local police departments to meet legally established training standards in a prompt and cost-effective manner.

Accomplishments

The PAVTN has improved the quality and cost effectiveness of law enforcement training through the establishment and expansion of the PAVTN. The development and deployment of professional training courses delivered to Pennsylvania's law enforcement officers has been conducted in a cost-effective way. There are currently 101 courses are being offered online and 4,366 officers completed training. The PAVTN has been a tremendous asset to the law enforcement community for continuing education needs.

- *Other Under \$10K Supported Initiatives (\$1,111,531)*

This funding will be used to supplement police regionalization efforts or the local competitive funding announcement. Funding under this allocation is available to law enforcement agencies identified on the BJA-eligible agencies list. This list is comprised of Pennsylvania departments who did not receive a direct JAG award since the award would have been less than \$10,000. Departments would be eligible to apply for funding to support items consistent with the objectives under this Plan.

Accomplishments

In 2019, 42 municipalities were awarded up to \$1,022,277 in JAG Under \$10K funds. Funds supported a variety of law enforcement initiatives such as information sharing software, tactical gear and training, in-car and body-worn camera and video systems, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, regional data sharing initiatives, and other technologies (e.g., laptops, accreditation software, barcode evidence software, and thermal imagers).

- *Police Regionalization Efforts (\$500,000)*

Pennsylvania has approximately 1,200 police departments - one of the largest numbers of local law enforcement agencies in the country. JAG Police Regionalization Efforts funding supports municipalities' efforts in establishing regional police departments through a process facilitated by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This initiative aims to improve uniformity and consistency of enforcement across municipalities; improve the recruitment, distribution, deployment, professional development and training of law enforcement personnel, training and personnel efficiency; enhance professionalism; and reduce costs.

Accomplishments

During the most recent release of JAG regionalization funding, two new regional police departments were created in Allegheny and Lebanon counties. Funds provided salary and benefit support, rebranding of cars, equipment upgrades, and updates to officer uniforms. Based on projections from DCED, PCCD anticipates that more regional departments will form in FY 2026-2027.

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Action Item

The Commission is requested to take action on the 2026-2027 Justice Assistance Grant Funding Plan as presented.

ACTION ITEM

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program Funds

Project Title: Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program

Applicants: 191 applications in 28 counties

Project Duration: April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

Project Description:

[Act 83 of 2019](#) established the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program (NPSGFP) at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Act 83 directs PCCD to administer grants to Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations which principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the [FBI's Hate Crime Statistics publication](#). The categories include race/ethnicity/ancestry; religion; sexual orientation; disability; gender; and gender identity.

Eligible applicants are entitled to request a minimum of \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$150,000. Applicants requesting \$25,001 to \$150,000 are required to provide non-state financial participation (e.g., fundraising dollars, federal or local government funds, etc.) based on the size of the grant request. Applicants requesting \$5,000 to \$25,000 in funding are not required to provide non-state financial participation for their grant.

Applicants are eligible for security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by the nonprofit organization, including the following:

- Safety and security planning
- Purchase of safety and security equipment
- Purchase of security-related technology, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - Metal detectors
 - Protective lighting
 - Surveillance equipment
 - Special emergency communications equipment
 - Electronic locksets
 - Deadbolts
 - Trauma kits
 - Theft control devices
- Safety and security training
- Threat awareness and response training
- Upgrades to existing structures that enhance safety and security
- Vulnerability and threat assessments
- Specialty-trained canines
- Any other safety or security-related project that enhances safety or security of the non-profit organization

This is the eighth cohort of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which has authorized \$35 million in funding to more than 700 applicants and 530 unique organizations since its inception. Based on reported data of the number of people who visit these facilities, it is estimated that up to seven million people across the Commonwealth have been impacted by this funding to date.

On November 24, 2025, PCCD released a \$10 million solicitation under this program.¹ The application period closed on January 12, 2026. 593 unique requests totaling \$28.8 million were submitted and reviewed. The review methodology and requests were considered and approved by a workgroup composed of representatives from PCCD, the Commission Board, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

Priority consideration in the application review process was given to those nonprofit organizations that indicated that their organization or membership was the victim of a hate-crime, clearly justified a credible hate-crime threat to their organization, or served a population clearly susceptible to a hate-crime. Geographic distribution of the grants was also taken into consideration.

