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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

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

Date: 7/20/20

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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 FY20, the Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness received thirty-seven eligible applications seeking \$476,931.05 in funding. In response to COVID-19 the Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with the Committee, purchased \$49,931.65 in personal protection equipment (PPE) from the available \$250,000.00 court security grant funds. This PPE included 200 infrared thermometers and 30,350 disposable masks and was distributed to circuit and district courts through each judicial circuit's administrative judge. The Committee was left with \$200,068.35. After thorough review of each application, the Committee awarded sixteen applications.

The grants were disbursed to the counties on June 3, 2020 and must be expended by December 31, 2020. Grant reports will be required of all successful applicants and due by January 15, 2021.

Enclosure: 2020 Grant Awards

Cc: Judge Gordon 'Mack' McCain, Chair  
Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness

**Act 576 of 2007 Court Security Grant Awards FY2020**

<b>County</b>	<b>Brief Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Benton	(7) Ballistic shields, (7) medical kits for CSOs, (1) portable metal detector, (1) hand-held metal detector	15,000.00
Clark	Contract pay for Deputy/CSO for entry screening	10,000.00
Cleburne	(2) Walk-through metal detectors, public access/direction control stanchions	10,078.00
Craighead	(2) Walk-through metal detectors, (6) security cameras, security fencing	15,000.00
Crawford	Keyless entry system, (1) x-ray machine	14,930.00
Grant	(1) CSO ballistic vest, (1) walk-through metal detector, video arraignment/conferencing system	13,000.00
Hot Spring	Installation only of emergency power generator, upgrade security camera system	15,000.00
Howard	Create a secured parking area for judges to access a private entry into courthouse	14,729.00
Independence	Install bullet-resistant wall and window	11,340.00
Izard	Upgrade and add additional cameras to security system	14,266.05
Johnson	(2) Walk-through metal detectors,(2) hand-held metal detectors	6,905.07
Phillips	(2) Walk-through metal detectors	6,800.00
Poinsett	(5) Hand-held metal detectors, (4) CSO body cameras, (4) CSO tasers	8,020.23
Saline	Update video camera system, add keyless entry system	15,000.00
Sebastian	Update video camera system to digital IP cameras	15,000.00
Washington	Security camera system, electronic door access for new juvenile division courtroom (\$127,195.00 project)	15,000.00
<b>16 applications awarded</b>		<b>200,068.35</b>