



**MEETING OF MAY 16, 2023**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Addendum for the 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) in the amount of \$29,087. This grant award addendum consists of federal funding in the amount of \$29,087. There are no required local matching funds associated with this grant award.

**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, Huntsville, 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. On March 21, 2023, additional grant funding from ADF&A through the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG was approved by City Council, via Resolution #76-23, in the amount of \$62,232 in federal funding and \$43,597 in state funding with a local match requirement of \$18,670.

**DISCUSSION:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DTF's total grant budget of all agencies for the current grant period is \$592,325. On

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April 1, 2023, ADF&A awarded additional federal funding through a grant addendum via the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program in the amount of \$29,087. There are no required local matching funds associated with this grant addendum award. This grant award addendum brings the total grant funding for the 4th Judicial District DTF to prior year funding amounts. The grant addendum award will be distributed as follows: Fayetteville – \$17,241.68, Springdale – \$4,380.33, Washington County – \$3,856.79, Prairie Grove – \$3,608.20. This Edward Byrne Memorial JAG addendum award brings the total grant funding in support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DTF to \$226,235 or approximately 38%.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

There will be no impact on existing 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 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:** SRF - 2023 DTF - JAG Grant Award Addendum, 4th JD DTF JAG Award Document 2022-23, 4th DTF-Fayetteville JAG 22-23\_Addendum Approved Budget-signed