Act 83 requires the Commission to review applications and make awards no later than 90 days after a completed application is received from an eligible applicant. Due to this provision all applicants who submitted their application by the closing date of January 12, 2026, are offered for consideration.

The following index lists the nonprofit organizations that are recommended to initiate the formal award process in PCCD's Egrants system. 191 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$10,871,285 in state Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program funding are recommended, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Organization Name	Organization County	Recommended Amount
Assemble	Allegheny	\$24,350
Adat Shalom Bnai Israel Beth Jacob	Allegheny	\$25,000
Aleph Institute, Inc.	Allegheny	\$25,000
Attawheed Islamic Center	Allegheny	\$100,000
Beth El Congregation of the South Hills	Allegheny	\$25,000
Chabad Jewish Center of Monroeville, Inc.	Allegheny	\$150,000
Chabad Lubavitch of the South Hills, Inc.	Allegheny	\$25,000
Chabad of Carnegie Mellon University, Inc.	Allegheny	\$75,000
Chabad of Squirrel Hill	Allegheny	\$25,000
Church of the Redeemer	Allegheny	\$55,355
Community Day School	Allegheny	\$150,000
Congregation Beth Shalom	Allegheny	\$150,000
Congregation Dor Hadash	Allegheny	\$17,000
Congregation Kether Torah	Allegheny	\$25,000
Congregation Poale Zedeck	Allegheny	\$25,000
First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$25,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$150,000
Jewish Home and Hospital for Aged	Allegheny	\$25,000
Latin American Studies Association	Allegheny	\$9,000
Lubavitch Center	Allegheny	\$25,000
Machon Schneerson Chabad	Allegheny	\$25,000

¹ Due to lapsed or unclaimed funding in prior cohorts of the nonprofit security grant program, PCCD is recommending that the total award amount recommended include an additional \$871,285 of uncommitted, unencumbered state nonprofit security grant funds.

National Council of Young Israel, Young Israel of Greater Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$25,000
Our Giving Kitchen Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$25,000
Penn Woods Classical Academy	Allegheny	\$45,051
Persad Center	Allegheny	\$25,000
Pittsburgh Kollel Bais Yitzchok	Allegheny	\$25,000
Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania	Allegheny	\$75,000
Rodef Shalom Congregation	Allegheny	\$150,000
Seton LaSalle Catholic High School	Allegheny	\$100,000
SisTers PGH	Allegheny	\$50,000
T of L, Inc	Allegheny	\$150,000
Temple Ohav Shalom of Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$25,000
The Citizen Science Lab	Allegheny	\$55,000
The Greenwood Plan	Allegheny	\$25,000
The Jewish Spark	Allegheny	\$75,000
TransYOUning	Allegheny	\$70,000
Tzohar Arts	Allegheny	\$25,000
Yeshivath Achei Tmimim of Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$150,000
Young Men & Womens Hebrew Association & Irene Kaufmann Centers	Allegheny	\$53,000
Young Peoples Synagogue	Allegheny	\$13,200
Beth Samuel Jewish Center	Beaver	\$25,000
Albright College	Berks	\$150,000
Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc.	Berks	\$25,000
Huff's Union Church, Inc.	Berks	\$23,495
Rahma Cemetery, Inc.	Berks	\$53,459
Reading Pride Celebration	Berks	\$5,500
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom	Berks	\$24,025
The LGBT Center of Greater Reading	Berks	\$21,800
Camp Palgai Mayim	Bradford	\$150,000
Endless Mountains Pride, Inc.	Bradford	\$5,000
Congregation Tiferes Benai Israel	Bucks	\$16,000
Kehilat HaNahar the Little Shul by the River	Bucks	\$25,000
Kol Emet Yardley Reconstructionist Congregation	Bucks	\$60,000
Salem United Church of Christ	Bucks	\$45,500
Shir Ami Bucks County Jewish Congregation	Bucks	\$75,000
St James Church	Bucks	\$56,390
Temple Judea of Bucks County	Bucks	\$24,894
United American Muslim Association of NY, Inc.	Bucks	\$75,000
Zubaida Foundation	Bucks	\$107,500
Beth Sholom Congregation	Cambria	\$20,240

