

DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Town Council

FROM: John Clair, Chief of Police
Jeff Lazenby, Director of Finance

TITLE: Ordinance 2116, Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a total of \$284,476 in Police Grant Funding to the General Fund.

▪ **Background:**

Ordinance 2116 amends the FY 2026 Operating Budget by appropriating \$284,476 in grant funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The grant package includes \$167,000 for Stratified Policing. Stratified Policing is a model that gives the Police Department tools to implement proactive, analysis driven, and evidence-based strategies into daily operations, both within the department and through structured collaboration with Town departments and community partners.

The second portion includes \$116,618 for the purchase of forensic and analytical technology. This will allow the department to acquire equipment that will assist in bolstering officer investigative and safety capabilities.

The third portion includes \$858 for the purchase of a tablet that will be used at recruiting events to allow interested applicants to complete applications at the event.

▪ **Considerations:**

To spend the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services grants, the funds must be appropriated to the FY 2026 Police Expenditures portion of the Operating Budget in the General Fund.

▪ **Action:**

Approval of Ordinance 2116 is recommended.

▪ **Attachments:** Ordinance 2116.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET BY ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$284,476 IN POLICE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town has received a grant package in the amount of \$284,476 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services that must be accepted and appropriated by the Town Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg:

1. That the FY 2026 Operating Budget is hereby amended by accepting and appropriating \$284,476 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to the Police Department Grant Expenditures line item, with revenue adjusted accordingly in the Operating Budget.
2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after its adoption.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Introduction: _____

Public Hearing & Action: _____

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Director of Finance

Town Attorney