
Grant Program Profile

Grant Program Name: 599

Source of Funds: The Code of Virginia (§9.1-165, et seq.) provides for financial assistance to localities with police departments through the "599" program. Currently, 40 cities, 9 counties and 126 towns receive "599" funds. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers the program.

Amount Available: Calculations to determine the distribution of "599" funds to localities are performed biennially by DCJS. The funds are allocated by a distribution formula which uses population, crime rates, and social services rates.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for "599" funds, a locality must have a police department, and the department's officers must meet the state's minimum training requirements. DCJS requires each participating jurisdiction to certify annually that it meets the eligibility criteria. Jurisdictions which received "599" funds during the 1980-82 biennium are considered eligible to receive funding as long as their departments remain in operation. Other localities seeking to establish police departments and become eligible must meet more stringent criteria. Any town eligible for "599" funds during the 1986-88 biennium may elect to have its police services provided by the sheriff of the county in which it is located, under an agreement pursuant to §15.2-1726, and still retain its eligibility.

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