



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
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FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief
DATE:
SUBJECT: Grant Award for Funding of 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of an award for budgeted grant funding of the 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force (4th JDDTF) through the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration's (ADF&A) Justice Assistance and State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Programs in the amount of \$272,301. The award amount represents \$91,319 in federal funding, \$134,916 in state funding, and \$46,066 in required local in-kind matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (ADF&A) has provided federal and state funding to the City of Fayetteville for multi-jurisdictional drug task force activities since 1991. Grant funding is provided by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and the State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Fund. Use of these funds are dictated by the 2020-2025 Statewide Strategic Plan adopted by the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council. The City of Fayetteville, as the fiduciary of the 4th JDDTF, is a 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, Farmington, Lincoln, Greenland, West Fork, Goshen, Elkins, Tontitown, Elm Springs, and Huntsville Police Departments, and the Washington County Sheriff's Office. 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 funding 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, which represents all of the rural member agencies.

DISCUSSION:

ADF&A's Office of Intergovernmental Services has awarded grant funding through the Justice Assistance and State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant. The grant award will partially reimburse personnel expenses of the task force officers. The grant award budget will be distributed as follows: Fayetteville - \$60,162 federal and \$88,885 state with local match of \$30,348; Springdale - \$12,574 federal and \$18,576 state with local match of \$6,343; Washington County - \$9,209 federal and \$13,606 state with local match of \$4,646; and Prairie Grove - \$9,374 federal and \$13,849 state with local match of \$4,729.

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BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

No increase in budgeted funds will be required. The current DTF budget will be sufficient for the balance of 2023. This grant funding will have no impact on current staffing levels.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF - 2023 DTF Grant Award, SRM - 2023 DTF Grant Award, 2023 DTF Grant Award Documents