

MINUTES
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
DRUG AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD
Monday, September 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Drug and Violent Crime (DVC) Policy Board was brought to order by Chairperson Julie Lawyer at 8:30 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. (Total membership – 9; needed for quorum – 5; total members present or represented – 8.

Members Present:

Chairperson Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, Stephanie Engebretson

Members Not Present:

Pete Nielsen

Subcommittee 1:

Casey Miller, Andy Schneider, Pete Nielsen, Verlan Kvande

Subcommittee 2:

Wade Enget, Stacy Schaffer, Stephanie Engebretson, Andrea Martin

Non-Committee Member Present:

Mack Schneider, US Attorney's Office

AGENDA

1. Business Meeting – Full Board
2. Subcommittee meetings – Review and discuss:
 - A. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG),
 - B. Multi-jurisdictional Task Force Lottery (Lottery),
 - C. Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN),
3. Full Board – Award recommendations

Verlan Kvande moved to allow Casey Miller to vote on all applications; Wade Enget seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Casey Miller recused from the vote. Motion carried 7-0.

JAG/LOTTERY application requests:

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the ND Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigation-Agent Grant for \$216,040.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$181,972.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the ND Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigation-Tactical Team for \$19,800.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$0; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie

Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: there is other funding options available. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the University of North Dakota Police Department-GFNTF for \$41,994.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$0; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for \$554,625.90 in Lottery funding for body camera equipment. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$0; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for \$385,943.00 in Lottery funding for vests. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$0; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for \$36,452.71 in Lottery funding for Tasers. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$0; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Cass County Drug Task Force for \$142,579.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$133,579.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force for \$93,200.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$93,200.00 in Lottery funds; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Lake Region Narcotics Task Force for \$143,377.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$143,377.00 in Lottery funds; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Metro Area Narcotics Task Force for \$121,650.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$109,600.45; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Northland Narcotics Task Force for \$32,200.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$29,800.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Northland Narcotics Task Force for \$42,000.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$42,000.00 in JAG funds for personnel; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Northwest Narcotics Task Force for \$140,138.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$140,192.05; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Stutsman County Narcotics Task Force for \$84,000.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$76,152.44 in JAG funds for personnel; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Stutsman County Narcotics Task Force for \$32,378.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$29,385.35; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the End of the Woods Task Force for \$107,987.48 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$95,619.23; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force for \$42,000.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$38,076.21; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force for \$21,595.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$21,595.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Southwest Narcotics Task Force for \$115,614.00 in JAG funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$38,076.22 in JAG funds; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea

Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Southwest Narcotics Task Force for \$158,963.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$148,215.25; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Ward County Narcotics Task Force for \$116,687.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$116,687.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians for \$21,474.00 in Lottery funding. Casey Miller moved to recommend funding \$21,474.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Abused Persons Outreach Center for \$8,461.14 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$8,461.14 for personnel; Andrea Martin seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Abuse Resource Network for \$20,017.00 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$14,834.00 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Community Violence Intervention Center for \$37,871.68 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$37,871.68 for personnel; Andy Schneider seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Dakota Children's Advocacy Center for \$31,748.00 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$26,873.00 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center for \$36,380.50 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$15,705.80 for personnel; Stacy Schaffer seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center for \$61,128.00 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$30,000.00 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Red River Children's Advocacy Center for \$26,921.70 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$26,921.70 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from Safe Shelter for \$9,830.46 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$9,830.46 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from Three Rivers Crisis Center for \$6,459.00 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$6,459.00 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the Women's Action and Resource Center for \$15,559.20 in JAG funding. Wade Enget moved to recommend funding \$12,348.09 for personnel; Stephanie Engebretson seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

PSN application requests:

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from Fargo Police Department for \$33,300.00 in PSN funding. Andy Schneider moved to recommend funding \$33,300.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

Chairperson Lawyer presented a grant request from the West Fargo Police Department for \$102,000.00 in PSN funding. Andy Schneider moved to recommend funding \$32,982.00; Verlan Kvande seconded the motion. Julie Lawyer, Wade Enget, Casey Miller, Andrea Martin, Verlan Kvande, Stacy Schaffer, Andy Schneider, and Stephanie Engebretson voted in favor. Discussion: none. Motion carried 8-0.

The next board hearing will be held September 15, 2025.

Chairperson Julie Lawyer adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.