



# City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 2023-1437

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### **2024 Public Safety Equipment Grant Award for Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NON-MATCHING PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,365.58 FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE TO PURCHASE A HANDHELD NARCOTICS ANALYZER, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Drug Task Force completed an application for a grant to purchase a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer in August 2023 and received notice in November that the grant had been awarded.

**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 Mayor Jordan to accept a non-matching Public Safety Equipment grant from the Arkansas Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$40,365.58 for the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force to purchase a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer, and to execute any documents necessary to receive the funds.

Section 2: 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 19, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council

**THRU:**

**FROM:** Mike Reynolds, Police Chief

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT: 2024 Public Safety Equipment Grant Award for Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the non-matching 2024 Public Safety Equipment Grant (PSEG) award from the Arkansas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) in the amount of \$40,365.58 and a budget adjustment for the purchase a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer.

**BACKGROUND:**

The DTF completed an application for this grant in August, 2023. The DPS PSEG funding supports the improvement and delivery of best police practices through increasing access to state-of-the-art safety equipment, training, or accreditation to improve trust between law enforcement and the persons in the communities in which they serve in the State of Arkansas. With this funding, the DPS supports projects that allows for the identification and expansion of promising police practices through the utilization of safety equipment that follows best police practices.

**DISCUSSION:**

The use of illicit narcotics and opioids continues to skyrocket. Emerging lethal drugs like fentanyl and xylazine threaten public safety. To save lives and protect the investigating law enforcement officers, controlled and deadly substances need to be identified quickly, safely and accurately. Traditional methods of preliminary field identification require exposure as the law enforcement officer manipulates the potentially deadly substance. As such, the DTF investigators are not field testing suspected fentanyl, merely relying upon their training and experience to identify the substances before the substances are sent to a crime laboratory for forensic examination. The TruNarc Narcotics Analyzer provides a safer in-the-field identification method by reducing the exposure of the law enforcement officer to the substance. Once equipped with this technology, DTF investigators will be able to safely identify controlled substances and strengthen the evidence in their criminal cases.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

There are no matching funds associated with this grant. A budget adjustment in the amount of \$40,366 will establish revenue and expenditure budgets within the City's project accounting system. There is no impact on staffing.

**ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), SRM (#5), 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force-24PSEG-APPROVED-**

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Budget (#6), 4th Judicial District Drug Task Force-DPS FY24 PSEG MOU (#7)

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