



**MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:**  
**FROM:** Mike Reynolds, Police Chief  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of 2023 Justice Assistance Grant for Drug Task Force Funding**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award for federal and state funding of the 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) in the amount of \$124,499 and approval of the corresponding grant documents.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (ADF&A) has provided federal and state grant funding to the City of Fayetteville for multi-jurisdictional drug task force activities since 1991. Use of these funds are dictated by the 2020-2025 Statewide Strategic Plan adopted by the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council. We are the subgrantee of the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, and these grant funds can only be used for law enforcement purposes.

Participating law enforcement agencies include Fayetteville, Springdale, Prairie Grove, Elkins, Farmington, Lincoln, Greenland, West Fork, Elm Springs, Tontitown, Goshen, and Washington County. The DTF Control Group consists of top law enforcement officials from Fayetteville, Springdale, Prairie Grove, and Washington County. Fayetteville continues to provide fiduciary oversight of this grant and provides a DTF Supervisor, three (3) DTF Officers, and a DTF Secretary. Springdale provides four (4) DTF Officers and Washington County provides a DTF Officer. Also, Prairie Grove provides a DTF Officer who is a representative for all of the rural agencies.

At the beginning of the DTF's current grant period (July 2022-June 2023), ADF&A awarded grant funding through the Arkansas State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Fund to the DTF in the amount of \$91,319 in state funding with a local match requirement of \$27,396. The Arkansas State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Fund award was approved by City Council on September 20, 2022, via Resolution #215-22.

**DISCUSSION:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DTF's total grant budget of all agencies for the current grant period is \$592,325. ADF&A has awarded grant funding through the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program in the amount of \$62,232 and state funding in the amount of \$43,597. To receive these federal funds from the JAG Program, the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DTF and member agencies must commit to a local match of \$18,670. In addition to the local match requirement, Fayetteville has budgeted additional funds in its 2023 Annual Operating Budget to

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cover other non-grant funded drug enforcement activity. The grant award budget will be distributed as follows: Fayetteville – Federal - \$36,888.79, State - \$25,842.67 with a local match of \$11,066.88, Springdale – Federal - \$9,371.77, State - \$6,565.45 with a local match of \$2,811.59, Washington County – Federal - \$8,251.65, State – \$5,780.74, with a local match of \$2,475.55, Prairie Grove – Federal - \$7,719.79, State – \$5,408.14, with a local match of \$2,315.98. Other member agencies also contribute additional funds to support on-going drug enforcement activity. This JAG award brings the total grant funding in support of the 4<sup>th</sup> DTF to \$197,148 or approximately 33%.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

There will be no impact on existing DTF budgets as both grant revenue and expenses were incorporated in the 2023 annual operating budget. This grant funding will have no impact on current staffing levels.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 4th JD DTF JAG 22 Award Document FY23