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Re: Annual Report- Court Security Grant Program; Act 576 of 2007

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Act 576, section 1 of 2007, codified as Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-1006, provides as follows:

Court security grant program.

(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall administer a court security grant program for the purpose of providing financial assistance from funds specifically appropriated for that purpose to city and county governments to assist in the implementation of local security and emergency preparedness plans for circuit courts and district courts.

The Act further states that on July 31 of every year the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Council that shall include the number of grant requests received from counties and the number and amount of grants approved.

Eligible applicants include any counties which previously completed all requirements for the submission and approval of their comprehensive Local Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Plans, including the Facility Assessment, Court Security Plan, Emergency Response Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan.

In FY22, the Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness received 32 applications seeking \$531,022.36 in funding. After thorough review of each application, the Committee awarded 16 applications equaling the allocation of \$250,000.

The grants were disbursed to the counties on May 31, 2022 and must be expended by December 31, 2022. Grant reports are required of all successful applicants and due by January 15, 2023.

**Act 576 of 2007 Court Security Grant Awards FY2022**

<b>County</b>	<b>Brief Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b>Ashley</b>	<b>Walk-through metal detector, add 3 doors with access control, duress alarm system</b>	<b>16,462.53</b>
<b>Bradley</b>	<b>Panic button system</b>	<b>12,592.05</b>
<b>Cleburne</b>	<b>Complete replacement of outdated electronic entry system</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Crawford</b>	<b>Camera system for CSO station to monitor exterior</b>	<b>2,956.50</b>
<b>Drew</b>	<b>Construct two holding cells in courthouse for in-custody defendants</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Courtroom remodel to include a new wall and security door, card reader access, ballistic panels on bench</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Hot Spring</b>	<b>Create secure clerks office/pay window</b>	<b>17,172.74</b>
<b>Independence</b>	<b>Video intercom entry system, walk-through metal detector</b>	<b>8,370.00</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Retrofit courtroom for security and flow of traffic, stanchions, security door to chambers, add card swipe entry</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Wireless panic alarm system</b>	<b>19,987.00</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Security gate, panic button, camera system</b>	<b>11,520.00</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	<b>Security camera system</b>	<b>15,968.63</b>
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Electronic access control, security camera system, video intercom</b>	<b>14,950.23</b>
<b>Newton</b>	<b>(1) Walk-through metal detector, (2) hand-held metal detector, additional security cameras</b>	<b>10,020.32</b>
<b>Prairie</b>	<b>Update security camera system, circuit and district court, portable walk-through metal detector</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Saline</b>	<b>Add keyless entry, upgrade security cameras for district/circuit/court annex</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>16 Awards</b>		<b>250,000.00</b>