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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 FY21, the Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness received 43 applications seeking \$580,705.31 in funding. After thorough review of each application, the Committee awarded 20 applications equaling the allocation of \$250,000.

The grants were disbursed to the counties on May 24, 2021 and must be expended by December 31, 2021. Grant reports are required of all successful applicants and due by January 15, 2022.

Act 576 of 2007 Court Security Grant Awards FY2021

County	Brief Project Description	Amount Awarded
Arkansas	(1) Walk-through metal detector, (2) electronic entry system	15,000.00
Cleveland	(8) Taser and accessories	12,906.42
Conway	(1) Walk-through metal detector, Update security camera system	15,000.00
Desha	Security camera system for 3 facilities, (2) hand-held metal detector	8,616.93
Faulkner	(13) Court Security Officer/ Court Deputy uniform, (3) Taser and accessories, (2) hand-held metal detector	15,000.00
Greene	Keyless entry system, safety mirrors, AWIN radio, signage	15,000.00
Hempstead	(1) Baggage X-ray system, (1) Walk-through metal detector for new courthouse construction	15,000.00
Jefferson	(2) Contraband detection system	15,000.00
Lafayette	(3) Walk-through metal detector, (2) Additional security camera	11,000.00
Lincoln	New camera system, construction of security kiosk	15,000.00
Little River	Update Emergency Notification System from analog to digital	15,000.00
Lonoke	(1) Walk-through metal detector, service warranty for current panic alarm system	6,390.03
Marion	Towards completion of security camera system, project cost is \$32,000.	9,455.66
Montgomery	Security camera system- new courthouse, (6) Taser and accessories for Court Security Officers	14,699.88
Polk	Supplies for Badgepass ID keyless entry system	2,717.35
Sharp	(1) Walk-through metal detector, (1) Maglock for existing door, (2) Security door w/keypad entry, (2) Taser and accessories for CSOs	13,759.00
St. Francis	Access control system	15,000.00
Stone	Upgrade security camera system	7,461.00
Van Buren	Contract pay for CSO/ bailiffs, (1) Walk-through metal detector, (1) Hand-held metal detector	14,200.00
Woodruff	(1) Security door, security camera system, warranty extension on panic alarm system, mobile radio upgrades for alert system	13,793.73
20 applications awarded		250,000.00