

City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

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Mike Reynolds

12/2/2022

POLICE (200)

Submitted By

Submitted Date

Division / Department

Action Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of non-matching grant award and memorandum of understanding with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for acceptance of the 2022 DPS Equipment Grant award for funding of Body Worn Camera Devices and/or Virtual Reality Training Equipment in the amount of \$100,000, and budget adjustment.

Budget Impact:

1010.200.2920-5210.00	General
Account Number	Fund
32209-2022	DPS Equipment Grant
Project Number	Project Title
Budgeted Item? <u> No </u>	Current Budget \$ -
	Funds Obligated \$ -
	Current Balance \$ -
Does item have a cost? <u> No </u>	Item Cost \$ -
Budget Adjustment Attached? <u> Yes </u>	Budget Adjustment \$ 100,000.00
	Remaining Budget \$ 100,000.00

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Purchase Order Number: _____

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

Change Order Number: _____

Approval Date: _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Comments:



MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Reynolds, Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Reynolds".

DATE: December 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Department of Public Safety Equipment Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of non-matching grant award and memorandum of understanding with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for acceptance of the 2022 DPS Equipment Grant award for funding of Body Worn Camera Devices and/or Virtual Reality Training Equipment in the amount of \$100,000, and a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

The Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 786 of 2021 to facilitate implementing best police practices to improve trust between law enforcement officers and the communities in which they serve, ultimately improving public safety. This grant was limited to assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of body worn cameras, protective equipment, and training equipment. The law enforcement equipment authorized by this grant has shown to increase officer accountability and transparency, improve officer-citizen interactions, reduce unwarranted complaints against law enforcement, aid in criminal prosecutions, facilitate officer training, build community trust in law enforcement, and increase public safety for both officers and the citizens they serve.

DISCUSSION:

The DPS Equipment Grant Committee has awarded the Fayetteville Police Department \$100,000 to help fund our body worn camera expansion and/or the purchase of virtual reality equipment.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This grant award does not require local matching funds and has no impact on staffing levels. Approval of this budget adjustment will establish revenue and expense budgets equal to the grant award in the amount of \$100,000.

Attachments:

DPS Award Letter
Memorandum of Understanding



State of Arkansas
Governor Asa Hutchinson

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

A. J. GARY
SECRETARY

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Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
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Public Safety Equipment Grant Program
Department of Public Safety
#1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, AR 72209

December 1st, 2022

Dear Fayetteville Police Chief Reynolds,

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) Equipment Grant Committee has reviewed your application requesting funding under the 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program. Based on their recommendations, I am pleased to award you funding for the 2022 DPS Public Safety Grant Program. We believe your funded project will make an impactful difference to increasing transparency and accountability within the communities your agency serves. As part of the Public Safety Equipment Grant Program, you will receive a *partial* funding amount of **\$100,000** to conduct your grant program over the 2022 & 2023 calendar year with DPS.

Items Funded	Description
Category 3 Body Camera Devices (Auto-Activation Capabilities) with Software Storage Bundle ;	Committee awarded partial funding cap of \$100,000 to be used toward submitted requests (i.e., Funding request for Project Component (1) of (\$135,717.03); and Funding request for Project Component (2) of (\$498,991.96)).
Category 10; Virtual Reality Training Equipment;	
Category 14 Other-IPADS	
Total Amount: \$100,000	

As part of the grant program requirements, the following must be conducted within the 2022 – 2023 calendar year:

- Sign and return the attached Memorandum of Understanding to the DPS Public Safety equipment Grant Committee fourteen (14) days from the date of the received grant award notification; no later than 4:30pm on Friday, December 30th, 2022.
- Utilize funding award for the appropriate items listed in your award notification letter; if all funds are not utilized in the calendar year, unused funds must be returned to DPS at the completion of the grant program.
- Participate and complete any surveys related to the implementation and success of the awarded program as requested by the DPS Research and Planning Division.
- Complete and submit a financial report each month via email, due by the 10th of the following month at 4:30pm to the DPS Research and Planning Division, Special Projects Coordinator, Jackie Baker at Jackie.baker@asp.arkansas.gov providing an accounting of the activities and expenditures for the previous month. A copy of all receipts must be attached. All expenditures are subject to DPS and Legislative Audit Review. All documents must be retained for a period of three (3) years from the receipt of award.

- Submit a final report at the end of the grant period (December 10th, 2023, by 4:30pm), or after all expenses have been incurred, providing a final accounting of the activities and expenditures for the project.

Congratulations on your 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program award. We look forward to working with your agency to continue to improve community trust within the State of Arkansas. Please feel free to contact the Committee Chair, Lt. Jeff Whitlock, by email at Jeff.whitlock@asp.arkansas.gov or phone at (501) 618-8424 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Allen "AJ" Gary
Secretary, Arkansas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM)
AJ.Gary@dps.arkansas.gov



Arkansas Department of Public Safety
Public Safety Equipment Grant Program Fund
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Little Rock, AR 72209

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In accordance with Act 786 of 2021 the Arkansas Department of Public Safety is responsible for awarding funding from the Public Safety Equipment Grant Fund. Pursuant to the foregoing authority, the Arkansas Department of Public Safety has established the Public Safety Equipment Grant Fund Committee to award funding to applicants who, in the Committee's judgment, best facilitate improving trust between Arkansas law enforcement officers and the communities they serve.

The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to outline the requirements for applicants that receive grant funding under the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program.

Based on the above, the Arkansas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") and the (City of Fayetteville) (the "Agency") agree as follows:

1. The Agency will maintain records and receipts for items purchased with the grant funds and will furnish copies of all receipts to DPS by the 10th day of the month following the expenditure.
2. Any modification or changes exceeding 10% to the Agency's approved budget must be authorized by the DPS Committee before expenditures for the changes can be made. Any awarded funds not expended during the period set out in the preceding paragraph and in accordance with the budget or approved changes shall be refunded to DPS by 4:30 p.m. December 31, 2023.
3. The awarded funds are subject to audit by DPS and/or the Department of Legislative Audit. Misuse of these funds will result in the Agency being required to reimburse DPS for the funds awarded. Any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may result in criminal, civil, or administrative penalties and may prohibit administrations from receiving future awards.(U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)
4. Agencies will be required to complete any surveys related to the implementation and success of the program.

5. The following items will NOT be considered for funding and any funds awarded should not be used for these items:

- Salaries, over time, fringe benefits related to salaries
- Any Specialty Court
- Real Estate
- Vessel or Aircraft
- Vehicles
- Firearms
- Construction Projects
- Buy Money

6. DPS will terminate this agreement and require repayment of any grant funding in the event of fraud, misuse, or expenditures not related to the approved project.

This MOU is in effect from December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 and will remain in full force and effect for the duration of the agreement period, not to exceed one year, unless otherwise terminated by DPS.

SIGNATURES

A.J. Gary
Secretary
Arkansas Department of Public Safety

Date: _____

Lioneld Jordan, Mayor

Date: _____