



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU:
FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief
DATE:
SUBJECT: **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Award for the Fayetteville Police Department**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the non-matching Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant award and approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$18,114.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Fayetteville Police Department (FPD) first received PSN grant funds in the total amount of \$14,100 beginning in 2020. The department applied to renew this funding on December 2, 2022, with the Department of Finance & Administration, Office of Intergovernmental Services with a proposed budget of \$18,114.00. The budget and application were approved by staff on December 2, 2022, and on August 1, 2023, the police department was notified of this grant award. The PSN grant is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction of violent crime and works in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Arkansas. The program's effectiveness relies on the collaboration of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve.

DISCUSSION:

FPD proposes to utilize the grant award of \$18,114.00 as follows: \$5,269 for gun violence investigations overtime, \$2,108 for community events overtime, and \$1,237 for the fringe benefits associated with the overtime allocations, \$2,000 for printing costs of a PSN themed coloring book, \$3,000 for the purchase of gun locks with the PSN logo which will be used when educating the public on firearm safety, and \$3,000 for the purchase of first aid kits, which will be utilized as training aids for our community. Funding in the amount of \$1,500 will be used to supplement the cost of three community events, which include scholarships for a self-defense course, miniature golf with sworn staff, and a community hoops event. The grant period for this award is from August 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

There are no matching funds associated with this grant. A budget adjustment in the amount of \$18,114.00 will be added to the 2023 operating budget. There is no impact on staffing.

ATTACHMENTS: PSN Staff Review Form & Staff Review Memo , 2023-1017 BA Police Safe Neighborhoods Grant, PSN grant award documents

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