



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1282

2023 Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Team Grant Award

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A 2023 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00, TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF 2.0 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT NON-UNIFORMED POSITIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS FOR THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, in 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awarded the City of Fayetteville a Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Team Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 which fully funded two social worker positions and two uniformed officers for two years; and

WHEREAS, because of the success of the CIT program, the Fayetteville Police Department applied for and was awarded a 2023 U.S. Department of Justice grant to support the hiring of two additional social workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes acceptance of a 2023 Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Team Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$400,000.00, which will be used to pay the salaries and benefits of two additional full time social workers to work with the Police Department, and further authorizes Mayor Jordan to execute the grant agreement and any other documents necessary to receive the funds.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves the addition of 2.0 full time equivalent positions to the Police Department to hire two social workers who will work with the Crisis Intervention Team to identify and work with residents in need of services.

Section 3: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution.



MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU:

FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief

DATE:

SUBJECT: 2023 Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Team Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the non-matching 2023 Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the amount of \$400,000; approving an increase in police staffing by two (2) non-uniformed FTEs; and approving a budget adjustment recognizing the grant revenues and expenses.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. DOJ, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has announced the 2023 CIT grant awards. This is the second time the Fayetteville Police Department has been awarded this grant. The Fayetteville Police Department used 2021 CIT grant funds to hire two full-time Social Services Advocates (SSA) who work in conjunction with uniformed officers. The DOJ is allocating the 2023 CIT grant funds to expand the use of SSAs to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement. These positions identify citizens needing assistance or referrals for individuals in the following areas: mental health, substance abuse, housing and domestic abuse. The 2023 CIT grant award is a 2-year grant administered through the City's Project Accounting System.

DISCUSSION:

The Fayetteville Police Department proposes using 2023 CIT grant funds to expand our Crisis Intervention Response Team by two SSAs who will work with Crisis Intervention Team trained officers. These advocates identify citizens needing assistance or referrals in the following areas: mental health, substance abuse, specifically the opioid epidemic, housing, and domestic abuse to those in crisis. Advocates focus on social determinants of health, including, but not limited to, housing, legal, money, social support, transportation, employment, education, food, goods, and health. With this grant award, two additional sworn officers will be requested in the 2025 operating budget and added to the Crisis Intervention Team to be paired with the SSAs. The 2023 CIT grant expenditures include salaries and overtime costs for the SSAs, equipment, and travel and training. Please see attached program abstract, program narrative, and budget narrative for details.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This grant does not require matching funds. Budget adjustment for these grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 will cover the salary and fringe benefits for two (2) SSAs, training, equipment, and supplies. Acceptance of this grant increases staffing by two (2) non-uniformed FTEs. An additional increase of two (2) uniformed FTEs will be requested in the 2025 operating budget.

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ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), Award_Package_FAW-180410 (#5), Abstract (#6), Program Narrative (#7), FY23 CPD-CIT Budget narrative (#8)