Congregation Brit Shalom	Centre	\$60,000
Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania	Centre	\$25,000
St Johns United Church of Christ	Centre	\$5,657
Beth Chaim Reform Congregation	Chester	\$21,621
Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County	Chester	\$25,000
Congregation B'nai Jacob	Chester	\$24,500
Episcopal Church of the Trinity	Chester	\$25,000
Holcomb Associates, Inc.	Chester	\$25,000
Islamic Society of Chester County	Chester	\$75,000
LGBT Equality Alliance of Chester County	Chester	\$20,150
Saint Rocco Parish	Chester	\$25,000
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church of Oxford, Pennsylvania	Chester	\$150,000
YMCA of Greater Brandywine	Chester	\$100,000
Hope Rising Community Church, Inc.	Clarion	\$25,000
American Islamic Cultural Center	Cumberland	\$100,000
Al-Huda, INC	Dauphin	\$150,000
Bethel AME Church	Dauphin	\$24,800
CAST-Philadelphia	Dauphin	\$20,000
Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick	Dauphin	\$28,296
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg	Dauphin	\$75,000
Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), DBA Asian Refugees United (ARU)	Dauphin	\$25,000
Congregation Chisuk Emuna of Harrisburg, PA	Dauphin	\$25,000
Islamic Center Masjid Al-Sabereen	Dauphin	\$74,000
Keshet Israel Congregation of Harrisburg	Dauphin	\$25,000
St Francis of Assisi Parish	Dauphin	\$33,850
Temple Ohev Sholom	Dauphin	\$25,000
The Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy	Dauphin	\$25,000
Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid	Delaware	\$15,000
Congregation Beth Israel of Media	Delaware	\$16,850
Jewish Student Enrichment Center, Inc.	Delaware	\$150,000
Nile Swim Club of Yeadon	Delaware	\$20,000
BUILD Community Development Corporation	Erie	\$24,270
Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation	Erie	\$25,000
Camp Chaverim Inc DBA Reyus	Franklin	\$20,000
Jewish Camp and Conference Services Inc.	Franklin	\$150,000
Saint Bernard Regional School	Indiana	\$23,238
ISKCON Gita Nagari	Juniata	\$40,000
Congregation Ohev Zedek	Lackawanna	\$75,000
Jewish Discovery Center, Inc.	Lackawanna	\$100,000

Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster	Lancaster	\$25,000
Congolese Community of Central Pennsylvania	Lancaster	\$24,850
Ephrata Public Library	Lancaster	\$5,226
Islamic Community Center of Lancaster	Lancaster	\$74,500
Lancaster County Chooses Love	Lancaster	\$19,312
Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster	Lancaster	\$21,452
Congregation Sons of Israel	Lehigh	\$25,000
Jewish Community Center of Allentown, Pennsylvania	Lehigh	\$75,000
Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley	Lehigh	\$60,000
Parkland Community Library	Lehigh	\$25,000
St Catharine of Sienas R C Church	Lehigh	\$56,295
Cheder Menachem, Inc.	Luzerne	\$148,000
Congregation Bais Tzvi Yosef Inc.	Luzerne	\$150,000
Gate of Heaven Church	Luzerne	\$9,980
Our Lady of Victory Church	Luzerne	\$7,500
Volunteers in Medicine	Luzerne	\$75,000
Camp Dora Golding DBA Camp Dina	Monroe	\$150,000
Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos	Monroe	\$24,647
Academy of the New Church	Montgomery	\$20,700
Bethel Community Church of Pottstown	Montgomery	\$25,000
Chabad Israeli Center	Montgomery	\$25,000
Chabad Lubavitch of the Main Line, Inc.	Montgomery	\$150,000
College Settlement of Philadelphia	Montgomery	\$7,959
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Lansdale	Montgomery	\$25,000
Corpus Christi Church	Montgomery	\$150,000
Friends of Israel Scouts, Inc. DBA Tzofim North America Paamon Chapter	Montgomery	\$25,000
Golden Slipper Camp	Montgomery	\$87,259
Gratz College	Montgomery	\$85,000
Har Zion Temple	Montgomery	\$75,000
Hatfield Jame Masjid	Montgomery	\$150,000
I. S. Kosloff Torah Academy High School for Girls	Montgomery	\$66,523
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia	Montgomery	\$66,165
Jewish Relief Agency	Montgomery	\$23,454
Kaiserman Jewish Community Center	Montgomery	\$100,000
Khair, Inc.	Montgomery	\$74,364
Main Line Reform Temple	Montgomery	\$25,000
Saint Eleanor Church	Montgomery	\$74,000
St Paul's UCC Fort Washington, PA	Montgomery	\$25,000
Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El	Montgomery	\$25,000

