

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Troy Knudson
INITIATED BY



8/31/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Acceptance of SAFER Communities Law Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2022 Budget

WHEREAS, the Rock County Sheriff’s Office, has been awarded a Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) Safer Community LEA Grant, offered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), in the amount of \$107,615; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury Department”) has distributed to DOA funds (“ARPA Funds”) from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 802, as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, the DOA is administering such funds through a variety of programs and initiatives, including the SAFER Communities LEA Grants to county Law Enforcement Agencies, covering eligible expenses incurred from March 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Sheriff’s Office will determine the use of these funds once they have accessed the specific expenses allowed by the ARPA rules, and the needs of the department, while carefully avoiding supplanting the current budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 8th day of September, 2022, does approve and authorize the acceptance of the SAFER Communities Law Enforcement Agency Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept the funds on behalf of the County of Rock, and the Sheriff’s Office budget for 2022 be amended as follows:

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds 21-2126-0000-42203 Federal Aid	\$0	\$107,615	\$107,615
Use of Funds 21-2126-0000-63904 Policing & 1st Aid Supplies	\$0	\$42,615	\$42,615
21-2126-0000- 67120 Capital Assets \$2,000- \$25,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$107,615 in ARPA funds to be used by the Sheriff’s Office. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja

Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2022 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Clasen was absent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office, has been awarded a Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) Safer Community LEA Grant, offered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), in the amount of \$107,615.

In March of 2022 Governor Evers announced his initiative to make Wisconsin communities safer. This investment of nearly \$19 million, is to be allocated to every local and tribal law enforcement agency in Wisconsin. The allocation for the agencies is based on the size of the population, with additional amounts going to areas where violent crime exceeds the state average. Several municipalities within Rock County received their own separate allocations directly from the State. In July, The Sheriff's Office received the notice of explanation of what is an eligible expense and was briefed on the process of reporting and reimbursement.

The grant funding covers completed transactions during the period of March 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The first reporting period ends September 30, 2022. The Sheriff's Office is required to make the purchases, and upon submission to and approval by the DOA, reimbursement will be made. There is no matching requirement for this grant funding.

Due to the generous amount of funding, the Sheriff's Office has not currently determined the exact use of these funds, as there are ARPA rules regarding eligible expenses. A departmental needs assessment will be completed based on those restrictions. Acceptance of this funding and the determination of our purchases will be guided by our current budget, and the need to avoid supplanting the department's current and pending 2023 budgets.