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

Date: 7/3/23

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

Court security grant program.

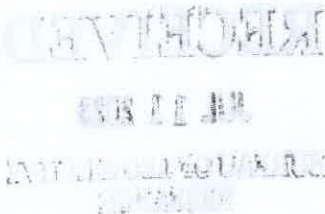
(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall administer a court security grant program for the purpose of providing financial assistance from funds specifically appropriated for that purpose to city and county governments to assist in the implementation of local security and emergency preparedness 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 FY23, the Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness received 36 applications seeking \$560,043.01 in funding. After thorough review of each application, the Committee awarded 18 applications equaling the allocation of \$250,000.

The grants were disbursed to the counties on June 1, 2023 and must be expended by December 31, 2023. Grant reports are required of all successful applicants and due by January 15, 2024.



Enclosure: Act 576 of 2007 Court Security Grant Awards FY2023

Cc: Judge Candice Settle, Chair

Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness

Act 576 of 2007 Court Security Grant Awards FY2023

County	Brief Project Description	Amount Awarded
Baxter	Emergency generator transfer switch	19,500.00
Benton	Upgrade security camera system	17,337.65
Carroll	Walk-through metal detector, panic alarm system, bullet-resistant clerk window, renovation to lobby area of courtroom	20,000.00
Clark	New security camera system	20,000.00
Craighead	Panic alarm system- circuit and district courts	19,505.50
Faulkner	Replace existing security camera system	17,368.98
Franklin	(3) Walk-through metal detector, (3) hand-held metal detector	16,297.39
Fulton	X-ray machine for entry screening	19,900.00
Johnson	Emergency exit and overhead LED lighting	20,000.00
Marion	Bullet-resistant (Kevlar) material for full bench, (2) emergency escape ladder	7,788.04
Miller	(4) Desktop monitor for CSOs to use security camera system	2,769.11
Mississippi	Walk-through metal detector	2,778.44
Poinsett	Security camera system	6,256.69
Pope	(1) Walk-through metal detector, (2) Hand-wand metal detector	7,511.93
Randolph	(2) AWIN Radio	5,262.03
Sebastian	New computer workstations to integrate security camera system	10,211.62
Sharp	Keyless entry system, in-custody transport restraints, maglock system	17,512.62
Washington	(4) Walk-through metal detector, (4) hand-wands, district court pay window	20,000.00
18 Awards		250,000.00