Temple Brith Achim	Montgomery	\$25,000
Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub	Montgomery	\$25,000
William Jeanes Memorial Library	Montgomery	\$19,000
El Shaddai Assembly of God	Northampton	\$24,999
Shiloh Baptist Church of Easton PA	Northampton	\$42,335
African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc.	Philadelphia	\$150,000
Al-Aqsa Islamic Society	Philadelphia	\$90,000
Alimah Scouts, Inc.	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Asian Arts Initiative	Philadelphia	\$75,000
Bikur Cholim of Lakewood, Inc.	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Bnai Brith Youth Organization	Philadelphia	\$73,000
Cheder Chabad - Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$75,000
Congregation Rodeph Shalom	Philadelphia	\$23,775
Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Council on American-Islamic Relations Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$23,850
Friends of Historic B'nai Abraham	Philadelphia	\$100,000
Friends of the Japanese House and Garden	Philadelphia	\$41,729
Germantown Jewish Centre	Philadelphia	\$83,333
Guideline Services	Philadelphia	\$100,000
Hebrew Congregation of Philadelphia -Congregation Shivtei Yeshuron Ezras Israel	Philadelphia	\$25,000
HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$21,370
House of peace and Enlightenment	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Institute for the Development of African American Youth, Inc.	Philadelphia	\$20,094
Mesivta Chazak, Inc.	Philadelphia	\$150,000
Muslim Youth of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Nazareth Academy High School	Philadelphia	\$100,000
Philadelphia FIGHT	Philadelphia	\$35,609
Philadelphia Ramadan and Eid Fund	Philadelphia	\$23,800
Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church	Philadelphia	\$24,926
Society Hill Synagogue	Philadelphia	\$19,780
South Philadelphia Shtiebe	Philadelphia	\$75,000
St Francis de Sales School	Philadelphia	\$20,250
St Josephs Church	Philadelphia	\$21,890
St Peters Church	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Sunday Breakfast Association of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$150,000
West African Community Center WAFCOM Inc.	Philadelphia	\$75,000
Yeshiva Ketana of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$25,000
Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms	Pike	\$25,000

Jewish Reconstructionist Camping Corporation (DBA: Camp Havaya)	Pike	\$100,000
New Jersey Federation of Young Men's Hebrew Association and Young Women's Hebrew Association (Milford)	Pike	\$150,000
Services for Hidden Intelligence Inc.	Pike	\$150,000
The Kings Soldiers - Chayolei Hamelech, Inc.	Pike	\$150,000
Bnai Brith Youth Organization	Wayne	\$77,000
Camp Hachshara-Moshava of NY, Inc	Wayne	\$75,000
Congregation YKP	Wayne	\$150,000
CZ Wellness Group Inc	Wayne	\$24,500
New Jersey Federation of Young Men's Hebrew Association and Young Women's Hebrew Association - Lake Como	Wayne	\$150,000
Perlman Camp Organization	Wayne	\$150,000
Services for Hidden Intelligence Inc.	Wayne	\$150,000
Congregation Emanu-El Israel	Westmoreland	\$25,000
Seton Hill University	Westmoreland	\$25,000
Living Word Community Church	York	\$56,838
York Jewish Community Center	York	\$18,030
	Total	\$10,871,285